

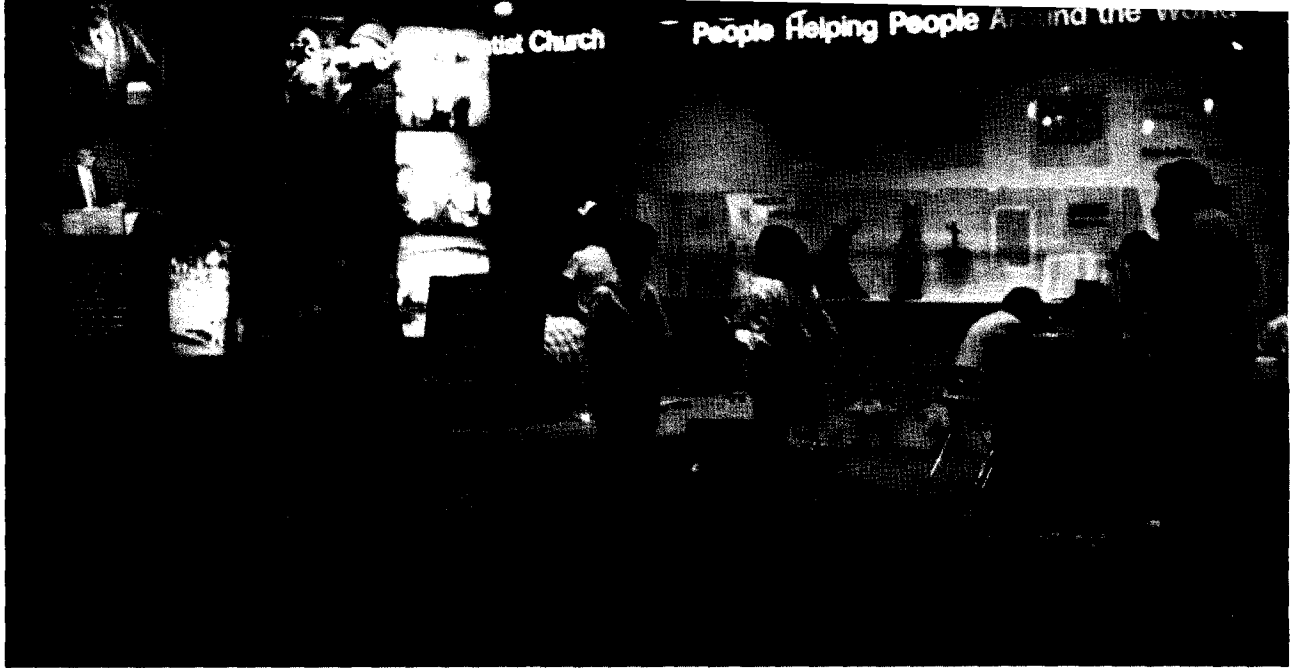
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The World's Fair



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People Helping People

The Story of the 1982 World's Fair

by the editor

The world is hurting, and there is no one on the face of the earth who has the message like the Seventh-day Adventist Church—a message that can love and reach out to people—to give them hope and courage and faith to help them where they are hurting most.”

Jane Sines, executive director of the 1982 World's Fair Project, was in a reflective mood. It was July 15. The Fair was less than half over. The weariness she felt from months of frantic planning and exhausting schedules couldn't conceal her contagious enthusiasm and insatiable optimism.

Beside her sat Charles Fleming, financial officer of the project.

It was quiet and peaceful in the Knoxville church on Kingston Pike. Three miles away crowds were streaming through the gates at the World's Fair. A symphony of languages echoed along the corridors. Colorful Indian saris and Oriental kimonos sparkled in a sea of Western skirts, tee shirts, and jeans.

Inside the air-conditioned Technology and Lifestyle Center a steady line of visitors stepped into the Adventist exhibit, one of only four religious booths.

Who would have believed it only five months before?

No sooner was the news out that the 1982 World's Fair would be held in Knoxville, Tennessee, than church leaders began investigating ways in which Seventh-day Adventists could be involved.

The Health Department discussed operating a vegetarian restaurant. But regulations wouldn't allow concessions to close on Sabbaths.

Representatives from the Communication Department visited the site and presented their findings to church leaders. Reaction, from the local conferences to the General Conference was favorable, but one obstacle stood in the way—economic conditions were tight, and organizational budgets couldn't support the kind of outlays required to rent space, design and construct an exhibit, provide literature and accommodate personnel to staff the facility.

Several “deadlines” came and went. Even the most optimistic were becoming resigned to the conclusion that Adventists wouldn't be represented at the World's Fair.

But, for some, the idea wouldn't die.

A HealthYourself seminar was being held in Asheville, North Carolina, the first week of February, 1982. During breaks in the program the 21 people would gather in clusters to bemoan the absence of the Church at the Fair.

In that group was Jane Sines, health secretary of the Collegedale, Tennessee, church. She was seated away from the others, preparing menus for the following week. Finally, she turned to the group nearest her. “Look, if you people are really convinced that something ought to be done, no one can stop you from doing it.”

With that she returned to her work.

A few minutes later a participant approached her. “We think you could do this, if you would.”

A torrent of activity followed. Brainstorming sessions.

Calls to the North American Division. A personal inspection of the Fair site.

That Friday night the Sines' phone rang. It was Owen Troy, communication director of the North American Division. The leadership of the Church was sympathetic toward the project, but wasn't financially able to undertake the task. "But I want to give you three words. Don't forget them. Faith. Action. Advance. I know you have the faith. You've already gone into action. Now just keep advancing. Don't turn back."

That Sabbath, February 6, an appeal was made to the Collegedale church. Two hundred and sixty-two responded.

The next day a group of 12 met around the Sines' dining room table. Present were lay persons and representatives from the Georgia-Cumberland and Southern Union conferences and Adventist Health System/Sunbelt.

A call was placed to Denise McKinsey, a member of the South Central Conference, who held a key position on the World's Fair staff. Was exhibit space still available? The answer came back, "Yes."

On Monday a group went to Knoxville to inspect the few remaining sites. On Wednesday the first \$60,000 was pledged for the project.

By Friday Fleming and Ellsworth McKee had borrowed \$85,000 on a personal note to get things started and Fleming and Bruce Aalborg, then an associate pastor at Collegedale, and now pastor at Knoxville, were on their way with \$81,000 to lease the space for an Adventist exhibit at the World's Fair.

An Adventist printer offered to donate the first printed material.

The next Sunday, February 14, the group held its first official meeting.

Soon announcements in the *Adventist Review* and the union conference periodicals brought additional contributions and volunteers to staff the exhibit.

Harold Duckett, of Knoxville Interior Associates, offered to design the booth.

One of the most significant developments was the decision by Ray and Berta Jacobs, retired missionaries, to temporarily move to Knoxville to be the on-site directors. Jacobs, personal ministries director of the Collegedale church, and his wife had other plans for the summer, but they cancelled them in order to spend the entire six months at the Fair.

When the gates opened May 1, Seventh-day Adventists were on hand to greet the thousands who thronged the Fair.

As of September 5, approximately 50,000 people had visited the Adventist exhibit.

Some 17,000 persons had received a computerized health-age appraisal, a procedure that estimates an individual's life span, based on current health practices, and projects what it might be if certain dietary, exercises, and life style improvements are implemented.

More than 12,100 cards requesting Bible studies or additional information had been received.

As many as 100,000 pieces of literature had been distributed. Interests are being followed up by Adventist Information Ministries of Andrews University (800-253-7077).

"Our medical work is the entering wedge," says Flem-

ing. "People come by. They see the health evaluations. They're interested in their health, so they walk into the booth with their anti-Adventist propaganda guard held high. But, when the evaluation is completed, they go over the results with a counselor. The counselor presents the love of Christ through his concern for that person's well being. Soon there is a feeling of unity that goes beyond health. Everybody has problems. Often they ask the counselor, 'How do I get rid of guilt?' 'How do I take care of this stress?' And they'll go into the private counseling room and pray."

To accommodate the crowds, nearly 350 volunteers will have spent one week at the booth, coming at their own expense.

The financial response has been gratifying. The project has a budget of \$300,000. Contributions have included \$70,000 from various church entities and \$215,000 from laymen and private organizations. The McKee family of Collegedale has been especially supportive, according to Fleming. Ten thousand dollars has been received from the sale at the exhibit of the book *Six Extra Years*, the health-age appraisal, and other miscellaneous sources. (The health-age appraisal is offered at no charge on Sabbath, but costs \$1 at other times).

On October 31 the last person will walk through the entrance to the Fair. The final health appraisal will be made. The echo of voices from around the world will fade away. The lights at the Adventist exhibit will go out. The weary, but satisfied volunteers will return to their homes.

The Fair will be over. But the ministry of Seventh-day Adventists there will not. "The 1,000 Days of Reaping are getting underway," remarks Mrs. Sines. "By the time they end at the General Conference session in 1985, I definitely feel that we will have 1,000 people who will be in the Church who would not have been except for the World's Fair project."

But today the Fair remains open. And down in the Adventist booth people are smiling. Listening. Helping. Praying.

Adventist volunteer Anita Gilbert, from South Pasadena, California, counsels a visitor from the Philippines regarding his computerized health appraisal.





A Vision Becomes Reality

by Don L. Aalborg

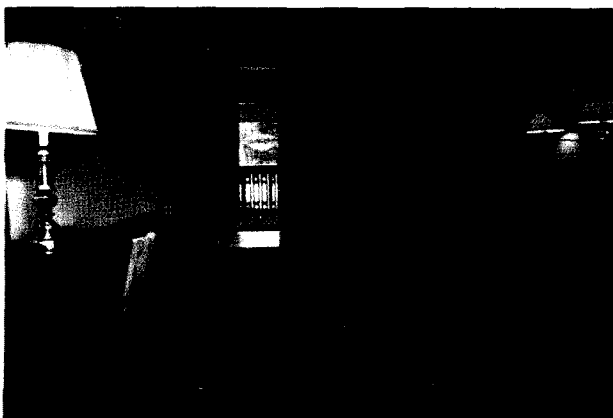
Photography by Fred Land and Wolfgang Jedamski

The opening of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference Cohutta Springs Adventist Center on August 2nd culminated three years of planning, building and engineering of a facility dedicated to God. This brings into reality a church growth center where Seventh-day Adventists can fellowship, study, worship and find a recreational retreat in nature.

Three motel buildings contain 84 rooms, each with

two double beds and private bath facilities. The rooms are color coordinated, with glass patio windows and balconies overlooking the Cohutta Springs Lake. The beauty of the wooded mountains of North Georgia can be seen from every room with the placid lake mirroring the rising and setting sun. Surrounded by these magnificent scenes of nature, the peninsula makes an ideal resort complex for spiritual revitalization.

Every motel room has two double beds, a private bath, and a scenic view of mountains and the lake.



Horseback riding on the many mountain trails is a favorite activity at Cohutta Springs.



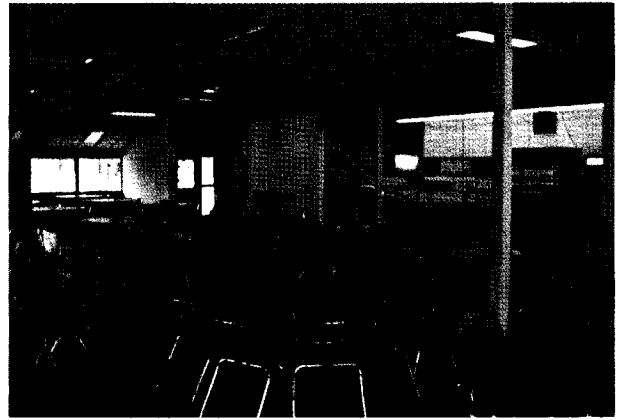
With the completion of the motel units, only one major facility is left to be finished at the church growth center. This structure will be the lodge, housing an auditorium and a cafeteria. Until this facility is built, the nearby youth camp cafeteria provides a lovely, colorful dining room for conventions. The gymnasium has been converted into an attractive gymnatorium for indoor meetings. The interior is decorated in beige with orange and brown accent colors with pleasing banners and drapes to improve the accoustical quality of the building.

Recreational facilities for the entire family abound for leisure time. Horseback riding on the mountain trails or water activities provide a refreshing diversion. Water skiing on the 50-acre lake is available along with canoeing and paddle boating. A swimming area with a diving board and a sand-covered beach highlight the upper lake area.

The church center was first conceived in 1977 when the conference outgrew the Atoka Springs Camp near Mountain City, Georgia. A search for new property eventually led to the purchase of a 580-acre farm near Eton, Georgia, the site of the once famous Cohutta Springs. This farm was nestled in the mountains of North Georgia with a crystal clear mountain creek running through the main area of pasture land.

The property is ideally located, not only to the members of Georgia-Cumberland Conference, but also to the Southern Union. With the completion of the motel units the Adventist Center is fast becoming a central location for meetings and conventions.

The first group to occupy the Adventist Center was the entire Georgia-Cumberland Conference teaching staff



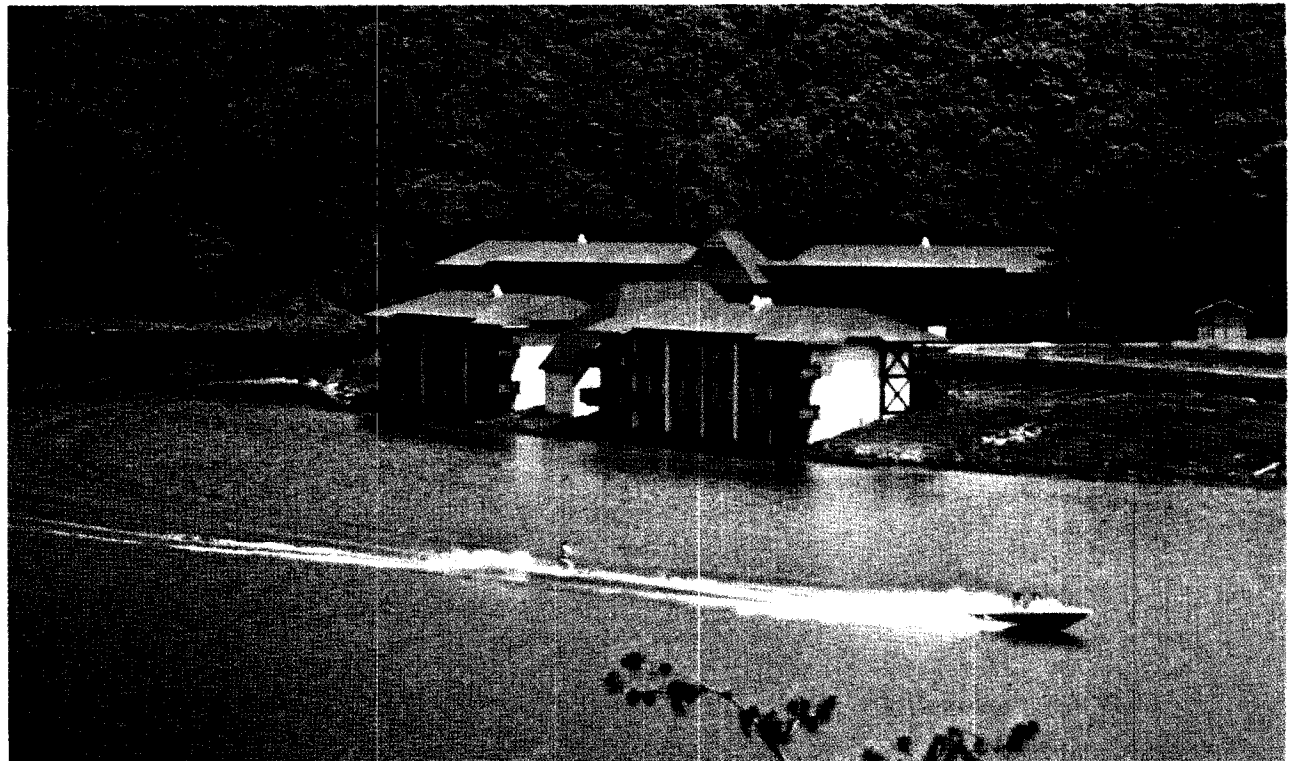
The cafeteria offers an excellent atmosphere for fellowship and dining.

for their annual Teachers' Convention. Other groups have enjoyed the facilities, such as the conference literature evangelists, the conference ministerial staff and their families, and the Southern College Colloquium.

Future bookings include the Southern Union Attorneys' Retreat, South Central and South Atlantic workers' meetings, Professional and Business Retreat, Inter-American Division Council, North American Seventh-day Adventist Osteopathic Physicians' Retreat, along with church officers' conventions.

Wolfgang Jedamski has been serving as conference contractor/builder and is continuing at the Cohutta Springs Adventist Center as director and coordinator of seminars and church growth activities.

Water skiing is a delight in the constantly smooth waters of Cohutta Springs Lake. The recently completed motel buildings are situated on a peninsula in the center of the 50-acre lake.





Teton Trek Team gathers in Montgomery.

Cold wind, high altitude, snow, hail, rocky cliffs—nothing slows down a Pathfinder who has set a goal. The "Grand," all 13,770 feet of it, towered majestically above the valley of the Tetons, Wyoming, on a beautiful, cold Friday morning as nine Pathfinders from Alabama-Mississippi and their leaders arrived following a 39-hour drive and began unloading backpacks and all the other paraphernalia associated with a major climb. This was no ordinary one-day pack trip; four days were to be spent in alpine conditions and the success of the venture depended on clock-like precision based on more than six months of planning. Still, the variables were so great that only God could completely assure the final outcome.

Evidence of His guiding was obvious within minutes of their arrival as park rangers agreed to the plans down to the last detail. Excitement ran high as packs ranging from 20 pounds for the youngest to 70 pounds or more for the oldest were shouldered and the adventure began in earnest. Night found sleeping bags spread on open glaciers at 9,000 feet; the Sabbath was devoted to thanking God for alpine flowers, marmots, and lighter packs. Time was also spent learning the dangers of glaciers and how to overcome them. Sunday, most were adapting well to the altitude so camp was moved up to 11,000 feet, ready for the big day. Monday came too early for the team; it was 2:30 a.m. Everyone was apprehensive. A Pathfinder doesn't train for months, spend a lot of money and pack half his weight in a backpack for nothing! Three teams were roped up and after a cup of hot chocolate and a prayer for guidance the assault on the Grand Teton took on a new dimension. Big packs were left behind and only day packs were taken as Pathfinders and leaders alike faced spots with interesting names, such as the Eye of the Needle, the Belly Roll, the Chimneys, and the Cat Walk. Daylight, halfway to the summit, was welcome warmth and also a bit unnerving as the valleys of Idaho and Wyoming spread out several thousand feet directly below. Ice that had discouraged other climbers had neatly been removed (by a caring God, the Pathfinders believe). At 11:30 a.m. the dreams of 13 people came true. The team, very possibly the youngest ever to scale the Grand, (average age 13.1 years) achieved victory. Though the experience of the leaders ranged over three continents, only one had reached the summit of the Grand before. The Grand is said to be more difficult than the Matterhorn of Switzerland but, by the grace of God, nine Pathfinders conquered it.

The return to the valley was just as grueling as the

Pathfinders

Reggie, Dwight, Troy, Kevin, and Robbie observe carefully Gary (center) teaches self-arrest on the glacier.



The Grand appears elusive and haughty as the climb begins.

ascent with a 120-foot rappel to negotiate and heavy packs again weighed down on tired knees and feet. The courage and discipline of the nine can be summed up in the expression of one of the girls. She was struggling with a swollen ankle when she commented, "If anyone ever thinks of asking me to try this again . . . I'll go!"

Five clubs were represented: Jackson, Mississippi—Randy Clark, Dwight Laubscher; Bass Memorial Academy—Cassie Loeks, Troy McFarland; Huntsville, Alabama—Dorothy and Charles Radke; Montgomery, Alabama—Kevin Halllock, Robbie Holbrook; Panama City, Florida—Reggie Day. Leadership was provided by Paul Vance, Gary Jarnes, Robert Holbrook, and team medic Cheryl Vance.

Robert Holbrook is youth director of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference.

n the "Grand"

by Robert Holbrook

rmots pay Dwight and Cheryl a visit at the lower saddle.



Charles and Randy wait their turn while Kevin (top) starts up the Chimneys.

Kevin and Robbie holding up the Montgomery Pathfinder flag on the 13,770-foot summit of the Grand Teton.





Tracy Taylor, of Louisville, Kentucky, smiles broadly as she accepts the first place trophy for the Temperance Oration from the author.

We Will Serve" was the theme and Memphis, Tennessee, was the place. April 22-24, delegates from all over the South Central Conference came to participate in a congress specifically designed to emphasize total youth participation in the church program and to address some very important issues peculiar to Adventists at this time.

The Thursday evening service was highlighted by the keynote message, by Morris Patterson, pastor of Nashville, Tennessee's, New Life church. An orientation session followed, which included introductions of our workshops, seminars, and the facilitators, and the first round of the conference championship Bible Bowl series.

The centerpiece of the congress was the seminars and workshops addressing seven areas. First was "Doctrines and Problem Texts" by Dr. Lorenzo Grant who pointed out some areas of difficulty in Biblical Interpretation for Seventh-day Adventists. The youth and adults alike attending were thrilled and assured by the positive approach taken by the Southern College professor.

Youth



Barry Black, a chaplain at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, was the speaker for the opening meeting congress and the Sabbath morning worship service.

Eurydice Osterman from the Oakwood College Music Department led out in "Music in Worship," outlining and emphasizing the importance of balance in music presented to God.

Judith McCoy, of the Meharry Medical Group in Nashville, and Jan Ross, from Oakwood College Departments of Career Placement and Placement and Planning, supervised the careers "Scholarships and Grants Seminar." McCoy's area of emphasis was resume' preparation and

by Joseph W. McCoy

interviewing for job placement. Ross' emphasis was on the careers to pursue during the 1980s and the grants and scholarships available to college youth.

Sandra Hall, an evaluation consultant with McGraw Hill Publishing Company who resides in Nashville, led in an exciting adventure in Speed Reading and Memory Systems. Hall was very impressive and effective in showing the youth the importance of improving their memory and reading skills.

Clifton Bethea a supervisory technician at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., led the single youth in the "Relationship Enchantment Seminar." This area has as its goal to provide single people with a good feeling about themselves and to facilitate them in functioning adequately in a family- and couples-oriented church.

Finally, M. E. Joiner, in the "Youth Harvest Celebration Workshop," exposed the youth to the real joy of working for the salvation of others.

The Senior Bible Bowl championship, which began Thursday evening and ended Sabbath afternoon, was won by the Jackson, Mississippi, Berean church for the second year in a row. Valiant efforts were put forth by the Nashville-Riverside and Memphis Overton Park churches, but to no avail. The members of the Berean team, John Moore, Walter Blevins, Charles Lindsay and Ruth Patrick were very happy to return home with the first-place award.

The Junior Bible Bowl Championship team came from the Louisville, Kentucky, Magazine Street church. The members were Terry Stoner, Ricky Henry, Tanya Lynes, and Tramel Lynes, all 12- and 13-year old students.

The Temperance Oratorical Contest was held on Sabbath afternoon on the Mid-America Mall. This pedestrian mall, converted from the old main street in downtown Memphis, had hundreds of passers-by who stopped to see and hear the speeches on obesity. Tracy Taylor, from the Louisville Magazine Street church, and Sammy Davis, from the Memphis Longview

church were the first- and second-place finalists.

One of the most unique features of this Congress was the fact that the Federation officers were totally involved in the program preparation. The residents whose responsibility it was to coordinate each program are to be commended along with their officers and members from the various churches in their territory for a job very well done.

The featured speaker for the weekend was Barry Black, a chaplain at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. His spirit-filled messages Friday evening and Vespers, and the Divine Worship service on Sabbath truly inspired all toward more delightful service for Christ.

Other speakers were Jessie Wilson, Inran and Andrew University; Russell Seay, pastor at Talladega, Alabama, for Friday and Sabbath morning devotions; and M. M. Young, secretary of the Southwest Region Conference, Sabbath evening Vesper service.

A special feature at the Sabbath sundown service was a tribute to three of the former directors of youth ministry in the South Central Conference. They were: Ralph Peay, now serving the Southern Union as director of youth ministries; L. A. Paschal, communications director for the Northeastern Conference; and M. M. Young, from Dallas, Texas. Each was presented a plaque expressing appreciation for faithful service to the South Central Conference.

The music for the congress was outstanding and included the Nashville-Hillcrest Youth Choir and Ebony Ensemble, the Memphis-area mass choir, the Longview Youth Choir and Mass Choir, Special Blend, Blessed Peace, There in His Name, and Wanda Lott from Oakwood College, Duane Hamilton, La Trena Torrence, Gal Jones, Murphy and William Dykes, and soloists from around the conference.

The final event of the congress was the conference championship basketball game. This game, which was the final for the 81-82 season, saw Nashville-Riverside defeat the Decatur, Alabama, church for the trophy.

Joseph W. McCoy is director of youth ministries for the South Central Conference.



People begin lining up at the Ranquitte, Haiti, clinic gate early in the morning. The Seventh-day Adventist Church is in the background.

by J. W. Clarke
Photography by Barry Benton

've wanted to do this sort of thing since I was in high school and attended a World Mission Conference." Thus, Barry Benton, an attorney in Fayette County, Kentucky, fulfills his desire. However, this was not a "first time" venture. He has organized health teams about 18 times to go to Haiti and Jamaica in the past four years.

On his most recent trip to Haiti, his team included: Dr. Henry West, an emergency room physician at Bourbon County Hospital; high school senior John Bright of Tates Creek, Kentucky; Jennifer Hughes, a pilot and employee of Blue Grass Airport, Lexington, Kentucky; and three medical men from Lawrenceburg, Tennessee—Dr. Dan Riggs, a dentist; Ken Will, an anesthesiologist; and Jim Singletary, a pharmacist. In addition, a reporter and photographer from the Lexington, Kentucky, *Leader* made the trip.

Benton, an ex-Green Beret and private pilot, organizes groups of pay-their-own-way volunteers to fly to Haiti and help give medical care at a clinic in Ranquitte which is operated by an elderly Seventh-day Adventist Haitian couple, Duchase and Ivy Solomon.

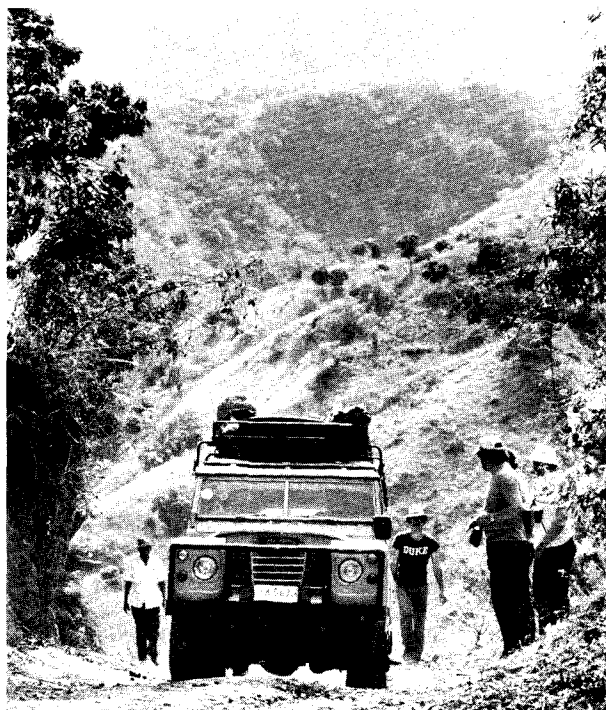
The clinic is a white-washed, one-story concrete house, surrounded by a concrete wall with the sharp ends of broken bottles set in the top of the rear wall to discourage thieves from climbing it.

A typical day goes something like this: by 6:30 a.m. a crowd of Haitian men, women, and children from the villages and surrounding farms are in line at the clinic gate. Some got up at 3 or 4 a.m. and walked seven or eight miles. To see a physician and/or a dentist is a rarity

for a poor person in rural Haiti. The crowd keeps growing as the sun rises higher. Soon the line of people extends across the dirt road that is the main street of Ranquitte.

By 10 a.m., the endless stream of Haitian humanity

Just getting there was a challenge for the volunteers, as they negotiated the rough roads and steep terrain in a four-wheel drive vehicle.





Benton, a Fayette County, Kentucky, lawyer and pastor of the Lexington church, greets Duchase Solomon, 73, a retired Haitian congressman and elder of an Adventist church, who operates the clinic at Randonville.



Henry West, MD, an emergency room physician at Bourbon County Hospital in Kentucky, examines a patient among the 264 who were treated during the two days.

To them, it was more than an adventure. It was expressing in action a real concern for humanity in real need.

Benton plans several trips each year and is constantly looking for those who are willing to join him and others in this humanitarian work.

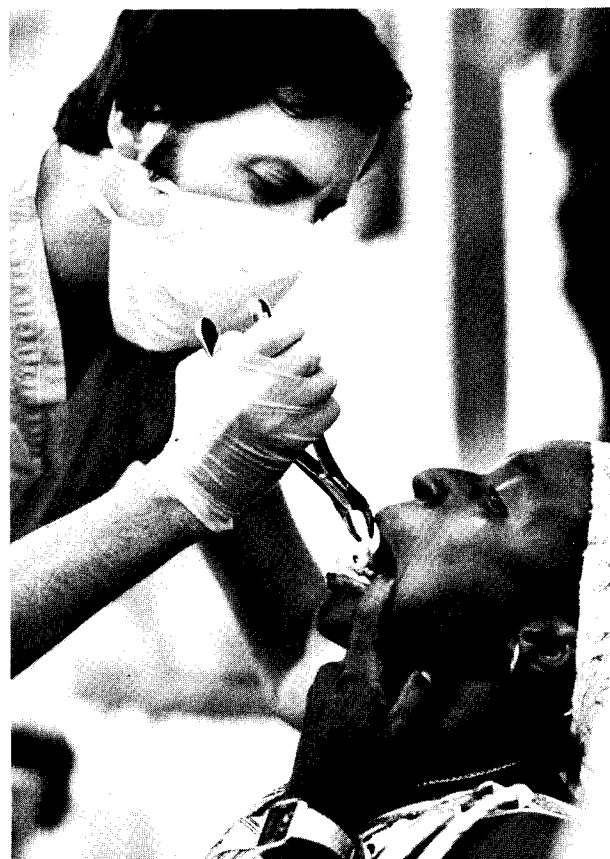
pressing against the door to get inside a front room of the clinic has caused the patients to all look alike to Dr. West. But there are some he'll never forget. One man—"the most malnourished patient I've ever seen"—was given medicine, vitamins, and money to buy food. A woman, who "didn't even know she was pregnant," was examined and the doctor suspects cervical cancer. Then a boy is carried in by his mother with pneumonia. The day goes on.

Dr. Riggs oversees all dental work and handles the more difficult cases. But it is necessary for Benton and the others to pull teeth if they are willing. Benton says, "You can learn to pull a tooth in five minutes!"

After a full day, the sun sets and the clinic is closed. Kerosene lamps are lit and in the little clinic the medical personnel are exhausted, ready for a cold shower and their dinner of fried eggplant, rice and beans, and mango slush.

Benton summarizes two days in Haiti—264 medical patients treated; 175 dental patients and about 800 to 900 teeth pulled; and about 30,000 pills distributed. How much would it all have cost patients in the U.S.? Perhaps \$100,000. It cost each Haitian two goardes (40 cents) or less. "We feel we must charge them something," says Ivy Solomon. "It is not good for them to become accustomed to getting something for nothing. Of course, the ones who really can't pay anything are accepted free."

West, Riggs, Will, Singletary, and the others not only gave of their talents and training to minister to these people but they each paid \$400 just to go on this trip and work long and hard. In addition it cost them to be away from their practice and clinical work for a week. The same was true of Benton and his legal practice in Lexington.



Dan Riggs, DDS, of the Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, church, extracts one of more than 800 teeth the team pulled in the two days spent at the clinic.



The life and love of Ernie and Norma Howell helped to gain two new members for the Fayetteville church. Pictured are: Stephanie Anderson (left, back row), Norma Howell, Diane Jones, Ernie Howell, and children of the three families.

Sharing the Faith in the Community

by Mary Edmister
Photography by Dr. Jim Edmister

Three recent baptisms in Fayetteville were the result of the labor of church members. Stephanie Anderson and her sister, Diane Jones, were the first of 12 souls planning to be baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a result of the life and love of Ernie and Norma Howell.

It all began when Norma Howell decided to give a small book titled, *The Mark of the Beast*, by Charles T. Everson, to some of her friends and neighbors as Christmas gifts. It was just after the start of the New Year that a recipient of one of those books came and asked if she and several others could come to Norma's home for Bible studies. Thrilled to be asked, Norma started studies immediately with that group and others which at one time totaled 22.

Many weeks of prayer and fasting went into the winning of these

souls. Norma credits the Holy Spirit with impressing the hearts of her students. With the blessing of the Lord and Norma's diligent efforts these fine young people took their stand and were baptized in July.

Joyce West was raising her two boys, Jason, age two-and-one-half, and Jeremy, age five months, alone. She needed a babysitter and was sent to the home of Malcolm and Jean Joy where she hired their daughter, Laurie, then 12 years old. It became a family affair when eventually Jean also took responsibility for the boys and frequently took them to Sabbath school and church when Joyce had to work on Sabbath. Joyce noticed the unusual habits of the Joys and asked many questions. Through close friendship with the Joys she was encouraged to seek God for the strength she needed to cope with her burdens. She decided to go to a local

community church. But when she asked questions the answers were different than the ones the Joys had given her. At that time Vicki Nakabayashi, a nurse and wife of a dentist in the Fayetteville church, was giving Bible studies to the Joy's older daughter, Sandy. They asked Joyce if she would like to join these studies. She was delighted and Vicki worked with Joyce for many months.

Vicki said it has been thrilling to watch Joyce grow in faith in the nearly three years that have passed. It was an emotional day for all when Joyce took her stand for the Lord and was baptized by Pastor Herb Weise in the Fayetteville church in June.

Mary Edmister is the communication secretary of the Fayetteville, North Carolina, church.

It was an emotional day for all when Joyce West (center) took her stand for the Lord. She is pictured here with Dr. Richard Nakabayashi (left), Vicki Nakabayashi, Laurie Joy, Jean Joy, Malcolm Joy, and her two sons, Jeremy and Jason.



late news of the conferences

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI



The 16th annual HOMECOMING WEEKEND was a great success at the Shoals church in Florence, Alabama. Approximately 150 members and friends gathered for the special programs which included mission highlights presented by the George Wheeler family, and M. B. Elliston as the eleven o'clock speaker.

The North Alabama camp meeting was held September 17 and 18 at the Floral Crest church at Bryant, Alabama. Members from the local and surrounding churches were invited to attend this third annual meeting. Bob Thrower, director of the HOUR OF PROPHECY radiobroadcast, was the main speaker for the weekend. He addressed the topic of "Understanding the Grace of God."

Camp Alamisco enjoyed a 61 PERCENT INCREASE in attendance over 1981 in this summer's camping program.

Mike Stevenson, world Pathfinder leader, and Ralph Peay, Southern Union youth director, were special guests at the WEEKEND SEMINAR for Alabama-Mississippi Pathfinder leaders August 20-22 at Camp Alamisco. Also featured were practical workshops covering crafts, rocketry, rock climbing, nature in Pathfinding, outreach, and programing.

The Shoals church, Florence, Alabama, sponsored Kay Kuzma's video program UNDERSTANDING CHILDREN September 18-27. This was a part of their continuing program to meet the needs of their community. The pastor and his wife have recently had classes in breadbaking and stress management, as well.

CAROLINA

Alfred Watson, pastor of the Camden, South Carolina, church, and F. D. Shaw, M.D., conducted a FIVE-DAY PLAN TO STOP SMOKING once a week for five weeks, April 27 to May 30. The programs were held in the DuPont Plant in Camden especially for DuPont employees. Of the 61 who attended, 55 reported success in stopping the smoking habit. There was a team spirit among the participants of encouraging and checking on each other. DuPont officials seemed pleased with the program and plan to have additional sessions soon. Some participants plan to come back and bring friends.

SIX NEW CHURCH SCHOOLS opened in the Carolina Conference in August. They are Durham, Upward, and Wilkesboro in North Carolina and Blythewood, Myrtle Beach, and Sumter in South Carolina. This makes church school education within reasonable driving distance for approximately 85 percent of the conference membership.

The Lexington, North Carolina, church reports 39 children attended VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL there. The regular children's Sabbath school has a membership of only nine in this church of 42 members.

Under the direction of Dr. Francis Miles, personal ministries director, the Marion, North Carolina, church MAILED more than 3,000 special issues of *Signs of the Times* to three local rural routes. By late August there were requests for 109 subscriptions to *Signs of the Times* and 80 Bible studies. Starting in October Charles White, from Mount Airy, North Carolina, and Woodson Walker, pastor of the Marion church, will conduct a Daniel and Revelation Seminar at the community building in downtown Marion.

The annual K-10 school committee personnel WORKSHOP was held August 22 at the Sharon church in Charlotte, North Carolina. School committee chairmen, treasurers, home and school leaders, pastors, and principals represented the 31 Carolina schools. Chris Tucker, computer materials coordinator for Creative Learning, conducted a workshop on the use of the computer in the classroom. Additional sectional workshops were also held. Representatives from schools beginning operation for the first time this year were welcomed by Louis Canosa, superintendent of education.



FLORIDA



Members of the Jacksonville Regency church participated in the **FOURTH OF JULY ACTIVITIES** at the Jacksonville Civic Auditorium. A total of 15 volunteers from the church took 213 blood pressure tests, showed the "Living" series filmstrips, and distributed 1,447 pieces of literature.



On August 30, 31, and September 1, pastors in the Florida Conference attended one of three area **ONE-DAY SEMINARS** on methods to increase soul-winning effectiveness and improve planning for evangelistic meetings. Those who conducted the seminars were **Richard Faber**, pastor of the Tampa First church; **Harold Friesen**, pastor of the North Miami church; **Richard Halvorsen**, pastor of the Clearwater church; **V. L. Zuchowski**, conference evangelism coordinator, and **Obed Graham**, conference ministerial secretary.



The Sebring church conducted its **FIRST VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**. On June 21, registration day, 45 youngsters, ages three months to 13 years, enrolled in the program—33 of whom came from homes of other religious faiths. On June 26, the 45 children, who had enjoyed the previous weeks' activities, along with their parents, participated in the Sabbath morning program. At the close of the worship hour, friends and visitors enjoyed a vegetarian luncheon.

The **FIFTH ANNUAL SPANISH YOUTH CONGRESS** was held at the Miami-Dade County Auditorium in Miami, August 13-15. **Leo Ranzolin**, General Conference youth director, was the guest speaker. More than 2,000 people attended the South Florida meetings which were sponsored by the Florida Conference Youth Department and pastors of the Spanish churches.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND



The **WORTHY STUDENT OFFERING** through July totaled \$10,870. As funds are received for this offering they are used to help a number of young people with a portion of their expenses at Georgia-Cumberland Academy who otherwise would not be able to receive a Christian education, states **Richard Center**, Georgia-Cumberland Conference treasurer.

Glen M. Wintermeyer, director of education at Smyrna Hospital near Atlanta, Georgia, conducted a **FIVE-DAY PLAN SEMINAR** July 31 at the Atlanta-Southside church. Fifteen church members completed a special training course from Wintermeyer, and then conducted a Five-day Plan themselves August 2-6. Wintermeyer has been developing and directing the community health education program at Smyrna Hospital since May, 1979. He received his master's degree in Public Health from the Loma Linda University School of Health in 1972. He has written and published a book called "I'm a Quitter," which is a self-help book for people who wish to stop smoking. Wintermeyer is currently rewriting the Five-Day Plan for the General Conference.



One hundred twenty-five delegates representing 27 Pathfinder clubs were present for the Georgia-Cumberland **PATHFINDER LEADERSHIP CONVENTION** at Cohutta Springs Adventist Center August 20-22. Guest speakers included: **Norm Middag** of the North American Division Youth Department, **Dr. Norwida Marshall** of the Southern Union Education Department, and **Leland and Linda Davis**, Pathfinder leaders in the Florida Conference. **Lewis Hendershot**, Georgia-Cumberland Youth Department director, coordinated the convention.

Mel Rees, retired director of the North Pacific Union Stewardship Department addressed more than 100 ministers and their families during the annual **WORKERS' RETREAT** at Cohutta Springs Adventist Center August 8-11. Rees spoke for six sessions on "Principles to Live By," a distinctive new spiritual approach to the stewardship program.

The Heritage Singers and the Heralds (formerly King's Heralds) presented a **GOSPEL CONCERT** at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, August 26. The concert, a combined effort of the Atlanta-area Adventist churches, and promoted by **Buz Starrett**, minister of music at the Stone Mountain, Georgia, church, attracted approximately 750 individuals. The Heritage Singers and the Heralds visited Atlanta during a three-week tour that included Washington, D.C.; New York City; Canada; Trinidad; and the Bermuda Islands.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE



In May, the **COMMITTEE OF 100** at Madison Academy was officially organized. Eager to provide major needs at the academy, Chairman **Dr. O. T. Smith** reports the following improvements: 25 new selectric typewriters to replace the old ones, 16 new computers added to the math department, major improvements on laundry building, and major improvements on campus appearance.

The **LITERATURE EVANGELISTS** of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference completed a summer rally at Indian Creek Camp, August 19-22. **G. S. Culpepper**, publishing director of



the Southern Union, spoke during the opening meeting. On Friday evening, Clay Farwell, president of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, conducted a communion service.

According to Dr. Loraine Paulk, associate superintendent of education for the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, students in the conference take standardized tests each year. Records show that they are ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE in their achievement scores.

Under the leadership of Mary Charles Good, the South Louisville, Kentucky, church conducted a VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, July 12-16. Average daily attendance was 28, one-third of whom were non-Adventist children. In addition to the regular schedule of lesson study, songs, crafts, and stories, special features included: a visit by a blind author who showed the children how she used her Braille typewriter, a "slimnastics" demonstration emphasizing the importance of daily exercise, an "extra special" storyteller, a visit by a Louisville Zoo attendant who brought with him a ferret, and on the last day the ever-popular fire engines.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

Fred Nealy, pastor of Florence, South Carolina, Oakland Avenue church reported a very rewarding VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 21-July 4. Under the leadership of Mrs. D. M. Hanna and Mrs. E. M. Johnson, along with a large staff of young people from the church, they ministered to the spiritual and social needs of 85 children from the community, and 35 from the church.

Charlotte, North Carolina, Berean church celebrated July 10 as SENIOR CITIZENS' DAY. The church was packed to its capacity as a former pastor, R. C. Connors, now ministerial director for the Lake Union Conference, brought the morning message. In his message on "The United Family," he reminded the church to be diligent in caring for the senior members, because they are the human pillars of the church. After dinner for the whole church, there was a musical program for Connors and his family in the afternoon, followed by a banquet in the evening in honor of the senior citizens of the church.

SOUTHEASTERN



The newly decorated and air-conditioned fellowship hall of the Allapattah Baptist church is the NEW HOME of Miami, Florida's Lebanon church, according to Edward Dorsey, pastor. The church moves from the Overtown area where it was born following a large baptism that was the result of an evangelistic series. Miami Union Academy is utilizing classrooms in the same complex.



Five months after opening in January as a new congregation, the Miami, Florida, Perrine church held its FIRST BAPTISM May 29. It also happened to be the church's first Youth Day, and four youth were baptized. During the Sabbath school service youth participants conducted the program, led by superintendent Adria Wood. The youth leader is Irene Dennis and the pastor is Roy Brown.

SOUTHERN COLLEGE



Dr. Wayne VandeVere, chairman of the division of business and office administration, reports that the following recent SC graduates completed passing the CPA EXAM this summer: Douglas Bietz, Dean Snider, Tracy Wilson, Bill Robertson, Calvin Wiese, Robert Cress, and Robert DeWayne Beers. Robertson and Wiese, both 1982 graduates, completed and passed all four parts in one sitting, an impressive accomplishment, according to VandeVere.

The Southern College Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Orlo Gilbert, has been invited by the WORLD'S FAIR music committee to perform in the Tennessee Amphitheater at the World's Fair in Knoxville on Sunday, October 17 at 8:15 p.m.



Dr. Ronald Carter, associate professor of biology at Southern, recently PRESENTED A PAPER to the General Conference Biblical Research Institute Science Committee (BRISCO) on biological determinism. In his presentation he discussed the implications to theology of the new discipline sociobiology, which tries to give biological reasons for psychology, sociology, and culture. BRISCO, made up of members of the Biblical Research Institute and the Geo-Science Research Institute, meets annually for a symposium. This year's conference was held in Glacier Park, Montana, from August 15-19.

ABC Bookmobile Schedule

Alabama-Mississippi

Oct. 2	Bass Memorial Academy (Purvis, Miss.)	7-10 p.m.
3	Hattiesburg, Miss.	11 a.m.-12:30 p.
3	Florence, Miss.	2:30-5 p.m.
3	Jackson, Miss.	6-9 p.m.
5	Pine Forest Academy (Chunky, Miss.)	2-4:30 p.m.
5	Meridian, Miss.	5:30-8 p.m.
8	Clanton, Ala.	2:30-5 p.m.
9	Greater Birmingham Jr. Academy (Pell City, Ala.)	7-10 p.m.
10	Pine Hill, Ala.	11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
10	Birmingham, Ala., Roebuck	2-4:30 p.m.
10	Birmingham, Ala., First	6-9 p.m.
14	Phenix City, Ala.	2:30-5 p.m.
14	Yuchi Pines Institute (Seale, Ala.)	7-9:30 p.m. EST
22	Selma, Ala.	3-5 p.m.
23	Gilbertown, Ala.	7:30-9:30 p.m.
24	Laurel, Miss.	10-11:30 a.m.
24	Brookhaven, Miss.	1:30-3 p.m.
24	McComb, Miss.	4:30-6 p.m.
24	Natchez, Miss.	8-9:30 p.m.
25	Vicksburg, Miss.	6:30-9 p.m.
26	Greenville, Miss.	noon-1:30 p.m.
26	Water Valley, Miss.	5:30-8 p.m.
27	Olive Branch, Miss.	6-9 p.m.
28	Corinth, Miss.	5:30-8 p.m.
Nov. 6	Dothan, Ala.	6:30-9 p.m.
7	Panama City, Fla.	10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
7	Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.	3-5 p.m.
7	Pensacola, Fla.	6:30-9:30 p.m.
8	Mobile Junior Academy	2:30-7 p.m.
20	Birmingham First	6:30-9:30 p.m.
21	North Highlands	11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
21	Birmingham Roebuck	2-5 p.m.
21	Pine Hill, Ala.	6:30-8:30 p.m.
22	Greater Birmingham Jr. Academy (Pell City, Ala.)	2:30-6:30 p.m.
26	Pine Forest Academy	2-4:30 p.m.
27	Meridian, Miss.	6:30-9:30 p.m.
28	Columbus, Miss.	1-3:30 p.m.
28	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	5-7:30 p.m.
Dec. 3	Clanton, Ala.	1-3:30 p.m.
4	Elders' and Deacons' Meeting (Camp Alamisco)	6:30-10 p.m.
5, 6	Ministers' Meeting (Camp Alamisco)	
9	Gulfport, Miss.	5:30-8:30 p.m.
10	Hattiesburg, Miss.	2-4 p.m.
11	Bass Memorial Academy	6-9 p.m.
12	Florence, Miss.	10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
12	Jackson, Miss.	1:30-4:30 p.m.
12	Vicksburg, Miss.	6-9 p.m.
15	Phenix City, Ala.	1:30-4:30 p.m.
15	Yuchi Pines Institute	5:30-8:30 EST
17	Ft. Payne, Ala.	1-3 p.m.
18	Floral Crest church	6-9 p.m.
19	Huntsville, Ala.	noon-3 p.m.
19	Florence, Ala.	5-7:30 p.m.
20	Athens, Ala.	noon-1 p.m.
20	Decatur, Ala.	2:30-5 p.m.
20	Hanceville, Ala.	6:30-8:30 p.m.

Carolina

Oct. 9	Tri-County Elem. School	Sundown
10	Fletcher	10 a.m.-4 p.m.
15-17	Kinston (Eastern Carolina Camp Meeting)	
17	Raleigh	11 a.m.-2 p.m.
17	Albemarle	5-7 p.m.
23	Banner Elk	Sundown
24	Wilkesboro	12 a.m.-2 p.m.
24	Hickory	4-6 p.m.
Nov. 6	Durham	Sundown
7	Burlington	11 a.m.-1 p.m.
7	Tri-City Junior Academy	4-7 p.m.
13	Columbia	Sundown
14	Florence	11 a.m.-1 p.m.
20	Charleston	Sundown

21	Myrtle Beach	4-6 p.m.
Dec. 4	Fayetteville	Sundown
5	Elizabethtown	11 a.m.-1 p.m.
5	Wilmington	3-5 p.m.
6	Jacksonville	5-7 p.m.
11	Mt. Pisgah	Sundown
12	Fletcher	10 a.m.-4 p.m.
12	Morganton	6-8 p.m.
18	Spartanburg	Sundown
19	Greenville South	11 a.m.-1 p.m.
19	Salem	5-7 p.m.

The Adventist Book Center will be open in Charlotte Dec. 4, 12, and 19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Florida

Oct. 2	Walker Memorial	Sundown
3	Okeechobee	9-10 a.m.
3	Fort Pierce	11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
3	Vero Beach	1:30-2:30 p.m.
3	Melbourne	3:30-4:30 p.m.
9	St. Petersburg	Sundown
10	Clearwater	9-11 a.m.
10	Tampa Southside	12:30-1:30 p.m.
10	Zephyrhills	2:30-3:30 p.m.
10	Dade City	4-5 p.m.
16	Tallahassee	Sundown
17	Madison	9-9:45 a.m.
17	Perry	10:30-11:30 a.m.
17	Cross City	1-2 p.m.
17	Inverness	4-5 p.m.
23	Miami Temple	Sundown
24	Miami Springs	9-10:30 a.m.
24	Hialeah Spanish	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
24	North Miami	1:30-3 p.m.
24	Hollywood	3:30-4:30 p.m.
30	Jax Regency	Sundown
31	Lake City	9-10 a.m.
31	Starke	11-12 noon
31	Gainesville	1-2 p.m.
31	Ocala	3-4 p.m.
31	Leesburg	5-6 p.m.
Nov. 6	Tampa First	Sundown
7	Brandon	9-10:30 a.m.
7	Plant City	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
7	Lakeland	1:30-2:30 p.m.
7	Winter Haven	3:30-4:30 p.m.
13	Jax First	Sundown
14	St. Augustine	9-10:30 a.m.
14	Palatka	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
14	Daytona Beach	3-4 p.m.
14	New Smyrna Beach	5-6 p.m.
20	Fort Myers	Sundown
21	Punta Gorda Medical Center	9-10:30 a.m.
21	Arcadia	11:30-12:30 p.m.
21	Wauchula	2-3 p.m.
21	Haines City	4:30-5:30 p.m.
24	Walker Memorial Hospital	1-6 p.m.
Dec. 4	Miami Springs	Sundown
5	North Miami	9-10:30 a.m.
5	Fort Lauderdale	11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
5	West Palm Beach	2:30-3 p.m.
5	Fort Pierce	5-6 p.m.
11	West Coast Jr. Academy	Sundown
12	St. Petersburg	9-10:30 a.m.
12	Clearwater	11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
12	New Port Richey	2:30-3:30 p.m.
12	Brooksville	4:30-5:30 p.m.
18	Key West	Sundown
19	Marathon	8:30-9:30 a.m.
19	Islamorada	10:30 a.m.-12 noon
19	Homestead	2:30-4 p.m.
19	Miami Temple	6-8 p.m.

Georgia-Cumberland

Oct. 30	Deer Lodge, Meister Hills	
31	Crossville	
Nov. 5, 6	Medical Dental Retreat	
6	Valdosta/Lakeland	
7	Murphy, N.C.	
7	Albany/Smithville	

13	Cumberland Heights	
14	Wildwood	
20	Savannah	
20	Knoxville	
21	Augusta	
21	Macon	
21	Jellico	
Dec. 1	Atlanta Southside	
4	Little Creek	
5	Laurelbrook	
8	Pine Mountain Valley	
11	Greeneville, Tenn.	
11	Moultrie/Coolidge	
12	Griffin/Thomaston	3-5 p.m.
12	Tri-Cities	

Kentucky-Tennessee

Oct. 2	Owensboro, Ky.	Sundown
3	Ohio County, Ky.	10-11 a.m.
3	Powderly, Ky.	12-1 p.m.
3	Hopkinsville, Ky.	2:30-3:30 p.m.
3	Clarksburg, Tenn.	4:30-5:30 p.m.
9	Louisville First Church, Ky.	Sundown
10	Leitchfield, Ky.	10-11 a.m.
10	Sand Hill, Ky.	12:30-2 p.m.
10	Bowling Green, Ky.	3-4 p.m.
10	Franklin, Ky.	5-6 p.m.
16	Manchester, Ky.	Sundown
17	London, Ky.	9-10 a.m.
17	Williamsburg, Ky.	11-12 a.m.
17	Stearns, Ky.	1-2 p.m.
17	Middlesboro, Ky.	4:30-5:30 p.m.
23	Lawrenceburg, Tenn.	Sundown
24	Tullahoma, Tenn.	11-12 a.m.
24	Woodbury, Tenn.	1:30-3 p.m.
24	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	4-5:30 p.m.
30	Ashland, Ky.	Sundown
31	Morehead, Ky.	10-11 a.m.
31	Winchester, Ky.	12:30-1:30 p.m.
31	Lexington, Ky.	2:30-4:30 p.m.
31	Richmond, Ky.	5:30-6:30 p.m.
Nov. 1	Somerset, Ky.	9:30-10:30 a.m.
1	Jamesstown, Ky.	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
1	Columbia, Ky.	1:30-2:30 p.m.
1	Glasgow, Ky.	3:30-4:30 p.m.
6	Raleigh, Tenn.	Sundown
7	Dyersburg, Tenn.	11-12 a.m.
7	Jackson, Tenn.	1:30-3:30 p.m.
7	Parson, Tenn.	4-5 p.m.
7	Centerville, Tenn.	6-7 p.m.
20	Covington, Ky.	Sundown
21	Frankfort, Ky.	11-12 a.m.
21	St. Matthews, Ky.	1:30-2:30 p.m.
21	Louisville South, Ky.	3:30-5 p.m.
21	Elizabethtown, Ky.	6:30-8 p.m.
Dec. 4	Memphis First, Tenn.	Sundown
5	Somerville, Tenn.	10-11 a.m.
5	Selmer, Tenn.	12-1 p.m.
5	Savannah, Tenn.	2-3:30 p.m.
5	Lawrenceburg, Tenn.	5-6:30 p.m.
11	Highland Academy	Sundown
12	Christmas Open House	9 a.m.-5 p.m.

South Atlantic

Oct. 2	Asheville, N.C.	Sundown
Dec. 4	Charlotte, N.C.	Sundown

Southeastern

Nov. 14	Tallahassee, Fla.	
21	Miami, Fla.	
Dec. 5	Orlando, Fla.	

South Central

Nov. 27	Tuskegee, Ala.	
Dec. 5	Hattiesburg, Miss.	
5	Open House	10 a.m.
12	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	
19	Knoxville, Tenn.	

The Church in Action

Education

Southern Union Schools Show Enrollment Gain

Southern Union — In spite of inflation and a declining birth rate, Southern Union secondary schools and colleges showed a modest overall gain in enrollment at the beginning of the 1982-1983 school year. As of August 30, Southern Union Academies report a combined enrollment of 2,079 in 19 schools representing a five percent increase over last year. This includes self-supporting schools as well as those operated by the denomination. Oakwood College enrollment was slightly up— 1,312 compared with 1,295 last year. Southern College enrollment is 1,801 compared with 1,858 last year.

Total figures for academies and colleges is 5,192, compared with 5,130 in 1981, a gain of 1.2 percent.

Early enrollment figures at some schools had indicated enrollment might drop more than it apparently did. Although some academies and Southern College did see decreases, overall enrollment increased.

Alabama-Mississippi Conducts First K-12 Teachers' Convention

Alabama-Mississippi — Teachers and their families from the 18 conference elementary schools and



For the first time in conference history, elementary and secondary teachers met together at the Alabama-Mississippi Teachers' Convention at Camp Alamisco.

Bass Memorial Academy spent August 1-4 together at Camp Alamisco. Meetings were designed to provide motivation and inspiration in a variety of areas.

Reminders of the need for words of encouragement and acts of patience when dealing with students was the message of keynote speaker, Don Weatherall, of the Southern Union Conference Office of Education.

Joe Battistone, pastor of the Fletcher, North Carolina, church, set the spiritual tone each morning while he spoke with those gathered regarding their relationship with God and subsequently their relationship with the young people in their classrooms.

Southern College Alumni Increase Giving

Southern College — Alumni of Southern College supported their alma mater during the 1981-82 fiscal year ending June 30 by giving \$84,844 to the annual alumni fund for unrestricted use. This is a 48 percent increase in giving over last year.

This increase can be attributed to a large extent to the incentives provided by the Business Executives' Challenge to Alumni (BECA) program. The five-year BECA effort was started in 1979 by a group of Adventist business and professional people who wanted to see alumni support increase from its then 6.5 percent to at least the national average of 24 percent.

After two years of BECA challenges, 16.8 percent of the alumni from the 11 colleges and universities in the North American Division are supporting their alma maters through the annual fund. Last

year 16 percent of Southern's alumni contributed to the annual fund.

BECA challenges to the 11 colleges and universities for 1981-82 totaled \$487,500, of which \$49,500 went to Southern College. Combined unrestricted contributions of \$1,100,000, added to the BECA challenges and \$645,000 given for specific projects, brings total alumni-generated support for Christian higher education to \$2,232,500.

Youth

St. Petersburg Conducts Day Camp

Florida — To help fill long summer hours, a first-ever day camp was conducted Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 6 to August 5 at the St. Petersburg church.

More than 20 junior youth and their neighborhood friends attended the "Fun in the Son" day camp under the leadership of Volker Henning, associate pastor, and



Shana Vanover (right), Jodi Crumbly, and Erica Harriot enjoy their crafts during day camp at St. Petersburg, Florida.

Andrew Wheat, taskforce worker. The all-day program began with a devotional and continued with story reading after which the activities were varied to include crafts, swimming, games, films, and field trips to area points of interest.

The program was well received by children and their parents. On the last day, several children enthusiastically asked if it could be repeated next year.

Mission Challenge Team Goes to Nova Scotia

Georgia-Cumberland — Forty-six Georgia-Cumberland Conference Pathfinders and staff travelled to Nova Scotia, Canada, from June 22 to July 4, for the 1982 Mission Challenge Project sponsored by the conference youth department.

The Seventh-day Adventist Campground in Pugwash, Nova Scotia, served as home base for the team. Primary responsibilities for the volunteer Pathfinders included conducting two vacation Bible schools each day; one in Pugwash and the other in nearby Amhurst.

Ninety children attended both vacation Bible schools with almost every child coming from non-Adventist homes. Many of the youngsters had never attended any kind of a vacation Bible school program, and seemed thrilled over the opportunity.

Lewis Hendershot, Georgia-Cumberland Youth Department director said, "Our Pathfinders gave outstanding leadership in teaching Bible lessons and crafts, telling stories, and sharing the love of Christ through special music."

Another important and beneficial service the Mission Challenge Team provided was a work-repair program for the Seventh-day Adventist Campground in Pugwash. This task included painting, building shelves, repairing broken fixtures, etc. In addition each Pathfinder was responsible for preparing his own meals, washing dishes, and doing his own laundry.

The Mission Challenge program has been designed for teen Pathfinders who are sponsored delegates from individual clubs.



Todd Wilkins, a delegate from the Jellico, Tennessee, Pathfinder club, paints the cafeteria at the Seventh-day Adventist Campground in Pugwash, Nova Scotia.

Each delegate was carefully selected and showed a willingness to do whatever work necessary while involved with a Mission Project.

According to Hendershot, "The goal of Mission Challenge is to provide a unique opportunity for Adventist young people to experience firsthand the Mission of their church. During two previous summers, the Georgia-Cumberland Mission Challenge Team has had the privilege of working at an orphanage in Honduras and at a Navajo Indian Mission school in New Mexico.

"Through Mission Challenge, Georgia-Cumberland teen Pathfinders are experiencing fresh insights into service to God and friendship to man."

Health

4,000 Checked for Stress at Miami Exhibition

Florida — Hialeah Hospital, Hialeah, Florida, participated in the annual Miami Home Show, where more than 200,000 spectators attended. During the five-day exhibition, more than 4,000 participants completed Stress Check—a computerized questionnaire which determines how well a person is coping with the stresses in his/her daily life. With double-digit inflation, increasing unemployment and rising crime, it is not surprising that only 36 percent of the Miami respondents are handling stress in a healthy way, and that the majority,

or 64 percent, are having a difficult time coping with their stress.

Hialeah Hospital, a not-for-profit organization owned and operated by a lay organization of Seventh-day Adventists, emphasizes the totality of the individual and strives to foster physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual wellness. Hialeah Hospital's Health Promotion Director, Jan Hamel, is reaching out to the community with many life style improvement programs.

Three Baptized From Blood Pressure Test

Kentucky-Tennessee — As a result of the Blood Pressure check program conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Dick Frezza at the Raleigh Springs Mall in Memphis, Tennessee, three people have joined the Raleigh church.

A Mrs. Bennett had been raised by Adventist parents in South



Mr. and Mrs. Dick Frezza of the Raleigh church give blood pressure tests to Mr. and Mrs. Bennett. The Bennetts and their son were baptized after learning of evangelistic meetings through the contact made at the blood pressure screening.

America and, when she saw the name "Seventh-day Adventist," at the blood pressure screening, it caught her attention. She asked to be informed of any future activities to be held in the church.

About two weeks later, Evangelist Jac Colon started his meetings and the Frezza's invited her to attend. She, her husband, and their son were baptized as a result of the meetings.

Adventist Optometrists Meet

General Conference — The 24th annual meeting of the Adventist Optometric Association took place



Representing the Southern Union at the annual Adventist Optometric Association meeting were: Dr. and Mrs. George Stumpf, Biloxi, Mississippi (left); Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Howard, of Jensen, Florida, and Dr. and Mrs. Fred Wright and family, of Sweetwater, Tennessee.

this summer at Bolton Valley, Vermont. Twenty-one optometrists and their families were present to enjoy the common bond of fellowship and to make plans for the future as well as to review the past.

The highlights included guest Paul Gordon who took the group to the Bordoville church and related some history of early Adventist pioneers. Dr. Mervyn Hardinge also presented an update on health, life styles and stress as well as orientating us on the responsibilities of the Health Department of the General Conference.

This last year the optometrists have been active in missions. The Thailand project, which provided glasses for Cambodian refugees (See February SOUTHERN TIDINGS, p. 18), had 37 participants. A new position for an optometrist in Malawi, Africa, was filled. The subject of providing equipment for the new clinic in Malawi was discussed at some length.

Dr. Balf Bond has also been appointed the field representative for Visual Affairs in the Health and Temperance Department of the General Conference.

Springfield Declares City-wide Health Day

South Central — The First Seventh-day Adventist Church of Springfield, Tennessee, recently led the city of Springfield in its first city-wide Health Day.

The Health program actually began May 14 at a "Preaching Spectacular" where Springfield local

elder Marshall Johnson preached "The Hospital," a sermon which related the church to a hospital, Christ, the Chief Physician; the Heavenly Father, the Chief of Staff; and the Holy Spirit, the Chief Surgeon. The Hospital fought sin cancer with three treatments— (a) Radiation (Prayer and Meditation), (b) Chemotherapy (Bible study and witnessing), (c) Blood Transfusion (accepting Christ's blood sacrifice). The Preaching Spectacular was held at the Fairview Baptist church.

The next day "Mission Health" was kicked off with an inspiring sermon by Andre Wilson, director of Country Life, a natural food store and cafe in Nashville, Tennessee. Wilson gave practical gospel health remedies and explored the gospel through the eyes of health. After receiving an inspiring message, spectators met in front of the Springfield Learning Center for a



Pastor Johnson, Director Hubbard and Pastor Terry discuss harmful drugs.

"Health-Pep-Rally." The SDA young people led out under the direction of Darnell Dowden, with cheers, yells, and chants.

A parade followed consisting of cars with health-day slogans, the South Central Conference Mobile Health Unit, and floats of disease and monsters being fought by a child with the Sword of Righteousness. Springfield Mayor David Fisher declared a city-wide Health Day.

Later that day clinics were opened in two locations. Mr. Dean, the Springfield Learning Center director gave access to eight rooms for display, lectures, exhibits, and examinations. Center coordinators Angela D. Traughber and her husband James had 10 volunteer nurses from Jesse Holman Jones Hospital assisting with various examinations. James Hubbard, director of the Save Our Children program, lectured on harmful drugs and drug abuse. Springfield elder Charles Moore and his wife, Neda, worked a second clinic at Project Clubhouse. In addition, McGarnett and, his wife Fredia, operated the mobile unit. More than two hundred people were contacted in this ministry.

Pulaski Sponsors HealthYourself Lectures

Kentucky-Tennessee — Dorothy Coe, RN, MPH, of the Pulaski, Tennessee, church, started a series of eight HealthYourself lectures in the community room of the Pulaski First National Bank. Robert Curry, bank president, not only offered to mail some of the advertising flyers, but also suggested that the bank host a dinner for all who attended the first lecture.

The HealthYourself program consists of a series of eight lectures to teach the participants to attain better health by obeying natural health laws and learning how to cope with stress. Lecture material is augmented with slides, "white board," and overhead transparencies to provide clarification and hold interest.

After the first lecture, four people reported that they had stopped drinking coffee, tea, and

soft drinks, although they had so far only been asked to drink eight glasses of water a day.

A total of twelve people enrolled. They were enthusiastic and excited about this program.

Progress

Foster Memorial Dedicates Addition

Carolina — August 14 was dedication day for the auditorium and classroom addition to the Foster Memorial church in Asheville, North Carolina.

Roy Caughron, ministerial and stewardship director of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference who was pastor while the addition was being built, was present and participated in the dedication services. Carolina Conference President, M. D. Gordon, gave the morning sermon. Others present included Norman Doss, conference secretary, and A. L. Ingram, conference treasurer.



Carolina Conference President M. D. Gordon (left), Foster Memorial church finance chairman Gary Edmonds, and Albert Ellis, pastor, look on as Conference Treasurer A. L. Ingram burns the note during the Asheville dedication service.

The service of dedication took place Sabbath afternoon after a fellowship dinner. Albert Ellis, pastor of the church, welcomed visitors and guests. Several musical presentations were given by local members and visitors from the surrounding area. A history of the church was presented by Orville MacAlpine followed by a short

message from Gordon. Ingram then proceeded with the burning of the note. The act of dedication was conducted by Ellis, followed by dedicatory prayers offered by Doss and MacAlpine.

The members have enjoyed the use of the new facility for the past five years, but say there is a special satisfaction that comes from knowing there is no longer a debt to be paid.

Florida Organizes Filipino-American Church

Florida — The 116th Church in the Florida Conference was officially organized August 14. Presiding over the organization of the Filipino-American church was R. J. Ulmer, conference secretary.

The new church family was organized with 55 charter members.

At present the congregation is renting a sanctuary on Lee Road in Winter Park, a suburb of Orlando. The pastor is Ricardo R. Liwag.

Who and Where

Wildwood Flooded: Receives, Gives Help

Georgia-Cumberland — Patients and staff of Wildwood Sanitarium and Hospital were profoundly affected by an unexpected storm, which dumped up to eight-and-one-half inches of rain on a small area of southern Tennessee and northern Georgia during a six-hour

period August 17. The campus, including 50 homes, was flooded, left without electricity for 12 hours and without fresh water for six days following what was called the worst flash-flooding in Dade County, Georgia, in a century. Three deaths were attributed to the flooding.

Two local trucking firms donated semi-truck tankers of water to the Wildwood Sanitarium community, and an emergency generator provided power for the sanitarium only.

A life-and-death drama occurred as three teenage boys battled the current of a raging creek for 30 minutes before rescuing Mary Ford, 66, who had slipped down after getting out of her car and was swept through a culvert into the swollen creek.

Earlier, the boys, Sean and Brian Rarey, 16 and 15, sons of the head of Wildwood's automotive shop, and Phillip Knecht, 16, son of Wildwood's administrator, had saved the lives of three thoroughbred dogs. Dora Ferrari, a neighbor to the sanitarium campus, had called for help when she saw that her prize dogs were trapped in



Members of the Filipino-American church gather in front of their temporary church home in Winter Park, Florida, August 14, the date of the church's official organization.

a shed. The boys came in a rowboat and ripped the roof off the shed in order to save the dogs.

Wildwood personnel worked closely with the American Red Cross in the work of clothing and food distribution. Residents of Dade County responded by offering the needed water and other necessities.

Patient care continued under difficult circumstances, with fresh water from the tankers being delivered to the various departments in



Wildwood Sanitarium maintenance supervisor Herman Lucas (left) dispenses fresh water from a large semi-trailer tanker as medical staffer Dr. David Moore and Administrator Lloyd Knecht look on. The tanker was one of two provided by two local trucking firms which were Wildwood's only source of safe water for six days after severe flash flooding hit a small area on the Georgia-Tennessee state line.

a variety of containers. Newly appointed Administrator Lloyd Knecht said, "(The flood) pointed out our need for an adequate water-storage tank so we will be prepared for a possible future disaster."

SDA Home Economists Meet

General Conference — Twenty-two professional home economists were present for meetings of the Home Economics Association for Seventh-day Adventists, held June 28 and 29 in the fellowship hall of the First Seventh-day Adventist church in Covington, Kentucky. These meetings were in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Home Economics Association which convened just across the river in the Cincinnati, Ohio, convention center.

Thelma Cushman of Southern College, current president of the Adventist home economics group, presented Betty Holbrook of the General Conference Home and

Family Service as the incoming president and keynote speaker.

In her address Betty Holbrook challenged the home economists to give continued support to meeting the needs of families. The family is recognized as a most effective means of evangelism in the Seventh-day Adventist Church and home economics, with its dedication to family stability, has a real mission here.

Clinton Wall, representing the Adventist Health Systems, gave counsel for working out ways and means to train more dietetic technicians in home economics programs. A preliminary evaluation of the home economics curriculum and its future directions was presented by Merlene Olmsted of Walla Walla College. The curriculum evaluation was based on a five-year study of home economics in Seventh-day Adventist higher education, prepared by Martha Lorenz at Andrews University.

Lake City Membership Triples

Southeastern — Macedonia church, in Lake City, Florida, was richly blessed in a five-week evangelistic crusade conducted by Lewis W. Edwards, pastor of the Gainesville district.

In addition to resulting in 21 souls being baptized, boosting the membership from nine to 30, the crusade became the mail channel for more than 30 persons to participate in the Bible studies graduation program upon completion of the "Amazing Facts" Bible lessons.

The "faithful five" active Lake City members fully supported the effort and gave 100 percent support to the evangelist and the meetings. Other churches in the Gainesville

district also actively supported the meetings.

Blessings were further shared as the sister churches in the Florida conference, in Gainesville and Lake City, under the pastorate of Quinton Burks and Robert Fuller, respectively, cooperated with the tent meeting.

There are still others continuing to engage in Bible studies with the present membership of 26. On Tuesday nights, Bible studies are conducted by Edwards.

Two Prison Inmates Baptized at Bethel

Southeastern — On July 29 the Bethel church of Gainesville, Florida, witnessed its second bap-



Lewis Edwards, Bethel church pastor (left), reads the baptismal vows as the two inmates of the Gainesville Road Prison Camp respond. These baptisms resulted from prison work done by Bethel member Nathan Edwards.

tismal service involving inmates of the Gainesville Road Prison Camp.

The services were conducted by the church's pastor, Dr. Lewis W. Edwards. The two inmates baptized July 29 join with two other inmates baptized at an earlier date and others plan on being baptized in the near future.

The prison ministry work and Bible lectures are being conducted by Nathan Edwards of the Bethel church.

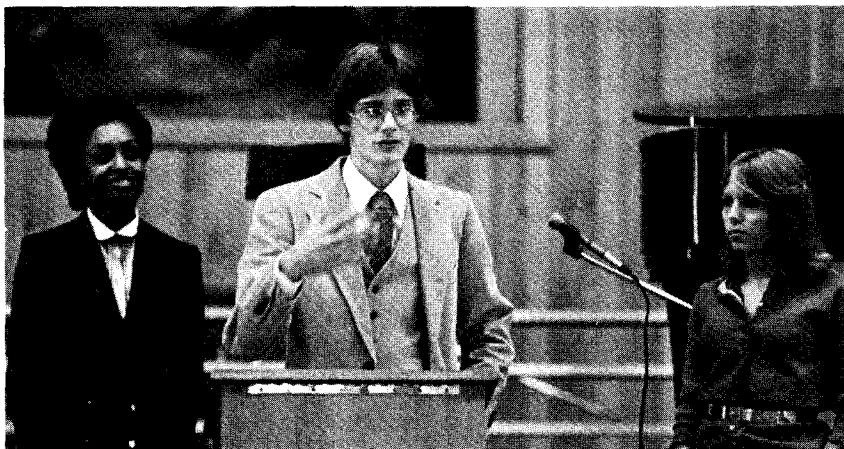


The 21 persons who were baptized in a five-week evangelistic meeting at the Lake City, Florida, church increased the membership from nine to 30. Active membership actually quintupled, from five to 26. Lewis Edwards, pastor, conducted the meeting and continues to study with interested persons.

Pictorial Stories



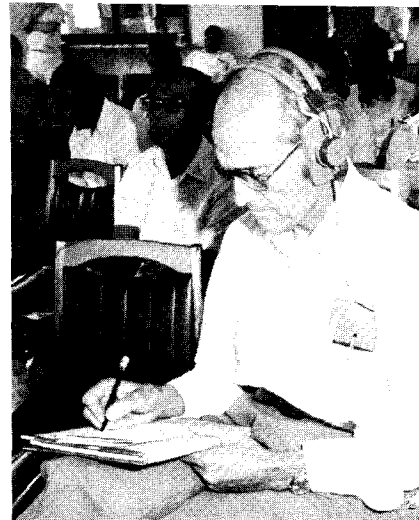
Sandy Smith (right) is a local elder and personal ministries leader in the Asheville, North Carolina, Bethel church. He wanted to do something different in the form of witnessing which would not involve verbal expression, but would cause people to ask questions. He prayed to the Lord to give him an idea. He believes the Lord answered with a T-shirt idea. The shirts bear the words, "Maranatha our Lord Cometh," or "Athletes for Christ." These two emblems seem to catch on because everyone in the church from the oldest to the youngest is wearing the T-shirts. By this, they are able to witness silently which leads to the oral sharing of the faith.



These three Georgia-Cumberland Academy students explain to their fellow students the various ministry outreach groups they were involved in last school year during commitment day at the academy, August 28. After these and other presentations, each student was offered the opportunity to commit themselves to any of the 13 programs offered. Of the 120 students enrolled, 58 percent said they were interested in being a part of these witnessing activities. The Big Brother-Big Sister program, which offers a student the opportunity to be a brother or sister to a young child, was the most popular choice of the outreach ministries. Other programs include Religious Drama, Funshine Bands, and the Clown Ministry. Georgia-Cumberland Academy is located at Calhoun, Georgia.

Dr. Bill Page, professional educational innovator, was the special guest speaker at the Kentucky-Tennessee Teachers' Convention at Madison Academy August 2-5. Teachers from the Academy and elementary levels listened intently as subjects were presented on Campus Ministry, Accountability in Christian education, Drug Abuse, and Professional Image for Men and Women. Workshops and devotionals made this a most profitable four-day convention.

TWENTY-TWO



Southern Union Education Director D. K. Griffin listens to English translation provided via headphones at the Pan-American Education Administrators Seminar in Medellin, Colombia, August 4-10. SDA educators from the North American, Inter-American, and South American divisions were present for the seminar.

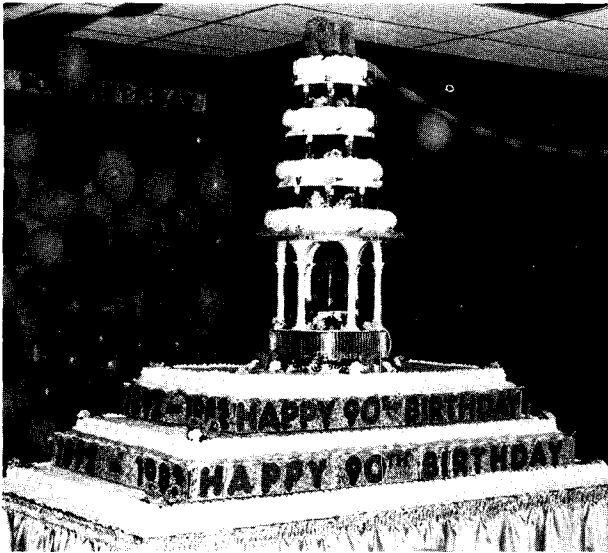


Before the Belleview, Florida, church building was completed, a baptism was held in a portable baptistry. Haskell Williams, pastor of the church, baptized Kenneth Merrill, age 80, a lifelong resident of Belleview. Merrill's baptism may represent the first Seventh-day Adventist baptism in that city.





Fall registration for Southern College was held August 23-24. One thousand six hundred and twenty-nine students enrolled for classes which began August 25 and continue until December 16. As of September 15, enrollment had risen to 1,801. Approximately 500 students enrolled for Southern College's fourth summer session in response to a free tuition offer. In 1981 the same session had an enrollment of 97 students.



A spectacular, lighted, eight-layer birthday cake serving 2,000 was set up in the lobby of the Southern P.E. Center to celebrate the opening of Southern College's 90th school year August 28. The extravaganza was planned by SC's Student Association. Earl Evans, Southern's food service director, and Roy Dingle, food service baker, created the gigantic cake. According to Evans, there was close to 400 pounds of cake in the creation which measured 41-by-83 inches at its base and stood nearly 60 inches tall. The 35 chocolate sheet cakes and five circular cakes were decorated with approximately 125 pounds of whipped cream frosting, lights, flowers and greenery in Southern's school colors, white and green.



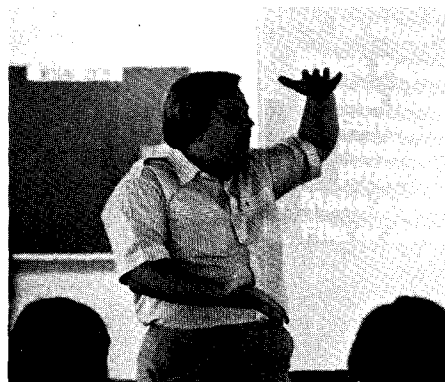
Madge Coon, R.N. (second from left), an employee of Parkridge Hospital in Chattanooga, Tennessee, received the Dr. Thomas F. First Humanitarian award August 27. David Dunlap, hospital administrator (right), and Jear Freshour, assistant director of nursing (second from right), presented the award on behalf of the 800 employees at Parkridge. Mrs. Coon is the wife of L. O. Coon (left), Georgia-Cumberland Conference revivalist and pastor. The honor was not for any single act of humanitarianism, but for the day-by-day concern and compassion for patients and fellow employees.



Tony Davis, formerly a professional musician, now a literature evangelist, provides special music for the Carolina Conference literature evangelists at their weekend rally, held at Nosoca Pines Ranch, August 19-22. Guest speaker for the rally was Clyde Kinder from the General Conference Publishing Department. R. L. Davis directs the publishing work in Carolina. He is assisted by Jim Brummet, Lee Cox, and Charles Schmidt. The 23 literature evangelists in the conference had total sales of more than \$418,000 by mid-August.



Vacation Bible school took on a more complete study in Florence, Alabama, as the young people were instructed in nutrition as well as character study through Bible stories. Gourmet cook Tina Martin (left) gives pointers on preparing healthful snacks to Lynn Vaden, Christy Blasingame, and Angie Hilliard. (Photo by Florence, Alabama, *Times - Tri-Cities Daily* - Shannon B. Hannon).



Steven J. Blad shows how high a stack of papers can get without time and organizational skills during the Summer Rally for Georgia-Cumberland Conference literature evangelists. Blad, president of Net-Growth, Inc., presents his Time Management Seminar to executives of large corporations all over the world. Approximately 100 literature evangelists and guests were present for the rally August 5-8 at Cohutta Springs Adventist Center. Other notable speakers and guests included, G. S. Culpepper, director of Home Health Education Service; W. A. Miller, associate publishing director for the Southern Union; and Gary Patterson, president of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI

Evangelistic Meetings

Aug. 27 - Oct. 2 — Jack Dubosque, Gulfport, Miss.
 Aug. 29 - Oct. 21 — Harry Rimer, Pine Hill, Ala., Revelation Seminar
 Sept. 6 - Oct. 29 — Stanley Knight, Hueytown, Ala., Revelation Seminar
 Oct. 23 - Nov. 27 — Jack Dubosque, Floral Crest, Bryant, Ala.

CAROLINA

Community Service Fall Federation Meetings

Oct. 5	Skyland	Hendersonville church	10 a.m.
6	Catawba	Hickory church	10 a.m.
7	Piedmont	High Point church	10 a.m.
10	Lakeland	Elizabethtown church	10 a.m.
11	Northeastern	Wilson church	10 a.m.
12	S. Palmetto	Sumter church	10 a.m.

Eastern Bible Conference — Oct. 15, 16, Kinston, N.C.

Adventist Youth Retreat Weekend — Oct. 1-3, Nosoca Pines Ranch.

Mountain Area Youth Fellowship — Oct. 23, Arden, N.C.

Catawba Area Youth Fellowship — Oct. 30, Lincolnton, N.C.

FLORIDA

Youth Ministries Calendar

Oct. 1-3 — Pathfinder Staff Fellowship Campout.
 Oct. 7-9 — Jr.-Sr. Bible Conference, Spiritual Emphasis Weekend
 11th and 12th graders — Camp Kulaqua.
 Oct. 22-24 — Pathfinder Family Camporee — Cypress Gardens.

Kress Memorial Church Homecoming — Nov. 12, 13.

Evangelistic Meetings

Oct. 10 - Dec. 4 — Dwight Davis, SDA Church at Florida Hospital/
 Orlando
 Oct. 16 - Nov. 20 — Bentzinger Bros. Team, Tampa First
 Oct. 16 - Nov. 20 — Brownlow/Moldrick Team, North Miami
 Oct. 16 - Nov. 20 — R. E. DuBose, Winter Haven
 Oct. 16 - Nov. 20 — Pratt/Pauley Team, Ft. Myers
 Oct. 23 - Nov. 27 — V. L. Zuchowski, Titusville

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Personal Ministries Workshops

Oct. 2	Baxley, Ga.	3-5 p.m.
3	Tifton, Ga.	10-12 a.m.
9	Atlanta-Cascade	3-5 p.m.
23	Pikeville, Tenn.	3-5 p.m.
30	Apison, Tenn.	3-5 p.m.

Georgia-Cumberland Academy Ingathering Field Day — Oct. 5.

Environmental Education Inservice Workshop — Oct. 1-3, Cohutta Springs Adventist Center.

East Tennessee Adventist Teachers' Association and Tennessee Valley Adventist Teachers' Association — Oct. 29, Knoxville, Tenn.

Pathfinder Fun Day — Oct. 10, Raft Race in Knoxville and Cordele.

Collegiate Bible Retreat — Oct. 15, 16, Cohutta Springs Adventist Center.

Youth Celebrations — Oct. 29, 30, Macon and Knoxville.

Sabbath School Workshop — Nov. 6, Lakeland, Ga., 3-6 p.m.

Stewardship Seminars

Oct. 9	Kingsport, Tenn.
16	Albany, Ga.
23	Savannah, Ga.
30	Knoxville, Tenn.

Business and Professional Retreat — Oct. 1, 2, Cohutta Springs Adventist Center.

Small School Workshops

Oct. 6	Atlanta
7	Fitzgerald

Community Services Retreat — Oct. 29-31, Cohutta Springs Adventist Center. Stan Dombrosky, Florida Conference community services director will be the featured speaker. Practical workshops will also be featured. Contact: Georgia-Cumberland Conference Community Services Department, P.O. Box 12000, Calhoun, GA 30701, (404) 629-7951.

Wildwood Sanitarium and Hospital's Eighth Annual Seminar in Physiology and Medicine, "Forward to Wholeness and Happiness" — Oct. 20-24. Reuben Hubbard, M.P.H.; Winston Craig, Ph.D.; Elvin Adams, M.D.; Ralph McClure, M.D.; Ernest C. Christensen, M.D.; Milton Crane, M.D.; and many others. Contact: Marjorie V. Baldwin, M.D., seminar director, Wildwood Sanitarium and Hospital, Wildwood, GA 30757, (404) 820-1493.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

Youth Federations

Oct. 16 Columbia, S.C.
 Nov. 6 Laurinburg, N.C.

Publishing Rally — Oct. 30, Augusta, Ga.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eight Week-of-Prayer Messages for adults on the general theme "The Gift of Prophecy" are available on two cassettes. The six children's messages on "God's Special Love" are on a single cassette. Write to: Aspire Tape of the Month Club, Adventist Media Productions, 1100 Rancho Conejo Blvd., Newbury Park, CA 91320.

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Bibles Needed by the Faith For Today Bible School for a number of students who for various reasons cannot purchase their own Bibles. If you have new Bibles or used ones in good condition that you can share with our students, please send them to Faith For Today Bible School, Box 320, Newbury Park, CA 91320.

Adventist Dietetic Association needs to contact every dietitian who is a church member. Please write to Elmer Beck, SDADA Membership, P.O. Box 75, Loma Linda, CA 92354.

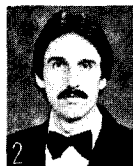
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Jackson, Miss.	6:46	6:37	6:29	6:21	6:14	5:07
Louisville, Ky.	7:27	7:16	7:06	6:56	6:48	5:40
Memphis, Tenn.	6:44	6:35	6:26	6:17	6:09	5:02
Miami, Fla.	7:08	7:00	6:53	6:47	6:42	5:37
Montgomery, Ala. ...	6:31	6:22	6:13	6:05	5:58	4:52
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Wilmington, N.C.	6:57	6:47	6:38	6:30	6:23	5:16

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On the Move

Alabama-Mississippi

Dave Smith has taken up his duties in the Mobile, Alabama, district; Stanley Knight, now pastors the Tuscaloosa, Alabama, district; Bryon Voorheis leads the Tupelo, Mississippi, district; and Don Jehle is serving as assistant in Pensacola, Florida.

Georgia-Cumberland

1. Lloyd A. Knecht was recently appointed administrator of Wildwood Sanitarium and Hospital. He comes to Wildwood from Castle Valley Institute, Moab, Utah, where he and his wife were on the faculty. There he taught health evangelism, Bible, and led out in the van ministry doing blood pressures and computerized health-age appraisal in the surrounding areas. Knecht graduated from Emmanuel Missionary College (Andrews University), in 1952, from the ministerial course, attended the seminary, then in Washington D.C., and interned in Lansing, Michigan.

Knecht has administered a number of nursing homes in Oklahoma and Texas for the American Religious Town Hall Corporation. He also taught health care administration at Southwestern Adventist College, Keene, Texas.

Kentucky-Tennessee

Rufus Lloyd, former pastor of the Hazard-Jenkins, district has been transferred to serve as district leader of the Somerville and Whitehaven, Tenn., district.

2. Chris Hankins, a recent graduate of Southern College, has been invited to join the ministerial force of Kentucky-Tennessee as district leader of Hazard and Jenkins, Ky.

3. Lester Keizer, from the Potomac Conference, has accepted the invitation to serve as pastor of the St. Matthews, Ky., church. He took up his duties there October 1.

Ron Christman, who served as pastor at the St. Matthews, Ky., church for three years has accepted an invitation to become Business Manager of Highland Academy in Portland, Tenn.

Southeastern

4. Jean Claude Brutus, a graduate of Oakwood College and a native of Haiti, has been called to serve as pastor of the newly organized French church in Orlando, Florida. Brutus and his wife have three children—Rochelle 12, Claude 10, and Jean 4.

5. James C. Hicks comes to the Southeastern Conference from Southwest Region Conference to pastor the Clearwater district. He is a graduate of Oakwood College and Northern State University. He and his wife, Lois, are the parents of three children: Shannon Erroll, 11; Terry Sean, 19; and Johala Shavonne, 10.

6. Donald Edwards, born in Nassau in the West Indies, is a graduate of West Indies College and Andrews University. Edwards has been appointed to the Tabernacle church in Miami and the Ephesus church in Hollywood, Florida. The Edwards currently have one child.

Adventist Health System/Sunbelt

Eugene Wedel has been appointed vice-president for Florida Hospital in Orlando. He began the duties, previously held by Margaret Sumner, on August 11. With a bachelor's degree in Health Service Administration, Eugene worked at White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles for 13 years. Upon arriving at Florida Hospital in 1981, he became administrative director of Radiology. His new administrative responsibilities will be in the areas of Respiratory Therapy, Rehabilitation, Cardiology, Nutritional Services, Pharmacy and Radiology.

Weddings

ASHLOCK — WIER

The former Glenda Wier was married to Carl H. Ashlock on August 1 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pendleton in Fletcher, N.C. J. J. Battistone officiated at the ceremony.

DENLER — BAGSHAW

Teresa Sherbert Bagshaw became the bride of Daniel Patrick Denler on June 24, at the Greenville, S. C., church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Harrison Bagshaw and the groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Leo Denler, Jr. of Spartanburg, S. C. Dan is associated with the Mackey Mortuary in Greenville and Teresa is an orthodontic assistant for Dr. Charles David Atkinson of Greer. The couple will live in Greenville.

CHRISTIAN — BLUM

Connie Blum and Kenneth Christian were married June 13 by Charles Klatt at the Miami, Fla., church. The bride has retired from 13 years of teaching at Greater Miami Academy. The groom is a retired treasury agent presently selling real estate in the Ormond Beach, Fla., area, where the couple now resides.

JOHNSON — LANG

Tamara Deanne Lang and Gaylen Wayne Johnson were united in marriage July 25 in the Forest Lake church, Forest City, Fla. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bently B. Lang of Bradenton, Fla., and the groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Gaylen W. Johnson of Brunswick, Me. The ceremony was performed by Oscar Heinrich. The couple will live in Collegedale, Tenn., where Wayne is a student at Southern College and Tamara is a registered nurse at Memorial Hospital.

STONE — DAVIS

Cathy Davis and Jeffrey Stone were united in marriage by Harold Kuebler in the Cohutta, Ga., church May 9. Cathy is the daughter of Mrs. and Mr. Arnold Davis of Cleveland, Tenn., and Jeffrey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Stone of Collegedale, Tenn. Jeffrey works as an R.N. in a local hospital. The couple will make its home in Apison, Tenn.

THOMAS — DURHAM

Angela Renee Durham and Curtis Stanley Thomas were married April 25 at the Queen Street Methodist church in Kinston, N.C. Angela is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Colon Durham of Kinston. Curtis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thomas of Hartly, Del. The couple will make its home in Kinston.

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(Signed) George Powell, Editor



by Robert H. Pierson



So You Married the Sphinx?

"I have a husband who has forgotten how to talk," a distressed woman complains. "All he does is grunt when he wants something. Please help me."

I have a hunch this is not an isolated case. Through the years I have met many a spouse who is greeted by nothing more responsive than the Sphinx every morning, with little improvement throughout the day. What to do?

If this is your problem, first you might analyze your own conversational habits. Do you do all, or most of the talking? Is it hard for you not to monopolize the conversation, especially when company is present? Consider the possibility that your partner has become discouraged and simply withdrawn.

How about the topics of conversation? It can get pretty boring when a partner only wants to talk about subjects he or she is interested in. Can you find ways to broaden what's up for discussion?

Then there are the interrupters. Oh, they don't mean to do it, in fact, after a while they don't even recognize that they're doing it. But every time you begin a sentence, they finish it for you and then go on for another paragraph. In reality, it's as effective as saying "shut up!" One of the best ways to encourage your partner to share with you is to listen carefully to everything they do have to say and let them know you really want to understand.

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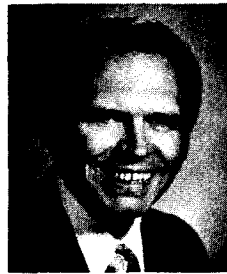
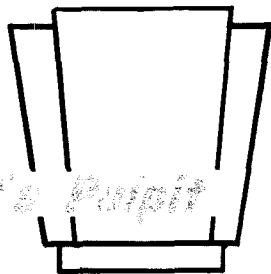
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M. D. Gordon
Carolina Conference

From an Unfinished Reformation to a Finished Work."

Based on the Book of Revelation and the historical record, the Christian church can be divided into four historical periods.

1. *Apostolic Church* — The time when Christ and His Apostles proclaimed the pure message of the kingdom of heaven.

2. *The Apostasy* — The period of time when truth and error were mingled, resulting in a church that taught the doctrines of men, rather than the commandments of God.

3. *The Reformation* — This was the great period of time when truth-loving men and women brought back to the attention of the world the faith that was once delivered to the saints. One-by-one the truths of the word of God were unfolded,—including salvation, baptism, second coming of Christ, the Sabbath, the

sanctuary,—until all the pillars of truth undergirding God's last-day message were solidly in place in God's temple of truth.

4. *Mission* — All of the truths of the Word of God that were lost sight of during the time of apostasy were to be brought to all the world. I believe, however, that there is one great biblical principle that has not yet been fully understood—nor practiced—which was also lost sight of during the age of apostasy. That great principle is that every individual baptized into Jesus Christ is ordained to a work of ministry. Paul says in Ephesians 4:11, 12, "And His gifts were that some should be . . . pastors and teachers for the equipment (training) of the saints for the work of ministry for building up the body of Christ. . . ."

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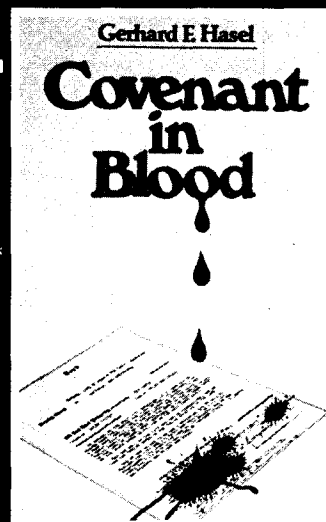
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"FORWARD IN FAITH" — To 1,000 Daily Broadcasts

by Eldyn Karr



Barbara listened to the Voice of Prophecy program in Tennessee. She enjoyed it, and when a Bible correspondence course was offered, she enrolled.

Part way through the New Life course, she wrote: "I am learning so much that had never been clear to me before. I had always wondered if we would know our friends and loved ones in heaven, and if so, how. You helped me to understand that. And I didn't know that we **will** spend 1,000 years with Christ in heaven and then come back to a new earth to live with him for eternity. That is beautiful. Your radio programs, Bible studies, and prayers mean a lot to me. Thank you so much."

Every week, the Voice of Prophecy receives letters from persons who are seeking a deeper spiritual experience. But millions have no opportunity to hear the daily programs of the VOP because the broadcast is not aired in many places.

The goal for next January 1 is to air the Monday through Friday broadcasts on stations in every one of the nation's 100 largest metropolitan areas. Already, 68 of those cities have the programs. With the addition of the other 32, a total of 134,000,000 Americans will have access to these Seventh-day Adventist programs.

Meeting that challenge will be assured if church members give \$1,000,000 in the annual Voice of Prophecy offering on Sabbath, October 9. That is the amount set as the offering goal by the General Conference.

January of 1983 will be an ideal time to start airing the Voice of Prophecy on more stations because a new, unified two-year series of programs is set to begin then.

These programs—520 in all—will take listeners on a topical tour of the entire Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. The series will deal with every major teaching of Scripture, as understood by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

"With this book-by-book approach to the Bible," says



"Forward in Faith" has long been a motto of Voice of Prophecy founder H. M. S. Richards (facing page). Richards' son, H. M. S. Richards, Jr., is the speaker for the 53-year-old broadcast.

speaker H.M.S. Richards, Jr., "we hope to build an even larger regular audience for the broadcast than we now have. At the same time, each program is a complete unit, so a person can begin listening anytime."

As the programs are carried by more and more stations, Richards is confident that more letters like this one will be arriving at Box 55, Los Angeles.

"I'm learning things I never heard before, as I was not raised in church. No one ever told me all this. The Bible lessons answer so many questions that I never knew who to ask. As I do the lessons, I wonder, 'Does everyone else know this? How many people are there like me, who have never been told these things?'"



The Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School celebrates 40 years of service this year. Since its founding in 1942, the school has graduated 763,327 persons from its many courses. Together, the 10 instructors grade more than 2,000 test sheets every day. Each student has the same instructor throughout an entire course. Besides free courses for adults, youth, and juniors, the VOP offers additional lessons for a nominal charge.

Thousands of persons like this 25-year-old Baptist woman from Jackson, Tennessee, enroll in VOP Bible courses every month. The combination of radio programs, Bible lessons, and other literature, along with local followup by pastors, Bible workers, or laypersons has proven successful over many years in bringing men and women to a decision for Christ.

"We're recommitting ourselves to the VOP motto of 'Forward in Faith,' " says H. M. S. Richards, Jr. "I believe we ought to be on 1,000 radio stations every day. Placing the Voice of Prophecy on stations in all the top 100 metro markets is the first step. The gospel message we love needs to be on the air where every seeker of truth can find it.

"I hope our members in the Southern Union will join in praying that the annual offering for the Voice of Prophecy on October 9 will be sufficient to add the 32 major markets where the program is not yet heard."

Eldyn Karr is the public information director for the Voice of Prophecy.



October is a busy month at the Voice of Prophecy with the Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) lines operating. Last October more than 22,000 calls were received on the toll-free lines. Seventy-five percent of the daily broadcast listeners who called had never before contacted the VOP. Three out of four callers not only requested a free booklet, but also applied for a Bible correspondence course.



As additional funds are received above those budgeted, the Voice of Prophecy Time-Buying Committee and media agent Lois Masten (right) will begin looking for available time on stations in major markets in the United States where the broadcast is not already aired. The goal of the Voice of Prophecy is to be heard daily in the top 100 metropolitan markets by January, 1983. The long-range plan is to cover North America on 1,000 stations every day.



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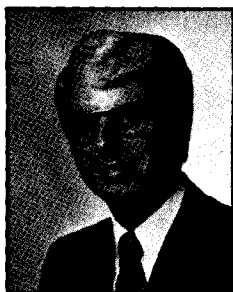
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Donald W. Welch, president of Adventist Health System/Sunbelt, was elected August 29 as president of the newly founded Adventist Health System/United States. The new corporation was organized by and is a part of the General Conference, and corporate offices will be in Washington, D.C., at church headquarters.

While regional systems will operate much as they have in the past, the national corporation will provide coordination and an official tie to the General Conference. It will also provide a unified voice for Adventist hospitals when dealing with national affairs and legislation.

Mr. Welch will continue to serve as president of AHS/Sunbelt with Orlando, Florida, serving as his home base. His additional role as national president will require only a portion of his time.

We are pleased that our own hospital corporation president has been selected for this key post. Mr. Welch has been a leading innovator in hospital administration for three decades. He began his leadership career at Hialeah Hospital in Hialeah, Florida, before becoming president of Florida Hospital in Orlando. Under his direction, Florida Hospital made excep-



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tional strides and is today the largest of the more than 400 Adventist health-care facilities in the world. He has been president of AHS/Sunbelt since it was formed in 1973.

There are 26 hospitals in the Sunbelt system, and the new national corporation includes more than 80.

One of the vice-presidents of the national corporation is Mardian Blair, president of Florida Hospital. Mr. Blair has served at that post for more than three years and is currently directing a major program of rebuilding and addition.

The full impact of Seventh-day Adventist health-care facilities on people and communities will only be known in the kingdom. But the positive witness of our dedicated health-care professionals is constantly paying rich dividends in baptisms and church growth. It is people helping people to experience the healing touch of Jesus both physically and spiritually.

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