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Planners and presenters of the first South Central Conference Lay Congress: C. E. Dudley, Conference president (left); J. W. McCoy, conference secretary; Israel Leito, director of church ministries department of the General Conference; E. C. Ward, pastor of Oakwood College church; H. L. Cleveland, conference church ministries director; E. E. Rogers, retired professor of religion; and Dennis Ross, Southern Union evangelism coordinator.



# A Year of Progress

by C. E. Dudley

**N**ineteen ninety-one was a year in which the South Central Conference saw God's omnipotent hand work in many marvelous ways.

**Church Growth.** During the year 1,411 new members were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This record number of baptisms for the Conference makes the membership of the South Central Conference nearly 22,000.

Our two conference evangelists, Joseph Jones and Timothy Lewis, conducted 11 meetings which resulted in nearly 600 baptisms.

E. E. Cleveland, the South Central Conference evangelism spark, who is retired but still fired up, preached a four-week meeting in the New Life church in Nashville and baptized 60 persons.

Many pastors and laymen also conducted successful evangelistic meetings. We praise God for the pastors, evangelists, and laymen who are lifting up Christ by means of public and personal evangelism.

**A New Congregation.** On December 7, 1991, a new congregation of 17 members was estab-

lished in Courtland, Alabama, under the leadership of Robert L. Mann and the dedicated laypersons there.

**Layman's Congress.** The first Layman's Congress in the history of the Conference, under the leadership of H. L. Cleveland, was held at Oakwood during the Thanksgiving holiday season. Thousands attended from across the Conference and from outside of the area. Workshops were conducted, instruction in soul-winning was given, and testimonies of blessings were shared. Israel Leito, the director for the church ministries department of the General Conference, C. E. Bradford, E. C. Ward, P. E. Vincent, Dennis Ross, Timothy Lewis, and H. L. Cleveland were the presenters. Members shared the blessings of soul winning in their churches.

**Tithe Increase.** In a time of increasing unemployment and recession, South Central saw a record 15 percent tithe increase for the year. This is the largest percentage gain of any conference in the North American Division. We thank God for blessing His people to be faithful and generous in these difficult times. We also applaud G. I. Pearson and all of the workers

who are preaching and giving positive examples of stewardship.

**Mortgages Burned.** The First Prattville church in Prattville, Alabama, pastored by W. A. Bussey, and the Hillcrest church of Nashville, Tennessee, pastored by G. R. Seay, burned their mortgages.

**New Buildings.** In spite of economic problems that plague the nation, we continue to construct buildings to house our people. New church buildings were constructed in Sylvarena, Mississippi, by Vincent White and in Stevenson, Alabama, by I. DeSauza. Both of these churches were constructed debt-free. A new church building was purchased by the First Seventh-day Adventist church in Springfield, Tennessee, in February of 1991, where R. S. Norman, III, is pastor. A new warehouse to house our tent equipment was built behind the conference office here in Nashville, Tennessee. Liedie Calfe, a lay person who has moved to Florida, purchased a church and donated it to the conference.

Several churches underwent extensive renovation. The Temple Gate church in Selma burned but has been renovated. The congregation is in the newly renovated building this month. Also the

Bethany church in Montgomery where Roy Patterson is pastoring completed the renovation of their church during 1991.

**Literature Evangelism.** William Smith reports that the literature evangelism of the South Central Conference delivered \$416,840.53 worth of books during 1991. They also reported 53 baptisms. Eugene Anthony of Alabama led the conference with \$235,000 in sales for 1991.

**Community Services Outreach.** H. L. Cleveland reports that Alpha church opened the Alpha Center in Decatur, Alabama, and the Bethany church in Montgomery opened a community service center.

The New Life church in Nashville served emergency food boxes to 11,322 persons during 1991 through the New Life Food Bank and brought comfort to nearly 800 families through its bereavement ministry.

**Education.** The Oakwood Academy building project got under way during the year and should be completed by mid 1992. There was also an increase in enrollment during 1991 in the conference schools.

We thank God for the way He led us in 1991 and look forward to great things in 1992. ■

*C.E. Dudley is president of South Central Conference.*

*Cover: South Central Conference headquarters. Photo Credit: Olson Perry.*



*Local elders Marshall Johnson and Daryl McGarnett baptize one of 15 members from a lay meeting in Springfield, Tennessee.*

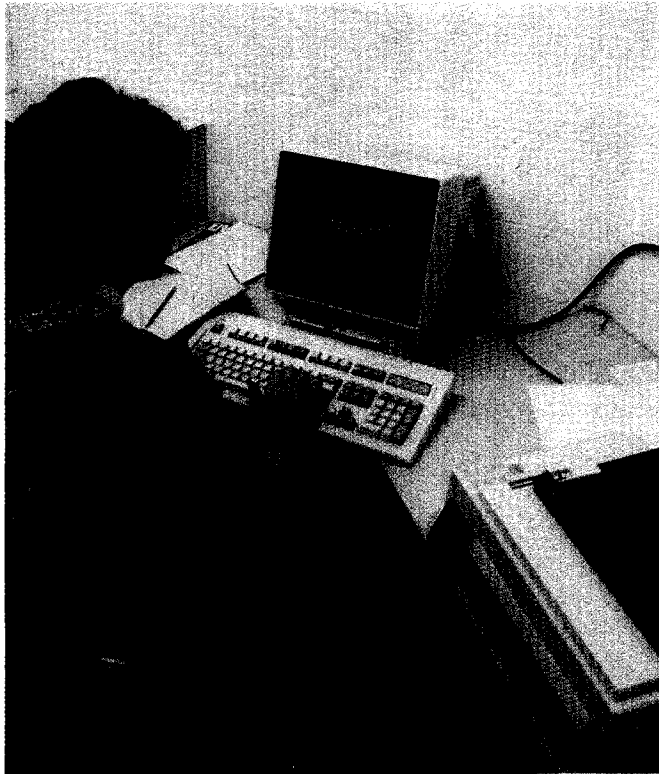


*The new First church building in Sylva, Tennessee constructed by Vincent White was built debt free.*



*Liedie Calfe discusses the details of a church she purchased and donated to the Conference.*

# Only the Memories



*A student works at one of the stations in the computer lab.*



*The new 14,000 square foot administration building.*

Only memories and photographs of Madison College remain. The student-built stone walls of yesterday are gone. Eventually the photographs will yellow with age, the memories will grow dim, and the grass will soon cover the place where the old Druillard Library once stood.

For some Madison Academy students the memories are still fresh. The home economics room is gone where many freshmen remember making friends while in a circle, weaving thoughts together in conversation with each stitch. The history room is gone, with its falling plaster, peeling paint, indoor rain, and a friendly family of fungi. The hollow sound of water dripping from the library ceiling and filling a multitude of plastic buckets will live in our minds forever, as will the indescribable sight and smell of the great waterfalls in the halls.

The time came when we finally had no choice but to say "Farewell." The weathered structure was all but ready to come crashing down on our heads. There was nothing for us to do but stand idly by and watch it go, barely pausing to say "Goodbye," as we walked up to the new building we call school. The inevitability of change has again touched our lives, moving from what we consider old to what is new and comfortable. "Progress," we call it. As we look behind us, stories of what once were creep into the corners of our minds, but we push them back, revelling in the new, looking forward to the future.

And so we say, "Hello," to our new administration building and chapel covering 14,000 square feet at a cost of \$1,250,000. The beautifully designed facility houses three classrooms, the home economics and computer labs, a central library, student and staff lounges, the business office, administrative offices with an attached conference room, and a chapel that can comfortably seat over 300.

The architects designed this contemporary structure to flow with the natural terrain. As you approach the campus which spreads over

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by Jack Stiles

many rolling acres, it becomes evident that much thought and planning was given to enhancing the appearance and accessibility of the school.

The 120-member student body and staff of Madison Academy want to extend a sincere "Thank you" to God for His abundant blessings and the greater Nashville church families as well as the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference for making these most attractive facilities available.

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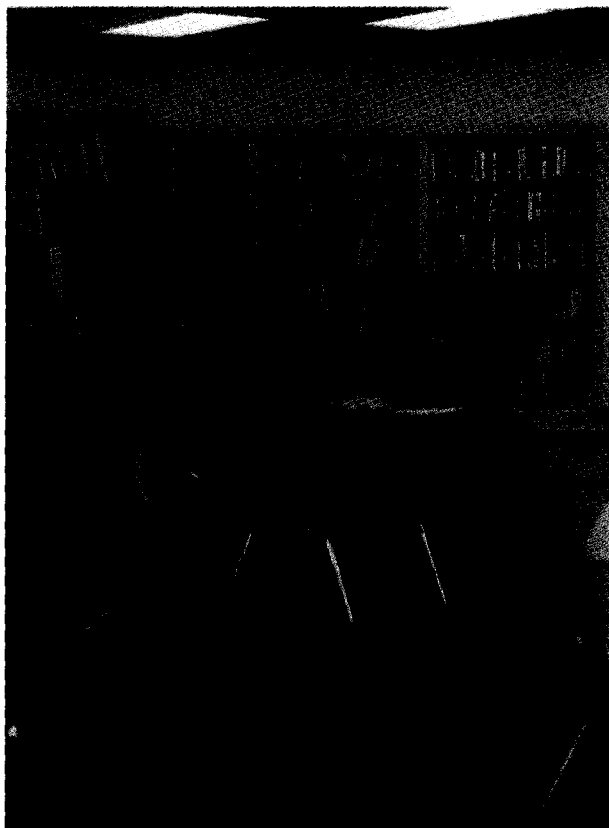
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Since occupying these new facilities in August of this 1991-92 school year, the old Druillard Library was torn down, and new roads have been completed which circle the campus.

With hearts filled with gratitude, we welcome all to visit our beautiful campus and see what can be done when we reach out in faith. ■

*Jack Stiles is the principal at Madison Academy.*



*The library now provides an environment for study.*



*A model kitchen provides all the modern conveniences.*

by C. Elwyn Platner

**P**asadena Tournament of Roses Parade judges presented their National Award to the Adventist float in the 1992 parade January 1. The award goes to the float which is "the best depiction of life in the United States."

Stephanie Edwards, one of the parade narrators on television, said the float represented the Adventist church's six million member's commitment to service. Appropriately the float theme was Discover the World of Service.

The float's five child-like figures exemplified areas of service: a fireman, a nurse, a doctor, a teacher, and a Pathfinder. It was primarily the Pathfinders and their leaders who worked around the clock for many days before the parade decorating the Adventist float as well as a float for Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Company.

The decorators came from as far away as Michigan, New York, Florida, and Quebec to lend a hand. However, the majority were from within the Pacific Union Conference. All pay their own transportation and accommodations when staying over night.

The 870 workers served from one to 16 eight-hour shifts beginning on the first Sunday of December, reported Arnold Plata. He and his wife Dixie, lay members from Loma Linda who coordinate the South-eastern California Teen Pathfinder program, were two of several project coordinators. Volunteer service amounted to 13,617 hours for the two floats, he said.

Lyndeen Wright, Huntington Park, Calif., volunteer scheduling coordinator, used virtually all her free time for two months on nearly 1,000 telephone calls to volunteer groups and individuals. "We had 2,400 time

slots to fill," Mrs. Wright explained. "It helped to have some groups who returned this year from Canada, Texas, and Wisconsin. We also had groups from Iowa-Missouri Conference and Denver.

"The project required 75 people per shift on each float," she explained. During the last week "we almost always had more than were scheduled. So we shared some of our workers with other floats. But there was some sickness and whole groups had to cancel," she said.

Dixie Plata said that a few times volunteers helped with other floats including the Knights of Columbus float. A Catholic couple, whose daughter helped on the 1991 Adventist float, joined her this year to work several shifts and commented on how much they enjoyed working with the Pathfinders on the project, Dixie said.

"Both the float builders and people who watched the decorating process noted the volunteer spirit of our workers, especially that so many would pay their own way to come and work," she added. "Several times

we had far more on hand than we needed because so many wanted to stay and work beyond their assigned hours."

This season Fiesta Floats built nine units for the parade and their staff members requested that the Adventist Pathfinders decorate them all because of their experience and excellent workmanship, Mrs. Wright

said. "But we agreed only to do ours and the Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate float. The income from the second float paid for food which fed our workers," she explained. Both won awards.

"Because of their attention to detail and proven experience, this year's float was designed with greater detail than last year's," she said. "Our kids are fantastic. It's something they love to do and it helps keep them close to our church."

Float riders met for the first time at the Pasadena church the Friday evening before the parade in a recognition ceremony coordinated by Ted Wick and Norm Middag of the North American Division church ministries department. The parade queen and her court where on hand to greet them. Allan Williamson, Southern Union youth director, helped introduce some of the riders.

This year's ten riders included a student from St. Petersburg, Russia, Elvina Tomenko. She is presently studying at Columbia Union College. Other float riders included Dr. Ben Carson, Baltimore, Maryland; Gloria Romeo, El Paso, Texas, a bilingual teacher; Michelle Bush-Cuke, Weimar, Calif., a nurse and world-class Olympic runner; and six Pathfinders: Josh Gomes, Englewood, Colorado; Januaria Lindsey, Pontiac, Michigan; Petrina Suk, Portland, Oregon; Arturo Escobar, Tucson, Arizona; Jeremy Allen, Winter Park, Florida; and Bradley Boehner, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The whole project was undertaken to help kick off "92/92," the church's 1992 Year of Service. It calls for each member to do at least 92 hours of Christian service and witnessing during 1992. ■

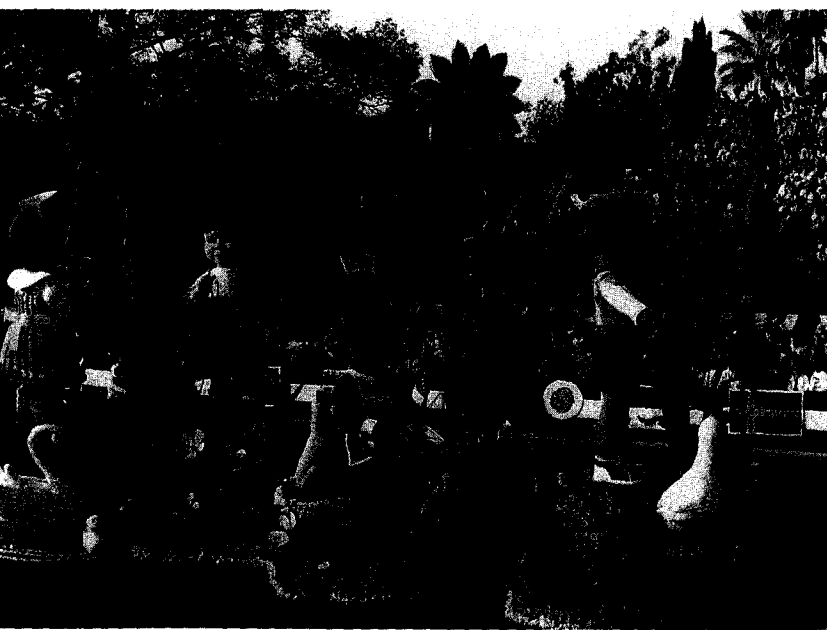
C. Elwyn Platner is director of communications at Pacific Union Conference.

Jeremy sits with riders Patrino Suk, Portland, Ore., and Gloria Romero, El Paso, Tex., during the float's journey along the 5.5-mile parade.



Flanked by her royal court, Pasadena Tournament of Roses Queen Tannis Ann Turrentine chats with Jeremy Allen, Winter Park, Fla., the Southern Union's representative during a float rider recognition ceremony at the Pasadena Adventist church.

## "Tournament of Roses"



# Older Students Prove It — College Is Not Just for Kids

by Gina McIntyre Graham

**W**hat would make someone quit a job 14 months before full retirement to attend a school with peers half her age? That is just what Attice Pearson, senior nursing student at Southern College, did two years ago.

The older student at Southern College is not a rare sight. Among the student body of 1,532 are 266 individuals over the age of the average college candidate. Of these students, 33 are over the age of 45.

According to the nursing department, the freshman nursing class for the 1991-92 term has 79 students. Eight of these are over the age of 25.

Judy Fizer, also a nursing major, isn't the typical grandmother type. During the fall semester, she worked at Southern as a campus safety officer. The oldest of her three children is only 24. She decided to attend college for the first time because, "I was uncomfortable with my lack of education."

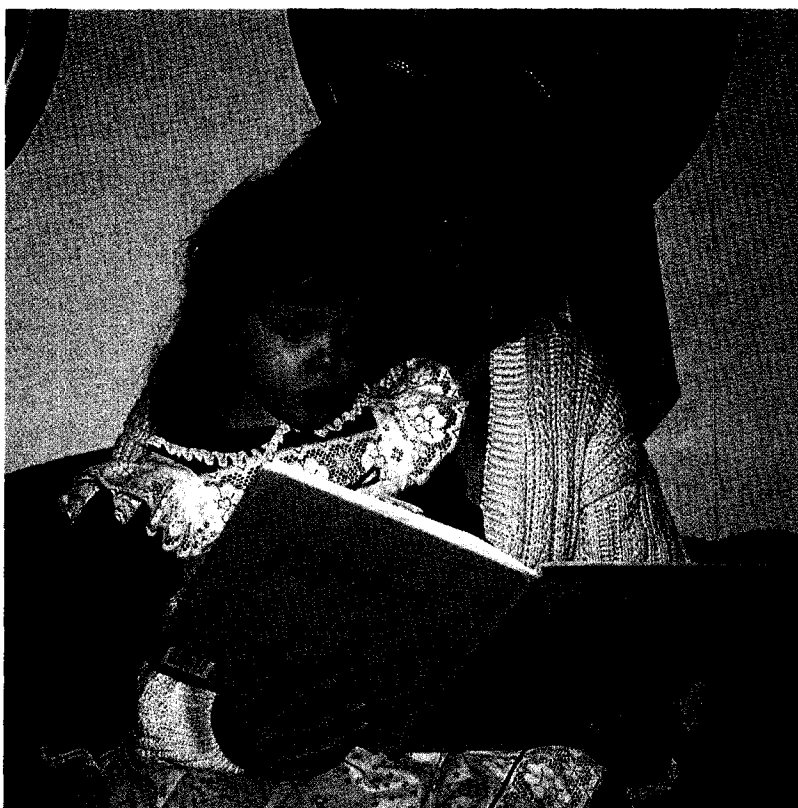
According to both women many tough decisions had to be made when they decided to start college.

Attice always wanted to be a nurse, but plans changed after high school. Now she admits, "The Lord has to be your number one priority. Education comes next."

She sometimes feels a bit isolated because of the age gap. Student peers occasionally shy away because "They don't want to be with someone who reminds them of their mothers."

But Attice smiles when she tells of her desire to serve the Lord in nursing. "Ellen White says that in the last days the medical ministry will be allowed to go on. I want to do something, but I'm too shy to witness directly. I'm counting on the Lord to open up my mouth when the time comes."

The hardest part of being away from her Mississippi home is separation from her family. She has four children and six grandchildren.



Judy Fizer, 48, takes a few minutes from her own studies to read to her 3-year-old granddaughter, Stephanie. Judy, a nursing student, is one of nearly three dozen Southern College students over the age of 45.

"With all I've been through," Attice said, "I'm anxious to graduate and get on with my life."

Judy came from a hard family background that found her married and separated by the age of 18. Her high school education ended when, at 14, she went to work in factories. Five years later she set out to become a musician.

Thus, one of the fears she had about college was that she might get in too deep and not be able to cope with studies. She also felt that students might make fun of her. Now, a year later, she has lost those fears.

"Studying is easier and enjoyable now. When you're my age you don't have all of those emotional pulls

that you have in high school. You have dealt with conflicts and resolved them." She said that she owes Southern College a lot of gratitude. And that "getting older is one of the most wonderful things that has ever happened to me."

Why did Attice Pearson quit her job to enter nursing? Why is Judy Fizer in college for the first time? Maybe Attice can answer my question the best, "It's just a big leap of faith." ■

*Gina was a junior journalism student at Southern College when she began writing this story. She has worked for the publications office as a student artist.*

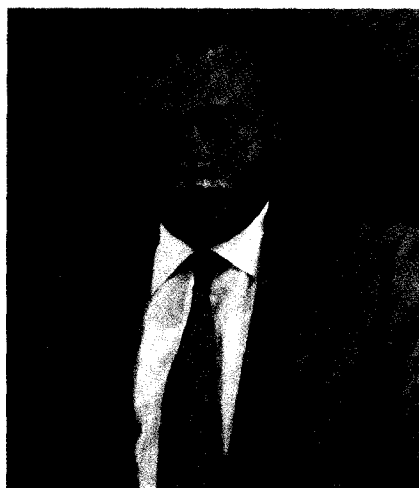
## CAROLINA

**John Mero** of Sea Level, N.C., knows the definition of commitment. John has multiple sclerosis, a disease of the nervous system that affects mobility. Yet every Sabbath, he gets in his car and drives 50 miles to the New Bern church for Sabbath services. Ten years ago, John went to a hospital in Key Largo, Fla., for severe headaches. He met an Adventist woman, who also had multiple sclerosis. She shared her faith with John, and when he returned home, he looked up the SDA church. John was invited to a Revelation Seminar and has been an Adventist ever since. He is so committed to the church that simple things like a disabling disease or long drives don't keep him away.



## FLORIDA

**Anna Theresa "Terri" Lynch** has been listed in the 1991 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. A member of the Lake City, Fla., church, she graduated from Southern College in May where she majored in religion and carried a minor in biblical languages and practical theology. Lynch is currently studying in the Seminary at Andrews University, and will work as a pastor in Florida Conference upon her graduation.



### An Exemplary Life

**Lawrence Jacobs, Jr.**, previously profiled for having been honored by the Alabama Association of College Administrators, for his outstanding service, dedication, and inspirational leadership in pursuit of the causes for higher education, died January 18, days after experiencing open heart surgery.

Jacobs was a member of the Oakwood College church and treasurer for the past 20 years. He played a major role in the financial management of the Oakwood College church building and its financial stability. Jacobs worked at the Southern Union Conference as an auditor for two years and later accepted a call to return to his alma mater to chair the business and information systems department. During his tenure he also served as director of institutional research, and directed a consortium of research training as well as taught classes in the areas of economics, management, accounting, and marketing. He was instrumental in developing relationships between the business and information systems department and organizations such as the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), Conoco Oil Company, and the Black Executive Exchange Program (BEEP).

Several businessmen have contributed more than \$50,000 toward a higher education foundation honoring Jacobs who was completing a doctoral degree in economics when he died.

More than 2,000 people attended the services on January 20, at Oakwood College church, conducted by Eric C. Ward, pastor. Several conference representatives were also present. The interment was in the Valhalla Memory Gardens, Huntsville, Ala.

Jocelyn A. Mejias

## GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND



**Wilma McClarty**, professor of English and speech at Southern College, attended two General Conference Education Department meetings in Loma

Linda, California, in January. She is a member of both the GC Institute for Christian Teaching Advisory Committee and also the Participants Selection Committee. The Participants Committee chose the 20 people who will be invited to come to the Institute for Christian Teaching this summer in Lincoln, Nebraska, at Union College. In 1988 McClarty attended the first Institute the GC sponsored and was appointed to the two committees as a result.



At the Johnson City, Tenn., church it's true that good things come in small packages. A new Adventist at 84 years of age, **Patricia**

**Hughes** stands just 52 inches tall and weighs 80 pounds, yet she recently inquired as to what she could do for the church. Mrs. Hughes first encountered Seventh-day Adventists in a community near Riverside, California, in 1946. She remembers them as loving concerned people. Forty-five years later she called the church in January of 1991 and requested a visit from the pastor. In March she surrendered her life to the Lord and was baptized.

On January 4 the literature evangelists of Georgia-Cumberland were together for their year-end meeting and sales awards banquet at Cohutta Springs. **Lonnie Kerbs**, who works in the Bristol-Kingsport, Tenn., area, was the leading literature evangelist in sales for 1991 with \$97,233.35. Lonnie was also the top literature evangelist in the Southern Union in sales. Lonnie is a graduate of Southern College. Having canvassed his way through academy and college, he felt he would like to make this his life work. He started in N.C. and went from there to the Northern New England Conference for several years and then came to Georgia-Cumberland in August of 1989. Lonnie and his wife, Sondra, have two children.



At the age of 90 **L. O. Coon** is still very active as the Conference revivalist. Coon joined Georgia-Cumberland in 1956 and has pastored the Macon, Knoxville, and Greeneville districts, Apison and Standifer Gap churches, and was directly involved in establishing the Cohutta church. Coon is grateful for the 65 years that he has served the church of God. As the Conference revivalist he conducts up to 25 revivals each year which last from three to eight days. His greatest joy is to see men and women give their hearts to the Lord.



## OAKWOOD COLLEGE

Started in 1984, the Kentucky Foundation for Women exists to support Kentucky women who



## Tribute to Bedros

The first thing people notice about **Bedros Sharian** is that he loves God and loves America.

Sharian celebrated his 100th birthday with family and friends at the church December 8. A unique "Tribute to Bedros" in a vespers program format revealed a Christ-centered man deeply involved in nurturing others.

An Armenian orphaned at the age of 8-9, he was raised by American Mennonite missionaries in Turkey. Later he contacted those same missionaries at Bluffton College, Ohio, with his desire to emigrate to America where he could study for the ministry.

His trade eventually became carpet cleaning, a business his sons still operate in Georgia. He has ministered through it, and continues to minister to people at his age of 100.

Member Gus Brodeur often on mission assignments said, "Every month we'd get letters from Bedros. Letters full of encouragement to go out and work for the people in that part of the world. No one in the world wrote us that much." Sharian's giving has benefitted Walker Memorial Hospital, too. "The Sharians have given between a quarter and one-half million dollars," said former president Bill Sager. Quite a contribution considering he entered America at Ellis Island with \$10 in his pocket.

"He was a successful businessman," said his son Bedros, Jr., "not so much because he was so smart or knew so much about business—but because he had studied for the Christian ministry, was willing to work, and was always completely honest in all his dealings. He has been faithful to the Lord, giving out hundreds of little red Bibles."

Cindy Kurtzhals



use the arts for social change. The Foundation has an endowment of \$8 million. Of the 150 applicants each year, about 25 percent receive funding. In the area of music as

an art, the Foundation supports composers and performers for specific projects and for travel to perform or study. Last September **Angelique Clay** applied to the Foundation inasmuch as she was a qualified applicant, being a young female Kentuckian. On Jan. 8, 1992, she was sent a check in the amount of \$7,214.88. This award will assist Angelique in attending the Israel Vocal Arts Institute in Israel July to August 1992. Angelique was also a winner in the Metropolitan Opera National Council Audition for the North Alabama District held in Birmingham Jan. 25, 1992. This qualifies her to compete for the Regional award on Feb. 22, 1992, in Memphis, Tenn.

**Sonia Benn, Jon McIver, Ramona Pilliner, and Charlotte Pullins** were awarded scholarships through the Oakwood College/UAB Alliance for Minority Participation (AMP) program. Each of these students, who has displayed outstanding academic ability, will receive \$2,500 for the 1991-92 academic year. AMP Scholars are freshmen who are majoring in science and/or engineering. The AMP program is a federally funded program that was designed to increase the number of minorities who graduate with majors in science and engineering. This program is funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF). The AMP program includes a science drop-in center which provides tutoring for all science and engineering students.

## Carolina

**PROPHECY SABBATH** is a new venture for church members at the Morganton church. New pastor Tony Cirigliano has set aside the third Sabbath of every month to invite friends, family, prior interests, and inactive members by a first-class letter of invitation. The first month, January, produced an overflowing crowd for the fellowship hall to enjoy the "vegetarian buffet" prior to the 2 p.m. seminar.

Seventh-through-ninth grade teacher at Adventist Christian Academy, in Charlotte, Julie Ritterskamp had an **INVESTMENT PROJECT** involving several students who were struggling academically. She dedicated their efforts by pledging \$10 for each letter grade gain for the first nine-week grading period over the same subject areas as last year. After grades were computed, the hard work on the part of her students netted \$140 for investment purposes.

A total of **36 PATHFINDER CLUBS** dot the two states covered by the Conference. Albemarle, N.C., one of the newest clubs, held its first induction service on November 23. Another new club in High Point, began September 7 with nine Pathfinders and three staff members. Mills River and Franklin, N.C., are also active. The Adventurer clubs total 19.

The end of November saw the close of an eight-week **PROPHECY SEMINAR** held at the Burlington, N.C., church. Chuck Godfrey described the act of faith portrayed by one baptismal candidate, William Criscoe, as "exciting to witness." Criscoe, an employee at Proctor and Gamble, is required to work a second-shift work schedule about two weeks out of every month, which involves Sabbath work. Unafraid of the consequences, his approach to his supervisor of Jewish faith, has thus far brought him full support for his desire to keep the Sabbath.

Five students at the Pickens, S.C., school, under the direction of Grace Kellogg, are **SPONSORING A FIFTH-GRADE BOY IN GUATEMALA** through International Child Care. They have demonstrated creative ways in earning the \$25 they send on a monthly basis: mowing lawns, helping around the house, giving birthday money, picking up stones, and working after school on the newsletter.

**APARTMENT EVANGELISM** is taking hold in Greensboro. Kenneth Cox videos are being used by recently-baptized church member Danny Shannon to reach out to people in his apartment complex clubhouse. Greensboro church harvested the baptisms of four new converts recently, thus making a total of eight persons baptized during 1991 as a direct result of lay activity and evangelism.

Youth and young adult leaders enjoyed a **CHURCH MINISTRIES SEMINAR** at Nosoca Pines Ranch November 15-16. Randy Wisbey of Andrews University shared insights and ideas on youth and young adult ministry with the 25 people who attended.

The Arden, N.C., **YOUNG ADULT GROUP** planned, and have led out in their church services. Aside from church involvement, they collectively wrote a devotional book for young adults.

A recent graduate from **BREATHE-FREE MEETINGS** sponsored by the Gastonia church volunteered his radio station as the meeting place for two more consecutive meetings. Even though he is not a church member, he is actively campaigning for friends and acquaintances to join the group and enjoy a new smoke-free lifestyle.

Women's ministries has reported an **INCREASE OF 25 WOMEN'S GROUPS IN '91**. Four baptisms and four recommitments to Jesus have stemmed from the faithfulness of these groups in the Carolinas.

## Florida

**SOUTH FLORIDA'S COLLEGIATE CREATED ADVENTIST AWARENESS AT THE MIAMI BOOK FAIR INTERNATIONAL** sponsored by Miami Dade Community College. Their booth "Campus Advent" and Home Health Education Service (literature evangelists) were side by side at the widely attended annual event. They were also listed in the newspaper's tabloid insert *Fairgoer's Guide*, according to Sergio Torres, church ministries associate for youth/young adults in South Florida.

Forest Lake Academy students **COMMEMORATED MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S BIRTHDAY** with a special African-American emphasis assembly. Norwida Marshall, Ed.D., was the guest speaker, and editor of *A Star Gives Light*, a history of contributions made by African-Americans to the Adventist church. Marshall is an associate director of education for Southern Union Conference, Decatur, Georgia.

In the Conference's systematic emphasis of nurture, support, and fellowship of Adventist collegians and young professionals, **NAMES AND ADDRESSES ARE BEING SOUGHT** for *The Catalyst* mailing list. *The Catalyst* is a news and information medium ministering to Adventist young professionals, and students in Florida's public college and university campuses. Mail to: *Catalyst*, Florida Conference Youth/Young Adult Ministries, P.O. Box 1313, Orlando, FL 32802-1313, or call (407) 898-7521.

St. Augustine laypeople have **SYSTEMATI-**

**CALLY DISTRIBUTED BIBLE LESSON ENROLLMENT CARDS** on First through Fifth Streets. There is a 30-45 minute time investment to cover each street. The project is under the leadership of personal ministries director Robert Scheibe. Other participants have included Mary Scheibe, Grace Dilsaver, John Schmalbach, Conference publishing director Joe Holloway, and literature evangelist and Ocala member Clarence McWilliams.

A five-week B.A.B.E.S. program started January 28 at the Daytona Beach church school. B.A.B.E.S. is the **"BEGINNING ALCOHOL AND ADDICTIONS BASIC EDUCATION SERIES" PUPPET PROGRAM** sponsored by the Mental Health Association of Volusia County for public and private schools. The series is designed for children four years old through third grade, to make them aware of harmful effects of drugs and alcohol. Arrangements for the series were made by Principal Julie Henson, and hosted by teacher Debi Chastain.

The all new **ADVENTIST DISASTER SERVICE TRAINING CURRICULUM** has been introduced in Florida Conference churches by Emil Moldrik. Moldrik is associate pastor of Walker Memorial church, and Conference disaster coordinator. The two-hour program includes the purpose and objectives of Adventist involvement, and how-to's.

Daytona Beach **CHURCH MEMBERS PINNED \$20,043.99 IN BUILDING FUND CONTRIBUTIONS ON THEIR CHRISTMAS TREE** for the

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annual Christmas Tree offering December 21.

Students of Sanford Meadows school participated with WESH-TV, Channel 2 in **"THE LARGEST HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE WESH-TV HAS EVER HAD"** said Jean Carlson, school principal. "Teacher Minnie Boyer made the contact to participate. Our students and church members collected 320 pounds of food and took it to one of the Salvation Army stations set up for collection. Even with the way the economy was, more than 700,000 pounds of food was obtained overall, and it stayed right here (was distributed) in Seminole County." Sanford Meadows has an on-going relationship with WESH-TV. Students receive WESH's

"Newsgame" weekly, a question/answer classroom tool.

The University, Fla., church hosted **"FOLLOW THAT STAR,"** a night-time outdoor nativity program, for more than 700 members and area residents. The program included livestock, choir performances, and a special welcome and invitation for guests to return.

The Jupiter, Fla., Adventist Ladies organization entered a float in the Jupiter Christmas Parade. The theme was **"A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS."** The float represented the Three Angels' Message and was built by several men in the church. The float won second place in Best Overall Decorations.

## Georgia-Cumberland



The Collegedale church is sponsoring a **"HURTING PARENT" SUPPORT GROUP** which has functioned for more than two months. This group helps parents and grandparents to deal with feelings of failure, anger, rejection or spiritual alienation. Participants attend meetings when they feel the need and share only when they wish to participate—all within a completely confidential, warm, and Christian environment.

**A SPECIAL LUNCHEON FOR NEW MEMBERS** was held at the Marietta church February 1. The objective is for pastors to fellowship and interact with new members and an opportunity to share the story of the Marietta church family.

The church ministries department reports **\$229,765.30 COLLECTED FOR HARVEST INGATHERING IN 1991.** This exceeds the conference goal by \$2,765.30. The members of the conference also supported *Signs of the Times* magazine with the second highest gain for subscriptions in the North American Division.

**SPIRITUAL GIFTS SEMINARS** conducted by Thomas Baez, adult church ministries director, in Johnson City, Tenn., and Ashburn, Ga., has drawn 70 people wishing to discover their spiritual gifts and better serve God.

**FAMILY MATTERS,** under the direction of

Kay Kuzma, Ph.D., moved to the Georgia-Cumberland Conference in 1991. Located in Cleveland, Tenn., this ministry is dedicated to teaching, informing and facilitating better family life. Family Matters is an official conference institution and has North American Division denominational status. Though financially self-reliant Family Matters receives a conference appropriation for the evangelistic impact it brings to the constituent churches.

**ADVENT HOUSE,** formerly Terrace House Adventist Center, is a Christian ministry on the University of Tennessee campus in Knoxville. It is sponsored by local churches and the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. The ministry serves the spiritual needs of University students and has been in existence for the past 10 years. Advent House has recently undergone a name change to better identify its purpose in proclaiming the coming of Christ and its identification as an SDA institution.

The Johnson City **PATHFINDERS HAVE ADOPTED OAKLAND AVENUE** in Johnson City, Tenn., as a small part of their community service work. The adults must pick up the trash and the children sort out the recyclables and label the bags. In a two-mile stretch on their first pick-up they filled 23 trash bags.

## Gulf States



Joseph Cooper and Carissa Calvarese were baptized December 14 after having made **DECISIONS FOR CHRIST DURING A VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** in Greenville, Miss.

The Floral Crest church in Bryant, Ala., ushered out the old year and welcomed in the new with a **CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE.**

The **INGATHERING TOTAL** for the Conference was up more than \$8,000 in 1991 as compared to 1990.

Lyle Albrecht opened an **EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE** in Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., Jan. 11 with more than 200 guests in attendance.

Anita Watkins and Sandy Haynes, of Bass Memorial Academy, embarked upon a **PROJECT TO**

**BAKE AND SELL ABOUT 100 FRUITCAKES** to raise money for worthy students to be shared between the academy and their elementary school. Joined by Marguerite McGuire, the ladies began their "small" baking project. The venture was a success from the beginning, and by the time they were finished they had 1,050 cakes, and netted approximately \$5,000.

Seven nonAdventists showed up on opening night at a **REVELATION SEMINAR** in Greenville, Miss., recently. These same seven attended until the end, excited by the things they had learned. One couple has been taking the lessons to their pastor and studying with him.

## Kentucky-Tennessee



For the 10th year now George Spears hosted the **ASHLAND CHURCH PICNIC** at his 100-acre farm. Church members enjoyed baseball, horseshoes, campfire songs, and the

hayride. Several members commented on how nice it was to socialize with some of the people they have seen once a week, but have never really known.

## South Atlantic

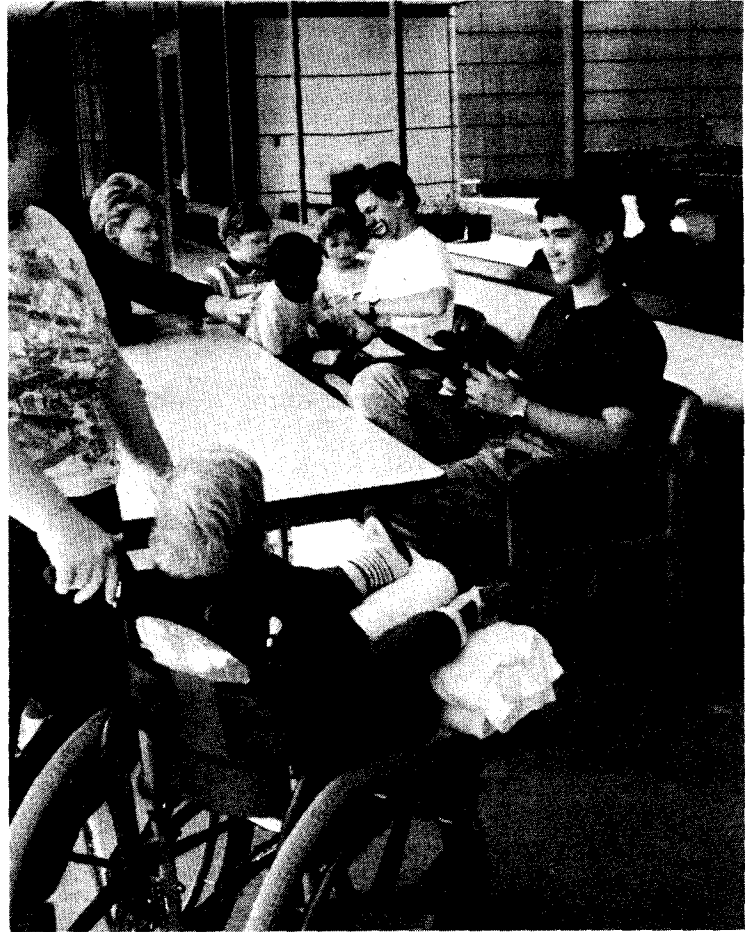


The communication department of the West End church in Atlanta sponsored a **PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP** Sunday, January 12. The workshop condensed four months of study into two hours; however, it was a success,

based on the number of people who now feel confident with their cameras. Some of the topics covered were: lenses, shutter speeds, filters, film types, bracketing, exposure control, depth of field, and lighting.



"The firemen are coming! The firemen are coming!" shouted the students at Ashland, Ky., Elementary to their teacher Ron Reese. Reese had been notified of the local fire department's upcoming safety visit, but had decided a surprise visit would keep the kids on their toes the rest of the day. After the sirens stopped children learned various safety hazards involving fires. They learned to STOP, DROP, and ROLL. Students also were permitted to suit up in the firemen's uniform, as well as explore the fire engine.



Forty-five eighth graders from A. W. Spalding School recently worked as volunteers at the Community Soup Kitchen and the Siskin Foundation in downtown Chattanooga. These activities were a part of their Bible Outreach program. The group donated a total of 114 volunteer hours.



Southern College treasurer Jack Ferneyhough (right), received the Annual College and University Risk Management Award presented this year by Risk Management Services of the General Conference. Stanton Parker, executive director for RMS, awarded him a personalized plaque and a traveling trophy at a luncheon in Calgary, Canada, during the annual RMS meeting.



The Deltona, Fla., Spanish church hosted an eight-week Revelation Seminar. Forty people received graduation diplomas.



Clara Driggers, a member of the DeLand, Fla., church, celebrated her 100th birthday January 1. Her son, Corliss, holds a framed birthday greeting from U.S. President and Mrs. George Bush. When asked what she attributed her longevity to she said "Live right and eat right."



L. J. "Bud" and Vera Lester celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary December 20 with relatives and friends at the Forest Lake, Fla., church where they are members. The Lesters were married January 8, 1941, in Bowling Green, Fla.



Ruth and Frank Potts, members of the Shoals church at Florence, Ala., were honored at a golden wedding anniversary celebration hosted by their children.



Randy Brehms recently baptized five of the 10 church school students after a six-week Prophecy Seminar. The students enjoyed rushing to the Bible texts to see if they could beat the adults with answers to seminar questions. Also baptized with the students were Shirley Wilson, Sandy Artrip, and Alisia Malone. Members couldn't remember the last time eight baptismal candidates took their stand.



Georgia-Cumberland Teen Pathfinders convened at Cohutta Springs Camp for Teen Evasion. Teen Evasion is part of the Teen Discovery series of events put on by the Pathfinder Ministries of the Conference. On Sunday the Pathfinders constructed homemade rafts and floated them from the old swimming area to the bridge. The event was timed just for fun.



Lucille and John Frey, both 86, celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary. They were married September 23, 1923, in Marion, Ind. Their secret for a long-lived marriage is "never go to bed mad." The Freys moved to Florida in 1947.

The Ohio River was the site of the first river baptism recalled in 50 years by South Louisville church members. Tobey Tyler, age 23, was baptized.



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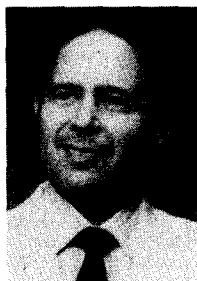
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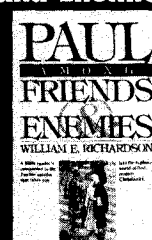
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# Sun Digest

## Clowning around with a gospel ministry

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With actions that speak louder than words, they tell audiences to heal the world with love. Or, they act out Bible stories, such as Noah building the ark, or the experience of the Good Samaritan.

All three women work at Sierra Vista Hospital in Truth or Consequences, N.M. They've been "clowning around" with this unusual ministry for about a year.

It all started soon after Flora Gillette moved to Truth or Consequences and began working at the hospital. She became acquainted with Rosemary Sullivan, nurse assistant, and Claire Stark, lab technician, and told them about the clown ministry she had directed in Michigan.

They liked the idea and soon began developing their own mime routines



*Their message may be serious, but these Sierra Vista Hospital employees have found the value of sharing smiles while they share their faith. The clown ministry has been active for approximately one year.*

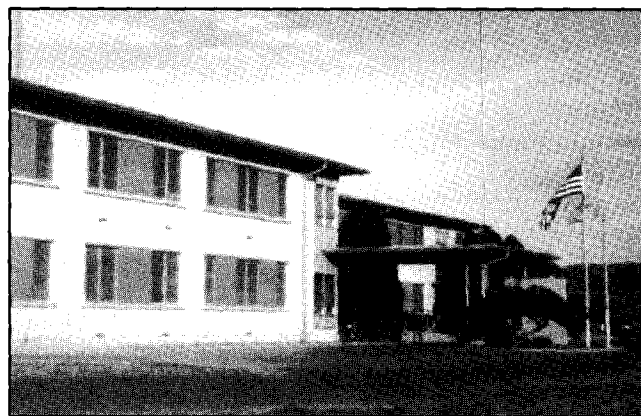
and creating their own clown costumes.

Peg Botsford, hospital volunteer, joined the group as pianist, and Pat Coulter, a teacher in the community, accepted their invitation to be the reader. All are members of the local United Methodist Church.

In the first six months, the clowns shared their message at the hospital picnic and a worship service, in addition to several church functions in the community. They also presented the Sabbath vespers program at the annual Sunbelt President's Council,

which met in Santa Fe last October.

Another highlight of their ministry was the hospital auxiliary's Christmas program where they presented a skit called "The Heart of Things."



*Sierra Vista Hospital in Truth or Consequences, N.M., became part of Adventist Health System Sunbelt in 1980.*

In this presentation, they used a large picture puzzle with each piece representing a department or area in which the volunteers might work.

The last piece of the puzzle, made in the shape of a heart, represented the volunteers.

"It made them feel good to be recognized for their role in the hospital," says Flora.

Good ideas are hard to keep, and that suits these clowns just fine. Others in the community have begun rehearsing with them and invitations for performances are increasing.

While the women have fun sharing their faith through clowning, they know their message is no laughing matter. It's just that sharing their smiles is the best way they've found to share their faith.

## He called Him Arthur

by *Jacque Towsley*  
*Chaplain, Smyrna Hospital*

I have been a part-time chaplain at Smyrna Hospital since September 1991. One of my first patients was an 81-year-old man named Frank. On my first visit, I asked if he'd appreciate a prayer. He hesitated a moment.

"I guess it won't hurt," he said.

I came back the next day and the next. Each time I offered to have prayer. Each time he hesitated. Then finally he'd say, "I guess it won't hurt."

On my fourth visit, he greeted me with an outstretched hand. I took it in mine.

"Have you come to pray with me?" he asked.

I encouraged Frank to get to know the Lord, but he didn't show much interest. He said it was hard to relate to the Lord in a real and meaningful way. However, I didn't give up.

### Frank's decision

On rounds one day, I learned that Frank had been moved to the intensive care unit. I spent a lot of time with him and his wife, Sarah, that day and the next few days. Two days before he died, Frank gave his heart to Jesus.

"Do you know what I call Him?" Frank asked

me. "I call Him Arthur. That way I can think of Him as a human being. Then He's really real to me."

That was my last visit with Frank. I'd known him a little more than a week, and hadn't realized how much my ministry had meant to him until his wife asked me to have the funeral service.

I had never conducted a funeral. I'd been a chaplain for only a few weeks. In fact, I'd never thought of being a chaplain.

When Milton Siepman, president of Smyrna Hospital, asked me to be a part-time chaplain, I was a Bible instructor for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

### Unexpected request

After thinking about it, I was impressed that the Lord was leading me to this work, but I had no idea it would lead to a request to hold a funeral service.

Sarah told me how much Frank had appreciated the spiritual help he had received.



*Jacque Towsley*

"You really cared. He said you were not 'preachy preachy.' Your love and your care helped him want to know the God that lives in you."

So, I accepted the invitation to hold Frank's funeral. There was really only one message that I was impressed to share with his family and friends gathered to pay their final respects. It was the story I thought Frank would want them to hear — his own story of how he met . . . Arthur.

## When Adventists came to Jellico

by *Brenda Lowe*  
*Director of Personnel*  
*Jellico Community Hospital*

To residents of Jellico, Tenn., the re-opening of their hospital in 1974 under Seventh-day Adventist management represented survival for them and for their loved ones.

First, the 50-bed hospital provides the nearest access to healthcare services to residents of this mountain community. Also, as the largest employer in the town of less than 5,000, the hospital means full- and part-time jobs for 220 people.

"Without my community's hospital, I would have to move to another town. It would be

too scary to live here if there were no hospital!" says one resident born in the Jellico area.

"It would be awful if Jellico had no hospital. I depend on this hospital for my parents," says another.

### What changes to expect?

However, local residents displayed mixed feelings when Seventh-day Adventists moved to Jellico in the mid-70s to re-open their hospital. Yes, they wanted their hospital. But, they were apprehensive about the changes the Adventists might impose, particularly in diet and religion.

When they learned the newcomers to their community didn't eat meat, they wondered how would anyone get well in a hospital that doesn't feed meat to the patients. It was their understanding that a person who doesn't eat meat gets weak and could even die.

Others worried that the Adventists might force them to change their religion. While religion is an inherent part of the mountain culture, some of the Adventists' beliefs and practices were foreign to the people of Jellico. It was clear that the Adventists would have to earn the trust of the mountain people, and it would take time.



*Seventh-day Adventists took over management of Jellico Community Hospital in 1974. While local residents didn't know much about Adventists then, they have learned to trust and appreciate them over the past 18 years.*

Over the years, the Adventists in Jellico have tried to earn that trust through the witness of their lives. Today, Seventh-day Adventists are accepted in Jellico, and their religious differences are respected. In fact, locals would like to know them better, and they'd like the Adventists to become better acquainted with them.

#### **Getting to know each other**

"I feel the Seventh-day Adventists would appreciate mountain people more if they understood why we believe the way we do," said one resident. "Then, in being regarded for who we are, we could acknowledge the value of why they live the way they believe."

In talking with residents about their hospital and the Adventists who came to Jellico nearly 20 years

ago, one senses a feeling of pride for their hospital, a comfortable trust in the Adventists who operate it, and a deep appreciation for both.

*Brenda Lowe, long-time resident of Jellico, became a Seventh-day Adventist in 1983.*

## **Patient gets job and new church family**

*by Lowell Litton  
Member, Zephyrhills  
Seventh-day Adventist Church*

When Cathy Ray, an out-of-work, single parent of two teen-age girls approached the outpatient desk of East Pasco Medical Center in Zephyrhills, Fla., she had no idea that her whole

life would be changed from that moment on.

Besides receiving excellent medical treatment, she discovered a family of loving, caring workers, beginning that day with Rose Marie Richmond in the patients business office.

#### **Switched jobs**

Rose Marie noted that Cathy had been a telephone operator and told her that the hospital needed a switchboard operator. Cathy applied for the job, was hired, and has been working at the hospital ever since.

Today she works in the billing office, and one of her daughters works in the admitting office.

But there's more to Cathy's story.

#### **So much love**

"One good thing followed another, and I know the Lord has led every step of the way," says Cathy. "I've never seen so much love in one place."

Two hospital employees, Charles and Karen Schmidt, invited



*Cathy Ray*

Cathy to join them for informal Bible studies in their home.

After several months and many new Christian friendships later, Cathy decided to be baptized and join the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She has been a member of the Zephyrhills church since December 1989.

Within about 20 months, Cathy was first a patient, then an employee, and is now an active church member.

"It's all because of a hospital that cares," she says.

## **Chaplain serves five nursing centers**

"In an Adventist Book Center, I saw a display of Bible felts used for children's Sabbath school, and I knew they were perfect for my ministry in the nursing homes," says Ron Jackson, chaplain for five Sunbelt Health Care Centers in Florida.

If he fails to bring the felt pictures on his weekly visits, the residents are disappointed.

The last thing Ron wants to do is bring disappointment to people who may be dealing with too much of it already.

"I don't know why my family put me here," a



*With a flannel board and felt pictures, Chaplain Ron Jackson illustrates Bible stories for residents of the five Central Florida nursing centers he visits every week.*

resident tells him.

"They don't visit me anymore," another says.

"They are selling my home," says another.

Ron spends a lot of time listening to people. His ministry is to encourage them, give them something positive, and show that he cares by helping in whatever way he can. That may mean making phone calls, looking for lost socks, or arranging for someone to go to a shopping center.

One difference in being

a chaplain in a nursing center rather than a hospital is that residents of a nursing center are there for the rest of their lives. For some, that is a relatively short time, but for others it may mean several years.

#### **What a difference a name makes**

Ron gets to know the residents well. He also knows the importance of learning their names, and makes a point of calling each by name when he visits.



*Nursing center residents look forward to the chaplain's visits when they can sing familiar hymns and hear Bible stories many of them have known since they were children.*

Presently, Ron visits each of five nursing homes in Central Florida once a week. He began more than three years ago working full-time at Florida Living Center in the Orlando area, and recently added the Sunbelt homes in Lake Wales, Lake Alfred, Zephyrhills and Orlando.

Until this time, there had been no organized chaplaincy program in the nursing homes, with the exception of Florida Living. Now Sunbelt Health Care Centers plans to add chaplains at some of its other centers, too.

To begin the chaplain's program in the Florida centers, Ron and Glen Choban, president of Sunbelt Health Care Centers, visited each home and had a worship service with employees. Then Ron began making weekly visits.

Typically, he arrives at a center around 8 a.m. and presents a devotional for the employees. This is heard throughout the building on a public address system.

"It's difficult to get them together in one place because of their work with the residents," explains Ron. The public address system also allows residents to hear the devotional thought who cannot be moved from their rooms for the group meetings.

A highlight of the week for many residents is

Ron's visit with his felt pictures and Bible story. Most recall the stories they've heard since childhood. But Ron tries to bring them something more than a story.

"I relate every story to salvation through Jesus," he says.

Using the familiar Bible stories, Ron's purpose is to increase their courage and awaken and renew their faith. He usually asks the residents to make a decision for Jesus.

#### **Being there**

Ron realizes the opportunities to minister to employees in the nursing homes, too. They also look forward to his visits and have responded positively to his ministry.

If he learns of an employee who has done something special for the residents, he takes a few minutes to write a "Thank-you-gram."

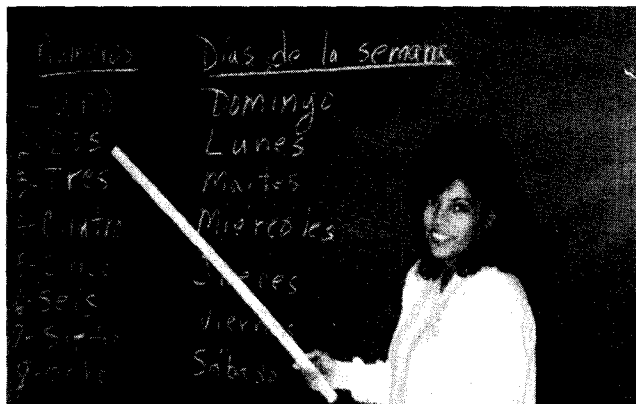
Or, when he learns of individuals who are dealing with specific problems, he sends them "Prayer-grams" to let them know he is praying for them.

What's the most important part of Ron's ministry in the nursing centers?

"Just being there," he says.

One of the nice things about his work is that at the end of a day of encouraging others and renewing their faith, Ron usually goes home encouraged, and with his faith renewed, too.

## Education



Amarillis Mercado teaches "Los Numeros" and days of the week to grades 2-8.

### Ashland School Adds Spanish to Curriculum

**Kentucky-Tennessee**—Ron Reese, a new teacher at the Ashland school, is happy to see a foreign language being taught to his students.

"Usually when we're talking foreign language, we're talking foreign country or larger school," comments Reese. "Where I taught last year the

school was seven times as large with a comparable student body, but we offered no foreign language."

This year Amarillis Mercado, mother of three students, volunteered to teach two Spanish classes per week in exchange for tuition for one of her children. Mercado has lived in the US about six years and teaches English as a second language to inmates at the local Federal Corrections Center.

Ron Reese

### Communication Workshop at Southern College

**Southern College**—Workshops in public speaking, writing for publication, video production, interpersonal communication, and desktop publishing will provide help for freelance and professional communicators at Southern College's third annual series of communicators workshops May 4-7.

Presenters will include internationally known speaker Winton Beaven, Ph.D.; *Saturday Evening Post* Travel Editor, and Contributing Editor for

*Today's Christian Woman* Holly Miller; Dale Carnegie Institute's Training Consultant James Wyche; Communication Instructor Luanne Bauer, Ph.D., of Andrews University; *Family Matters* video experts John Tucker and Fred Knopper; *Insight* Magazine's Associate Editor Lori Peckham; Tennessee Valley Public Power Association's desktop publishing expert Kent Lopez, and others.

One-, two-, three-, and four-day workshops are available. For more information write Communicators Workshops, Southern College, Collegedale, TN 37315 or call 800-768-8437.

Jennifer Speicher

### Students Present Papers at Symposium

**Oakwood College**—Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) students recently attended a medical symposium in Washington with approximately 1,500 students and faculty members representing 120 colleges and universities. Six Oakwood students, Eileen Brantley, Angela Gresham, Allison Hensley, Daniel Jack, Paul Monk, and Eric Taylor, gave oral and poster presentations on their medical research.

Presentations included the effects of vitamin deficiency on the estrous cycle and follicular development in the rat, and the design and synthesis of fluorinated hydroxyethylamine peptide isosteres as potential HIV protease inhibitors.

National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) is dedicated to increasing the number of minority groups that are presently under represented in biomedical research. As such, it sponsors special minority research and research training programs,

and participates with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in an effort to promote the involvement of minority scientists in ongoing research. MARC is one such program which provides special research training opportunities in the biomedical sciences for students and faculty at four-year colleges, universities, and health professional schools with substantial minority enrollments.

Another NIGMS initiative is the Minority Biomedical Research Support (MBRS) Program which awards grants to educational institutions with substantial minority enrollments to support research by faculty members and to strengthen the institution's biomedical research capabilities.

Oakwood College participates in both programs, with Ephraim Gwebu, Ph.D., as director. There are eight MARC students at Oakwood representing five different majors: biology, biochemistry, chemistry, nutrition, and social work.

Allison Hensley and Eileen Brantley



Chelsea Broaden (left); Allison Hensley; Louis Sullivan, secretary of the department of health and human services; Congressman Louis Stokes, author of the original legislative bill that instituted the MARC and MBRS programs; Angela Gresham; and Eric Taylor at the banquet following the symposium in the Grand Hyatt.

## Health



The father of community services for the denomination, Stanley Dombrosky (center), gets his bodyfat measured. Sales representative Arthur Greer (right), instructs Richard O'Ffill and June Hunt how to use the state-of-the-art equipment.

### Futrex Improves Health Screenings

**Florida**—There's no overnight fasting. No skinfold pinching. No electrical current through the body. It's the Bodyfat Analyzer.

"In order to be on the cutting edge of screening for fitness and health, Florida Conference van ministries have incorporated the Futrex Bodyfat and Fitness Computer as the new tool for outreach by the community service workforce.

"We feel this fitness indicator will attract people to be tested," says Richard O'Ffill, community services/health director. "The public can become tired of a particular test. In order to continue in the marketplace to attract attention in our van ministries, we purchased the Futrex equipment."

Bodyfat, not weight, is reported to be the best measure of fitness. Recent statistical data reveals a direct relationship between percentage of bodyfat and both human fitness and health risk. Overfat people suffer increased incidence of heart

attack, stroke, diabetes, certain forms of cancer, and more. Placing individuals on bodyfat reduction programs, and tracking their progress provides a guide to the results of an exercise and diet program.

O'Ffill purchased five units at \$2200 each with funds earmarked for community services. Are Florida volunteers in their seven community service vans eliminating the other screenings they're well known for in the past 21 years? No. This is in addition to screenings for blood pressure, glaucoma, hemoglobin, diabetes, and cholesterol. All the tests may not be done at the same time.

Until a few years ago, underwater weighing was the only accurate way to measure bodyfat. Preparation and measurement was costly. Now community service volunteers can enter a person's data into the computer, place a light wand on the person's biceps and in 10 seconds have a printout of percent bodyfat. The equipment can also provide an analysis of the person's fitness status and a program for improvement.

Cindy Kurtzhals

## Outreach

### Cooking School Targets Menu Needs

**Florida**—The Naples church held a 12-week cooking school which carried a unique emphasis each week. One week was meal preparation for toddlers, then teenagers, then Mexican, and one week lunches. This targeting helped benefit specific needs rather than a general approach.

*Ministry of Healing and The Great Controversy* were among the books given to students. They also received books on alcoholism, smoking, and cooking.

Nancy Wall served as

instructor for the 36-student group. She used the New Start Program. This included four weeks of nutrition information, and eight weeks covering the eight natural remedies for which New Start represents: nutrition, exercise, water, sunshine, temperance, air, rest, and trust in God.

"The class was very successful and the students have arranged to meet once a month now that the classes are over," said Suzanne Boothby, communication director. "They'll each make a dish from their cookbooks for a potluck. Then they'll watch a video on health topics during dinner."

Suzanne Boothby



Naples cooking school students help prepare meals for the evening class. Thirty-six people participated, including 20 nonmembers.

### Ooltewah Stretcher Bearer Program Meets Needs

**Georgia-Cumberland**—In August of 1990 Derek Morris, from the religion department at Southern college, shared the

Stretcher Bearer concept with the Ooltewah, Tenn., church.

The concept reflects on the friends who brought the paralytic to Jesus. Although they couldn't heal him there were ways they could help him; in this case carrying him to the feet of Jesus. There



Eddie and Pat Young (center), were blessed and upheld by the church family during Eddie's illness.

will always be circumstances in the lives of people such as a death in the family, serious illness, accidents, etc., that can't be changed. Unchangeable circumstances don't eliminate the opportunities for helping and caring.

The Ooltewah church has accepted this concept of caring, sharing, and meeting the needs of the people in and around the church family.

On that August day the early church service collected just over \$300 to assist a young woman in the hospital. The second service received another offering for just under \$400 for a family left without a mother due to an accident. Since that time almost \$20,000 has been given to Stretcher Bearer offerings that are taken when needs arise.

Mike Pettengill, pastor, reports both church members and those who are not members of the Ooltewah church have

received support in the form of cards, letters, food, financial assistance and other needs. During a time when Eddie Young, a church member, was going through chemotherapy and radiation treatments for lymphoma, the outpouring of love through calls, caring notes, and assistance with food was overwhelming. At one time more food was given than could be consumed. Eddie, and his wife Pat, reflected that the extension of love from the church was very helpful in dealing with the stresses of a serious illness. Eddie is now in full remission and enjoying active fellowship with his church family.

Pettengill and a church member took assistance to an inactive member who had just experienced a divorce. She was overwhelmed. She responded, "I can't take this gift." Pettengill responded, "You have to, it is a gift of love."

Don Livesay

## Progress

### Winter Springs Celebrates Debt Elimination

**Florida**—Flames lit and burned to ash the Winter Springs church

mortgage papers on January 18. An investment of \$692,000 in 1983 to double the sanctuary, add numerous educational rooms, social hall, and other renovations, was paid

off—ahead of schedule.

"As we gather today to dedicate this facility, we realize that a church is not composed of a building, but instead is made up of human beings," said Jim Davidson, pastor. "While we dedicate this building, in reality we realize it is ourselves that we are laying on the altar of dedication."

In 1970, 53 people organized what at that time was called the Orlando North church, meeting at the Longwood Women's Civic Club Hall. In 1973 ground was broken for the current location at 50 S. Moss Road. Because of continuous growth,

expansion was needed.

Greetings were sent from General Conference President Robert Folkenberg, A. C. McClure, North American Division president; Lawton Chiles, governor; and U.S. Senator Bob Graham.

Participating with members in the dedication were Obed Graham, Conference president; Wallace Coe, charter member, and former Florida Conference president; Robert Spangler, evangelism coordinator for the Soviet Union Division; and Ken Coonley, former pastor, now Carolina Conference president.

Jan Meredith,  
Cindy Kurtzhals



"We've gotten sort of used to having this piece of paper around. It's almost a shame to burn it," quipped Don Johnson (center), Winter Springs, Florida building committee chairperson. Assisting in this last transaction of business is Irv Johnson (left), church treasurer, and Jim Davidson.

### Conference Organizes 94th Church

**Southeastern**—Southeastern conference organized its 94th church December 15, 1991, with 65 members. The Bethel church in Eatonville, Fla., began as a result of laymen with a dream for a church in the Altamonte Springs area, but God directed elsewhere.

Pansy Vaz-Antrobus, child evangelism coordinator for Mt. Sinai church in 1990, began a neighborhood Bible club at the Crusade for Healing

church in Eatonville. She was assisted by Wilder Astwood, Clereta Lampkin, Ruth Forde, and Ruth Stokes. Attendance ran as high as 50 children.

During the summer of 1990, vacation Bible school was conducted. This was followed by several crusades and Revelation Seminars.

Under the guidance of Pastor B. Browne, Carl Walker and the faithful members of Mt. Sinai, Bethel officially began its operations on December 15. J.M. Doggette, president; R. R. Brown, secretary and R. Patterson, treasurer; Conference officers

guided the charter members, Winston Wiggan, George Bowens, Pansy Vaz-

Antrobus, Mattie Melton, and Levi Gardner into the services.

Roy R. Brown

## Update

### Bowman Hills Coordinates Weekend of Prayer

**Georgia-Cumberland—**The Bowman Hills church in Cleveland, Tenn., was full Friday evening, January 24, as members and guests from other churches in the conference came together for a weekend spiritual feast on the subject of prayer and the Holy Spirit. The weekend was co-sponsored by the church ministries department of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference and the Bowman Hills church. Jerry Page and his wife, president and women's ministries coordinator for the Pennsylvania Conference, were the speak-

ers. Throughout the weekend the Pages shared prayer miracles in their lives and ministry, and how each one could know Jesus better.

A significant portion of each meeting was spent in prayer and praise. "We can talk about bicycles and how to ride them but unless you get on a bike and begin to ride, you really don't know what it is like. It's the same with prayer. It won't do much good to talk about prayer unless we spend time on our knees," said Page.

Lives were changed as the Holy Spirit moved on the hearts of the people. Several remarked that this was one of the highest times in their relationship with Christ.

Mike Cauley

### NAD Evangelism Council Strategizes for the Future

**NAD—**The Daytona Beach Hilton and four other area hotels burst at the seams with more than 1,000 Seventh-day Adventists. Evangelists, administrators, pastors, Bible instructors, and university students from across the globe attended the North American Division (NAD) Evangelism Council December 15-19 at the Hilton.

Thoughts that thinking members are asking was voiced by NAD president Al McClure in a keynote address. "Over the years we have experi-

enced significant success through our public evangelistic endeavors such as the Revelation Seminars and crusade evangelism. While we maintain these successful avenues of outreach, we must also develop methodologies designed to reach those not responding to our traditional models of evangelism. How do we reach the masses in our large cities? How do we more effectively utilize the media? What can be done about Anglo evangelism? Where do we find the impetus to motivate the entire church family to be involved in outreach and witness? These are the key issues in our quest for Global Mission."



"The work is the Lord's. The message is the Lord's. The appeal is the Lord's, so I relaxed," said E. E. Cleveland (left). "Your appeal techniques need to leave the pastor, and the people with their dignity. We must grasp something inside the man or woman and talk to his/her needs. The Lord works on some of my worst offerings. He does His business according to the needs in front of me. He looketh on the heart." Cleveland gave instruction and encouragement on making public appeals. He is retired as the associate secretary of the General Conference ministerial department, and professor of Religion and Church Mission at Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama.

"Many of us contemplated this text while there," said Daytona Beach church pastor Bill Barrett. "Then He (Jesus) said, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.'"

One conference president remarked. "I for the first time sense that this passage is not talking about full-time workers."

"I wonder if this economic slip or slide is to cause not only administrators and pastors, but laypeople to quit relying exclusively on paid full-time workers. God may very well be trying to deliver us from looking to the offering plate for

workers. The real workers are those who place not only their tithes and offerings in God's hands, but their lives, talents, and time as well," said Barrett.

One soft-spoken pastor told how one church gave 400-600 Bible studies a week. God used His workers in that local church to bring 150-200 baptisms a year. Their plan? Small groups.

Council topics included: Creative Ways to Finance Evangelism, Organization of Multiple Crusades; Health, Music, Small Group, Tent, Audio-visual, Team, Women in Evangelism; How To Mobilize Laypeople; Revelation Seminars and more.

Cindy Kurtzhals

### Health and Education Center Ministers to Community

**Florida—**The ministry didn't dip into any Conference funds, yet they provided an estimated \$380,725 in services in the last two years. They made 11,890 missionary contacts, and several people were baptized.

Who are they? Some 25-40 volunteers who staff the Adventist Health and Education Center, 536 N. Westmoreland, Orlando.

"It's religion in action," says Corky Halvorsen, who serves as greeter, cashier, clothes sorter, and blood pressure taker. "I was off for health reasons and upon my return a woman put her arms around me

and said, 'I'm so glad you're back.' Corky and her husband, Lester, have worked at the Center for two years.

People visit the Center weekdays for health screenings, dental and chiropractic exams, food, clothes, and classes. They come at night for free medical exams. Steve Im, M.D., and nurse Lucille Frey, 86, have spent 16 years worth of Thursday nights volunteering their time and medical expertise to the inner city residents. The Center assists in providing money, food, and clothing.

"In the Conference we have programs, projects, and people to relate to," said Relious Walden, treasurer. "In the community services center, the Lord gives your work stature and

importance as expressed in Matthew 25:40. '... Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.' People come without a job, without resources. We all recognize we're in a serious recession and this center's work reflects that, too." Stan Dombrosky started a work in Florida that has gone across the U.S. and around the world," said Obed Graham, conference president. "Bud Myers is always there ready to help someone. The nice thing about the Center is that no one can accuse you of working there to get rich. It's a work of love and sharing—true Christianity. That's what it's all about."

Cindy Kurtzhals



They love what they do, and you can tell it. They've volunteered from two to 16 years in service at the Adventist Health and Education Center, Orlando.

## Florida LEs Are Number 1 in NAD

**Florida**—Conference literature evangelists were number one in the North American Division in sales for 1991.

The 33-member full-time team of literature evangelists had \$1,400,377 in deliveries, a 15.47 percent gain compared to 1990. Books translate into people learning of the Lord, and Florida's

LE's had 51 baptisms after giving 1,569 Bible studies in homes.

The key to their success is "a joyous and dedicated spirit," says Joe Holloway, publishing director. "We've got five associates and they're the ones leading the team."

LE's invited 763 interested people to church, contacted 412 prospects who are former Seventh-day Adventists, offered 10,237 prayers in the



Florida Conference literature evangelists are excited to be number one in North America in Christian book sales. They met for a state-wide rally and recognition January 18 at the Altamonte Springs church.

home, distributed 3,118 Bible course enrollment cards, and

an overall 18,853 pieces of free literature.

Cindy Kurtzhals

## African Publishing Assisted by Southern Union

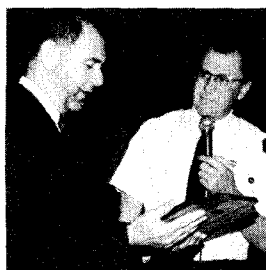
**Southern Union**—In June, 1991, David Dobias, pastor of the Charlotte, N.C., church, and his wife Cynthia, went to Africa to conduct a crusade. While there, they worked with several literature evangelists, encouraging them in their work. They noticed the workers were using makeshift bags to carry their books and materials. When the Dobias' returned to America, they made this problem known in the Southern Union. As a result, literature evangelists all over the Union united by giving an offering to help their fellow workers in Africa. Since nothing can be imported, the cases are being handmade from the hide of Tanzania cattle and when a set of eight bags are finished, Z. M. Kusekwa, the publishing director for the Tanzania Union picks them up and distributes them among the workers. They have approximately 50 cases completed. Southern Union literature



Elder Z. Kusekwa, publishing director of the Tanzania Union, stands with bags.

evangelists are not only missionaries in the Southern Union but have helped a number of LEs abroad with bicycles for transportation and briefcases.

Bill Beckworth



DAVID MCDOWALL

Mike Karl is presented a Community Relations Award from Emil Moldrik, associate pastor, Walker Memorial, Florida church. Arthur Cox also received an award for his institution.

## Walker Memorial Honors Service Agencies

**Florida**—Walker Memorial church members recognized two area agencies for their major service contributions to the community.

Community Relations Awards were presented to Mike Karl and Arthur Cox during Community Services Day on January 11.

Karl is director of the New Testament church and Mission in Sebring.

Their facility has been furnishing free meals three times a day for the past 15 years.

Cox is superintendent of the Florida Addictions Treatment Center in Avon Park. "The 58-bed center is the only public hospital that provides a residential treatment program of up to six weeks to indigent substance abusers and addicts who are mentally ill," says a *Tampa Tribune* report. "The hospital opened in 1956 and treats patients from across Florida."

Nora Strawn

## Youth

### Youth Attend Bible Conference

**Georgia-Cumberland**—"Crossroads: We All Have Them" was the theme for the 1992 Academy Bible Conference held January 17-18 at Cohutta Springs Camp. Students directed the meetings, presented all the music, boldly stood to share their testimony for Jesus Christ with their peers, and demonstrated a strong commitment to Christian values through dynamic drama sketches. This annual spiritual retreat for high school students in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference is coordinated by the conference youth ministries department with the objective of involving youth in every phase of the Bible Conference.

Bill Crofton, Florida Conference youth

ministries director, was the guest speaker, focusing on "Crossroads" in the life of the Old Testament character, David. Youth pastors Ron Cook, Harold Cunningham, Randy Harr, and Frank Ricks presented workshops targeting teenage Christian growth issues.

One hundred fifty students from Atlanta Adventist, Collegedale, and Georgia-Cumberland Academies, public high schools, and junior academies participated in the Bible Conference. Destiny Drama Company and Remnant Singers, student groups from Southern College, were featured during the weekend. Bible Conferences provide an exciting opportunity for young people to make spiritual decisions, validate their commitment to Jesus and His church, and enhance their leadership skills.

Dave Cress



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Young people from across the Gulf States Conference, along with the students at Bass, were challenged to "Be All They Can Be for God."

## Youth Fest Attracts Record Number

**Gulf States**—Messages from Southern College Chaplain Ken Rogers, music, workshops, and special pre-sentations blended together to focus on the theme for the 1992 Youth Fest at Bass Memorial Academy (BMA)—"Be All You Can Be for God."

The music groups from BMA (band and Celesta); Higher Power, of Miami, Fla.; and In His Name from South-

ern College shared their testimony in music.

Workshops on music, witnessing, military service, drug prevention, and satanic influences presented much food for thought.

All in attendance were challenged with the realities and responsibilities of the gospel as presented by Rogers. Bob Sparenberg, of the American Institute for the Prevention of Addiction, shared strong convictions for the necessity of living drug free.

The weekend was concluded by Christian performer Doug Birkey. Through story and mime Birkey

presented the youth with Paul's challenge—be imitators of Christ.

Barry Mahorney

## Pathfinders Host Appreciation Banquet

**South Atlantic**—Noreen Whitehead, Pathfinder director of the West End church in Atlanta, Ga., presented the Pathfinders and counselors with a banquet given in appreciation for their support during the year.

Awards, gifts, and certificates were given to the counselors and children. Also a special thanks and certificates were given to those members who supported the Pathfinders faithfully throughout the year. Adrian Haywood, swimming instructor, and Olive Lewis Glass, craft instructor, were recog-



Noreen Whitehead, Pathfinder director, awards Tona Turner the second place position in Ingathering.

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Carole McKenzie



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"The Yen Block: Japanese Domination of East Asia." Brock Hall

**Mid-Term Break** — Feb. 28-March 8.  
**Southern College's Communicator's Workshop** — May 4-7. Details: (615) 238-2111.

## Southern Union

**Adventist Singles Ministries Easter Retreat** — April 16-19. Guests: Tony Torres, physician, missionary and the music of Jerry Arcadia. Details: Marjorie Gantt (404) 629-7870, (404) 629-7951; Carol Coppock (404) 925-4495.

**Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) Convention** — April 9-11. Cohutta Springs. Details: (404) 299-1832.

## Out of Union

**Wisconsin Academy Alumni Weekend** — April 3-5. The class of '67 will be celebrating their 25th year. We have lost contact with some of you. If you are a 1967 graduate, we would like to know where you are. Contact: Joel Severson, 5423 Marie Rd., Oregon, WI 53575, (608) 835-5591.

**Andrews University Alumni Homecoming** — April 23-26. Details: Alumni House, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104, (616) 471-3591.

**Shenandoah Valley Academy Homecoming** — April 17-18.

**Former Michigan Academies Students and Teachers Potluck Picnic** — May 2. Sylvan Park, Redlands, CA. Details: (714) 351-9533.

**La Sierra Academy Reunion** — April 24, 25. Details: (714) 351-1445.

**Battle Creek Academy Homecoming** — Oct. 23-25.

**Wytheville Church/Sanitarium and Echo Valley School Homecoming** — July 10, 11. Details: (703) 228-4301.

## Announcements

**Oak Park Academy 50th Homecoming** — Class of '42 Missing members. Please contact Paul Joice (509) 525-3256.

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# Sunset

	Mar. 6	Mar. 13	Mar. 20	Mar. 27	Apr. 3	Apr. 10
Atlanta, Ga.	6:41	6:46	6:52	6:57	8:02	8:08
Charleston, S.C.	6:23	6:29	6:34	6:39	7:44	7:49
Charlotte, N.C.	6:26	6:31	6:37	6:43	7:48	7:54
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Jackson, Miss.	6:04	6:09	6:14	6:19	7:24	7:29
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Memphis, Tenn.	6:03	6:08	6:14	6:20	7:25	7:31
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Montgomery, Ala.	5:49	5:54	5:59	6:04	7:09	7:14
Nashville, Tenn.	5:49	5:55	6:01	6:07	7:13	7:19
Orlando, Fla.	6:30	6:34	6:38	6:42	7:45	7:49
Wilmington, N.C.	6:15	6:20	6:26	6:31	7:36	7:42

## Carolina

**Conference-Wide Youth Summit** — March 7. Charlotte, N.C.

**Lay Workers/Family Life Seminar** — March 13-15. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

**Pathfinder Workbee** — March 20, 21. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

**Community Service/Prison Ministry** — March 27-29. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

**VBS Workshop** — April 10-12. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

**Hope for the End of Time** — April 10, 11. Hendersonville church. Marvin Moore, speaker.

**Health and Temperance Workshop** — April 10-11. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

**Lay Pastors' Training** — April 17-19. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

### Evangelistic Crusades

Feb. 9-April 15. Myrtle Beach, S.C. John Earnhardt.

March 7-April 1. Revelation Seminar. Concord, N.C. Glenn Holland.

March 7-April 11. Ask the Bible Crusade, York, S.C. Steve Durkac.

April 17-May 1. Evangelism Explosion Crusade. Charlotte/Matthews, N.C. Gail Skilton.

## Florida

### ABC Bookmobile Schedule

March 21. West Palm Beach.

March 22. Jensen Beach, Ft. Pierce, Vero Beach, Melbourne, Cocoa.

March 28. Jacksonville Mandarin church, Jacksonville First.

March 29. Jacksonville Ephesus, St. Augustine, Palatka, Daytona Beach, New Smyrna Beach.

April 5. Truckload food sale, all three stores.

April 11. Plantation.

April 12. Ft. Lauderdale (Mt. Olivet), Delray Beach (Daughter of Zion), Boynton Beach, Lake Worth, April 18. Miami Temple.

**Forest Lake Academy Alumni Association** — March 27-29. Forest Lake Academy. All former students and faculty invited.

**Travel Venture Lyceum Program** — March 21. East Pasco Adventist Education Center. Details: (904) 567-3646.

### Evangelistic Crusades

March 21-May 9. Daytona Beach. Art and Margo Swaningson.

April 18-May 23. North Port. Bob and Joyce DuBose, Clarence and Anita Pillsbury.

April 18-May 23. Ft. Pierce. Lester Pratt, Roy and Amy Pauley.

**Marriage Commitment** — March 27-29. Camp Kulaqua. Pre-registration/pre-payment required. Ken and Helen Bryant, Conference family life directors, (407) 869-8106.

### Adventist Singles Ministries

March 28. Brunch Bunch. Details: (407) 862-0642.

April 4-5. Regional Singles' Weekend. Walker Memorial church. Details: (407) 886-8498.

**Spiritual Enrichment Weekend** — April 3-4. Miami. Services in multiple languages. Florida International University Sunblazer Arena.

### Pathfinders

April. Investitures.

May 22-25. 40th Anniversary Weekend. Camp Meeting.

June 26-July 5. Mission '92. Mexico, Honduras. William Miller Farm.

**Prison Ministries** — May 2. North Miami church. Speaker: Frank Barton, Conference prison ministries coordinator.

## Georgia-Cumberland

### Youth Ministries

March 28. Youth Sabbath School Workshop. Savannah, GA.

April 25. Conference-wide Youth Baptismal Day.

### Pathfinders

March 13-15. Teen Discovery. Providence Canyon, Ga.

March 22. South Tenn. Fellowship Jambo-ree. Cohutta Springs.

April 16-19. Pathfinder Camporee. Cohutta Springs.

### Education

April 3, 4. Georgia-Cumberland Academy Alumni.

April 10, 11. Collegedale Academy Alumni.

April 21. Collegedale Academy Day.

April 24. Atlanta Adventist Academy Day.

April 26, 27. Georgia-Cumberland Academy Days.

**Community Services Federation Meetings** March 8. Atlanta Southside-Jonesboro.

March 29. Savannah, Ga.

**Children's Church Ministries Convention-VBS and Adventurer Staff** — March 20-22. Cohutta Springs.

**Christian Leaders and Speakers Seminar** — April 5-8. Cohutta Springs.

**Cohutta Springs Development Associates Retreat** — April 17-19.

**SDA Marriage Encounter Weekend** — April 3-5. Cohutta Springs. Details: (615) 396-3518.

## Gulf States

**North Alabama Youth Emphasis** — March 13, 14. Floral Crest.

**Bass Memorial Academy Alumni Weekend** — March 27, 28.

### ABC Bookmobile Schedule

March 8. ABC in Montgomery open 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

March 13. Pensacola, Fla.

March 14. Gulfport, Miss.; St. Elmo, Ala., Mobile.

March 20, 21. Camp Alamisco.

March 21. Uchee Pines.

March 27. Tuscaloosa, Ala.

March 28. Water Valley, Miss.; Olive Branch, Miss.; Corinth, Miss.; Tupelo, Miss.

April 4. Floral Crest.

April 5. Huntsville, Ala.; Decatur, Ala.; Greater Birmingham Junior Academy; Birmingham; Hueytown, Ala.

## Kentucky-Tennessee

**ASM (Adventist Singles Ministry) Meeting** — March 14. Lexington church.

**Business and Professional Foundation Retreat** — March 20-22.

**Lay Assistant Pastoral Training, Part II** — March 22-24.

## Southern College

### Vespers

March 13. Don Keele.

March 20. Music Festival Concert.

March 27. Derek Morris.

### Special Events

March 12. Tony Campolo.

March 18-21. Southern Union Music Festival.

March 26. Senior Recognition.

### Concerts

March 14. Die Meistersinger Home Show, 8 p.m. Ackerman Auditorium.

March 16. Trio d'Archi di Roma String Ensemble, 8 p.m., Ackerman Auditorium.

March 21. Southern Union Music Festival, 8 p.m. Iles P.E. Center.

March 28. Something Special Home Show, 8 p.m. Academy Auditorium.

### E. A. Anderson Lecture Series

March 16. Mariellen Sutton, B.S. "The Business of Making a Difference in Long-Term Care." Brock Hall.

March 23. Henry E. Felder, Ph.D. "People in Need: Can We Afford to Pay for Compassion?" Brock Hall.

March 30. Robert J. Rolfe, Ph.D., C.P.A.

The words from Proverbs take on added meaning during these last days:

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*My daughter was enrolled in HSI. She is now in school and doing great: A and A+ student. Thanks to HSI for the solid background. —P.H., Lubbock, TX*

# An Expression of Love

by George I. Pearson

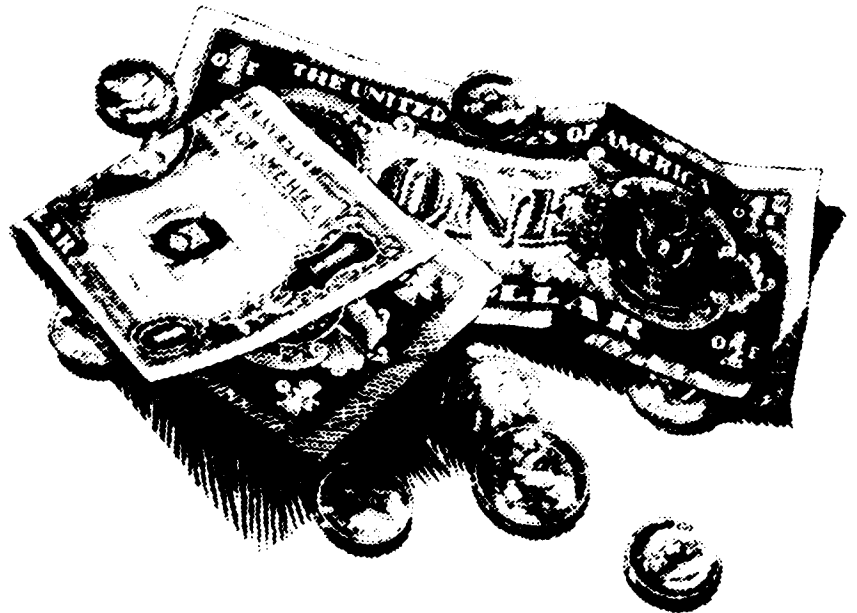
**T**he most important test of the Christian's relationship with God is love, founded on trust. This trust is expressed most fully in the faithful return of the Lord's tithe. There are many other expressions of our love for our Creator, but because of man's attitude towards things, especially money, the tithing principle has become a guide by which a person may know just how his relationship with the Lord stands. By definition, tithe is very simple. It is described as one tenth. The Christian must be aware, however, that God has established a principle by which the portion which He claims as His own Holy possession does not fall into the general rule, by which a simple ten per cent of any given figure would satisfy His requirement.

"Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase. So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst forth with new wine" Proverbs 3:9-10. The firstfruits represents the beginning of the increase. In other words, the Lord's tithe is the first tenth, not just any tenth. The partner with God must be willing to put God first. God must be trusted to make the remainder sufficient to meet the Christian's needs. There can be no substitute arrangement.

To put God first is to place Him above every other consideration. No person or thing can have precedence over Him. This cannot be a forced devotion, but must stem from a heart that is fully surrendered to Him in love.

It could be argued that God has a right to make a demand on man for the tithe based on His deity, His power, or His gift of salvation to mankind. The fact of His ownership of all things could be pressed upon man. All of these things may be true, but only the heart that loves supremely can truly put God first in all things. Only the heart that loves can honor God's trust by trusting God.

While God has no need of man's financial aid for the carrying out of His work in the earth, He gives man the privilege of being instrumental in the finishing of that work.



"Bring ye all the tithe into the storehouse . . ." He says, "that there may be meat in mine house . . ." Malachi 3:10. Besides the demonstration of love and trust on the part of the Christian, the joy of participating in the soul-winning dispensation of the everlasting gospel is enjoyed.

***Only the heart that loves supremely can truly put God first in all things. Only the heart that loves can honor God's trust by trusting God.***

"What shall I render unto the Lord?" asks the psalmist (Psalm 116:12, KJV). Praise, adoration, worship, heart, life—and money. Such an acknowledgment is truly an act of worship.

Chinese Christians call the tithes "fragrant money." Burning incense has always been a symbol of devotion. The essential point is not the tithe but the tither; not the

gift, but the giver. But the tithe is one of the most tangible, powerful ways to acknowledge God's ownership and our stewardship.

Conversion is the test of our Christianity, and our financial relationship to God is a test of our conversion. Jacob illustrated this principle at the time of his conversion, after his vision of the angels ascending and descending from heaven. He said, "Of all that you give me I will give you a tenth" (Genesis 28:22).

We cannot divorce spirituality from money. The money that belongs to God, and is being kept by His people, is one of the greatest hindrances to vital spirituality in the church today. But when we get as near to God as Jacob was, there will be no question about tithing. We sometimes hear it said that if the church is right spiritually there will be no trouble with money, but we will never get right with God spiritually until we get right with Him financially. ■

*George I. Pearson is associate church ministries director at South Central Conference and is responsible for stewardship, ASI, and trust services.*

# Adventist Singles Ministries

by Cindy Kurtzhals



*"This is a fantastic New Year's Retreat," said Bob West, 65, of Lakeland, Florida, church. "Delphine and I have been enjoying canoeing, tennis, the 500 race and especially the wonderful, wonderful spiritual meetings. It's not a lonely hearts club. It's just for people who have similar circumstances, and it is a great comfort to one another." "They have such a wonderful entertainment, and things to keep you busy the whole time you're here," said Delphine Reese, 54, a member of the Floral Crest church, Bryant, Alabama. "It's a great thing for the singles of the church."*

**We are the street people of the church, and the church doesn't know what to do with us.**

Our society and church are family oriented. The church is structured for the family, even pastors are trained to minister to the family structure. Oftentimes in ministering to singles they are out of their comfort zone. Bottomline, singles just want acceptance and understanding for who they are.

"When you get to the top of the church organization there is an acknowledgment of singles, and an awareness that they exist and have needs. The sensitivity and attitude of leadership is changing towards single Adventist adults. The closer you get to the local church, the less that is true," says Gene Anderson, president of the national organization of Adventist Singles Ministries, who spent 30 business days last year in meetings with denominational personnel.

"The U.S. Bureau of Statistics projection is that there will be more singles in the U.S. population than marrieds in five years. This same statistic will carry over into our church membership. What it means, is that if this projection is realized, soon a majority of congregations will be single," says Anderson, who is corporate manager of three Atlanta firms, 51, and divorced.

"The needs aren't that much different than the needs of marrieds: the need to belong, self-esteem, love, and to feel like they have a place in the church," says Anderson.

Last year Carol Eldridge influenced Florida Conference administrators to include a seminar for singles in the Camp Meeting 10-seminar line-up. There will be one this year, too. Eldridge, 57, and an educator, is the ASM representative for Florida, and has served as president of the central Florida chapter for several years. An ideal person, her dream is just about to

become true—"to see regional districts such as Avon Park, Tampa, Miami, Jacksonville, and Orlando, have yearly Conference-sponsored meetings. Local leadership can be generated and nurtured with training. The monthly activities can take advantage of local religious and secular attractions in each area, and provide singles with an environment of fellowship to make new friends, and get reacquainted with old friends."

"Invitations for fellowship are where relationships are developed," says Ken Bryant. "Fellowship in the home is where the roots are put down and cultivated and you become a stronger Adventist. That's what really causes people to stay in the church . . . relationships." Ken and Helen Bryant are the Conference family life directors.

"Singles vary in age from the early 20's to the 90's," says Diane Butler. "The needs are different because of their different life's situations. It's difficult to have one program to address the needs of all. Targeting specific groups makes ministry more effective," says Butler, 36, an assistant professor of psychology at Southern College, Collegedale, Tennessee, who conducted a seminar on the issues of singleness at the Florida Conference Women's Ministries Retreat.

"Florida Conference is in the process of restructuring the family life department as it relates to Adventist singles," says Bryant. "If 50 percent of the U.S. population is single, and 40 percent in the church, it follows that with Conference membership at 31,875, there are 12,750 singles. Not only can needs go unmet, but a dynamic part of outreach ministry by this group may go untapped."

**Regional meetings** are being scheduled Conference-wide, the first one April 3-4 at Walker Memorial church in Avon Park, Florida. "We want to assess the needs of singles and see how we as a Conference can best minister to their needs using the existing structure of ASM," says Bryant. "We want to be sensitive to their needs, meet

with them face-to-face, and talk."

"The church needs to know how to better serve singles, to equip them for ministry, and use them in ministry," says Eldridge. "With so many people being single, we can be an evangelistic tool to the community. That's what the Presbyterian church does in downtown Orlando. The pastors look at singles' ministry as modern-day evangelism. They put a lot of money towards this, \$175,000 a year, and they are bringing in so many new members into their church through the singles ministry. People who have gone through a loss are more fertile to spiritual things because they are reaching out, looking for something to give them some peace. We need to 'scratch where it itches.'"

"Some singles feel the church is couple-oriented. How many singles are on church boards? Pastors need to be sensitive to the needs of singles . . . for fellowship and understanding. When you don't have a mate, you want the fellowship of someone who is single and understands because of similar experiences." In his or her leadership role, pastors can influence member attitude and the activities calendar.

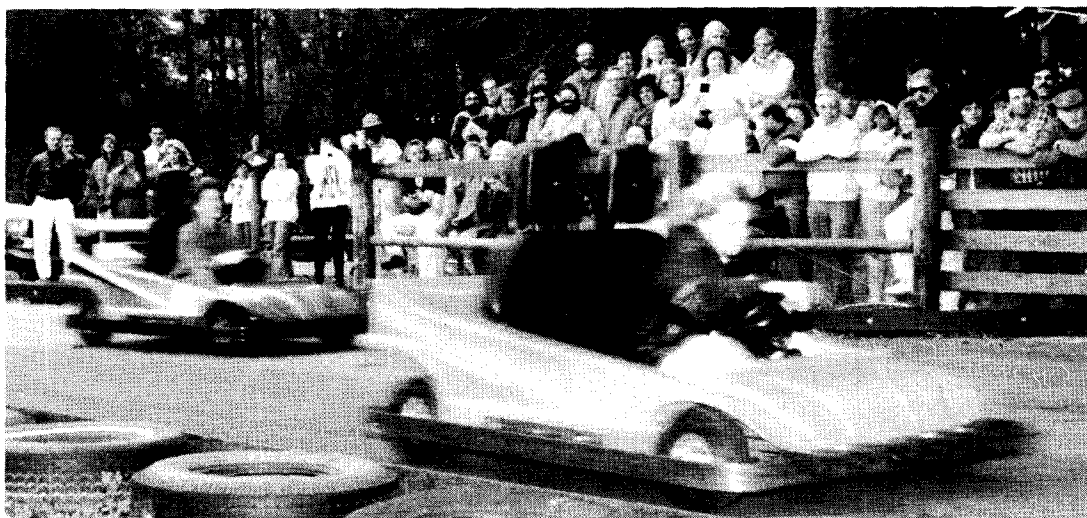
People are single for a variety of reasons and circumstances, and there are many myths about singles.

- We want to choose marriage when the person and time is appropriate.

- Loneliness or getting older is not a motivation to get married.

- Singles need to be an independent whole before they can become a successful interdependent couple.

- Myth. Singles have more time and money. Truth. They have mortgages and bills to pay, and

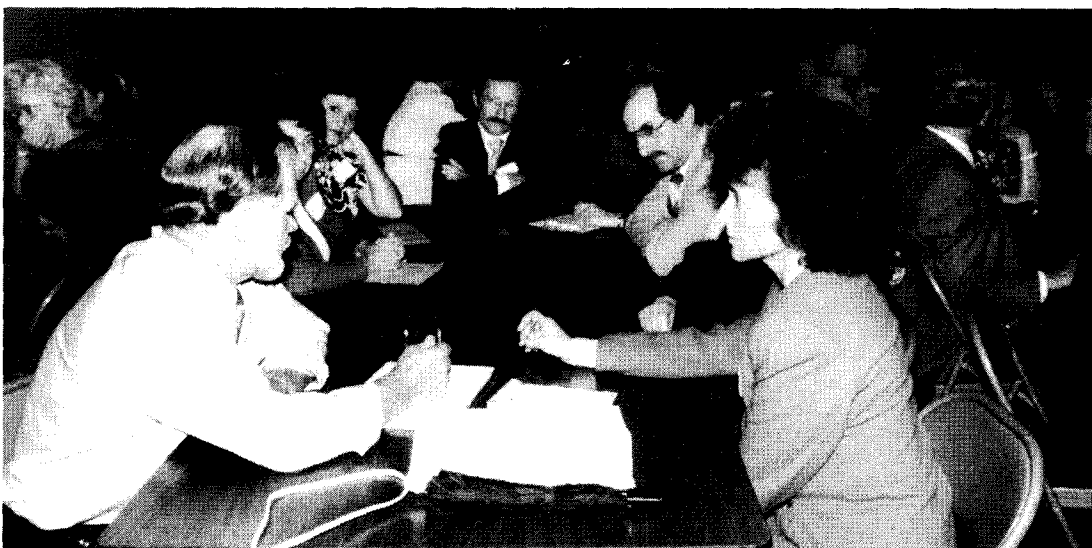


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"We're going to have a clean race today in the special Kulaqua-500," says Phil Younts, administrative Camp Kulaqua director, during the ASM New Year's Retreat at Camp Kulaqua. "All of us feel a sense of community here," says Younts, also a single. "People are here from all over the United States. People need to get by that mental block—that going to a singles' function automatically identifies you as some struggling person. There are a lot of friendships here, more than just total personal relationships between a man and a woman."



"All Successful evangelistic work being done in the church is among Hispanics and blacks. The fastest growing segment of the church is singles—who is going to reach them?" asked Blake Hall, right, ASM vice president/chaplain. Hall presented a small groups seminar on "Intimacy" November 8-10 at the Apopka Highland, Florida, church.



Singles came from across the Conference to attend the November ASM Weekend: From West Palm Beach, Avon Park, Ocala, Deltona, Cocoa, St. Petersburg, Tampa, Lakeland, Ormond Beach, and Orlando. "Our common bond is our singleness and love for God. Because our nerves are so raw, we're inclined to hear what He has to say. We can share the knowledge that God loves us with other singles and it's not just lip service," said Hall. "Our message is what God has done for single people, and that singles have the greatest potential to constitute change in the church."

they're also under time pressure.

● Myth. If you're single, you're unsettled, you're incomplete. And, "We need to marry you off," or "I'm sure you'll find somebody." Truth. These comments are not meant to be insensitive by the good-intentioned, but they are.

"We're admonished to care for those alone, the widowed, the childless," says Joyce Gerrad, 50, a bookkeeper/computer operator,

national ASM representative, and member of the Apopka Highland church. "ASM was designed to be a caring arm of the church. There are a lot of hurting people in the church both single and married. Invite a single home for lunch after church, and on your next outing. Adopt an elderly or widower for grandparents of your children. Younger singles make great big brothers or sisters. Offer to babysit for a single mother or single fa-

ther so they can have a much needed night out. Work with your pastor to get a singles group activated."

Adventist Singles Ministries is meeting people . . . meeting people you would never meet any other way, making friends of the same and opposite sex, developing an entire network of friends, growing together, forming relationships, some that will last an eternity. ■

# Christian Education—Redefining Quality

by Barry Mahorney

**W**e must create a new generation of American schools." Those are the words of President George Bush made last April during a speech outlining the administration's America 200 educational strategy. Funds are being raised in order to make grants available to seven design teams which will be able to tell the President what it will take to create the best schools in the world. These are to be schools that will enable all students to reach world-class standards in five core subjects—English, mathematics, science, history, and geography.



*Computers in the classroom is one way of preparing the students academically. Jason Lowe is shown at Opelika-Auburn's new MacIntosh computer.*

Christian educators in general, and Seventh-day Adventist Christian educators in particular, will see the President's plan rather short-sighted and very limited in its scope. Certainly, world-class standards are not high enough.

In the opening paragraph of the book *Education*, we discover these challenging words: "Our ideas of education take too narrow and too low a range. There is need of a broader scope, a higher aim." The

call is for heaven-class, not world-class, standards.

No one will question the need to hold high the standard of academic excellence. Christian education takes a high view of the academic potential of our youth. However, there is a greater priority. Quality education has a broader view for Seventh-day Adventist educators than for most. For they understand that "in the highest sense, the work of education and the work of redemption are one" *Education*, p. 30.

Across the Gulf States Conference, across the North American Division, and around the world, Seventh-day Adventist educators are using their creative abilities to educate not only for time but also for eternity. Salvation of our young people is a number one priority.

Permit me to take you to a small school where growing young people in Christ is more than just a theory. This story could be multiplied many times in many schools, but these stories are freshest in my memory.

It's the Opelika-Auburn, Alabama, school, where ten students and their teacher, Joyce Blosser, have come to expect that God is going to move as a result of their prayers. They don't come presumptuously but they just believe that God gets excited about sharing and answering their petitions. A couple of stories will demonstrate the truth of this claim.

David showed up at school one day and joined the students in their small classroom. It was evident to all that he was carrying a heavy burden. David had moved to the area because of a job offer at the local university. Something had gone wrong. When David arrived there was no job, and in spite of his search, he could find no work.

After David shared his story with the class, and the teacher asked the students what they could do, the answer seemed obvious—pray. So they did. The following day David

had to choose among three job offers.

The next would offer a greater challenge. As many others had done, these students had been praying for the release of the hostages in Lebanon, but after hearing reports that pictured the conditions of the captivity, Mrs. Blosser suggested that they begin praying more specifically. Daily they started praying that the hostages might be released from their chains.

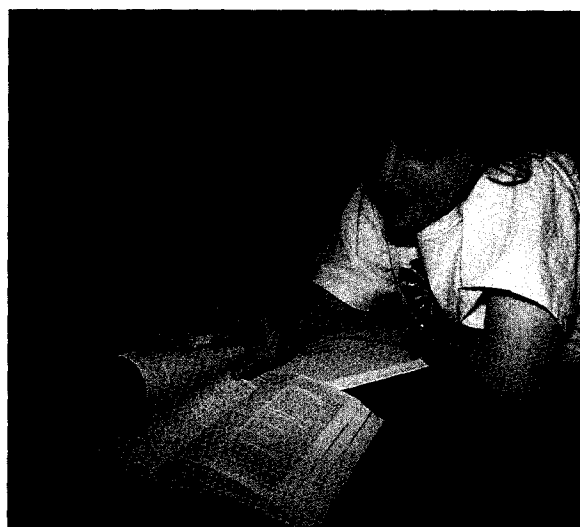
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*In Bible class Tracy Lowe discovers more about the God who loves to hear and answer the students' prayers.*

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## Vantage Point

### "Jesus Loves The . . . . ."

A young pastor's family was on its way to a much needed vacation in the Carolinas. The 15-hour trip would be hard enough for two adults to endure, let alone their two children, Ricky, 10, and Ashley, 3-and-a-half.

Rick and LaDonna anticipated the long hours of confinement. They carefully provided books, games, and some of the children's favorite toys to happily occupy the long, tedious hours of travel.

Rick Jr. managed beautifully. He has a quiet, observant, and reflective nature. He was content to read his books, listen to the adult conversation, and quietly enjoy the passing scenery.

But little Ashley was quite another story. The family was hardly out of the driveway before she had unbuckled her seat belt. Bouncing up and down, she soon wanted to know "How long before we get to Carolina?"

As the day wore on, bright, bouncy, inquisitive, and very charming Ashley needed to be admonished for one thing or another. Afterwards LaDonna would sigh wearily, "Ashley, you are such a mess."

Shortly afterwards even big brother Ricky was not a little upset when Ashley accidentally tore a page in one of his books. The proverbial "straw that broke the

camel's back" came when Ashley squeezed a half-full juice container, spraying sticky juice all over everyone and the car. "Oh, Ashley honey, you are such a mess," exclaimed LaDonna with weary resignation. "What are we going to do with you?"

Soon the family decided to stop for a bite to eat, and a chance to stretch. While waiting for their food Ashley began to sing. LaDonna was just starting to say, "Ashley, you don't sing . . ." when she hesitated for a moment. She noticed a favorite family worship song was being paraphrased by this precious little one. Ashley was singing, "Jesus loves the little messes, all the messes of the world. Red and yellow, black and white, all are precious in His sight. Jesus loves the little messes of the world!"

We've all been "Little messes" at one time or another. Praise God, He still loves us. Romans 5:8 (RSV) says it so beautifully. "But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."

Let's determine that we will work as Jesus did to help make people who are "messes" into people who are successes!

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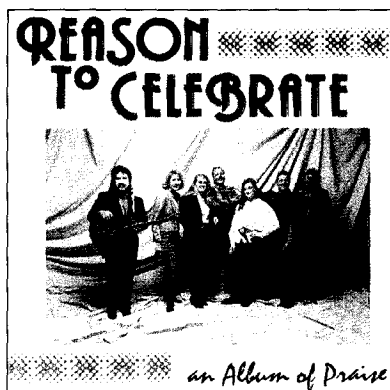
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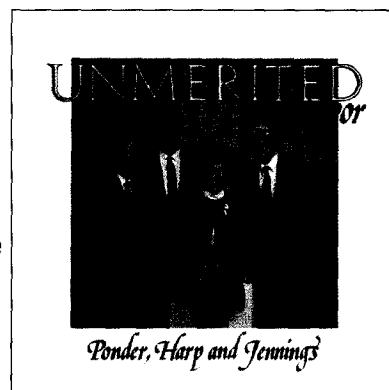
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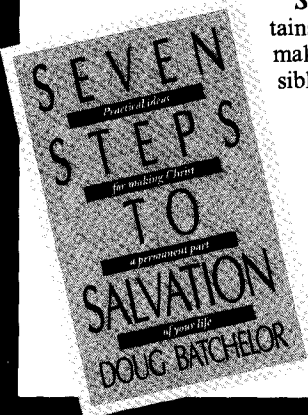
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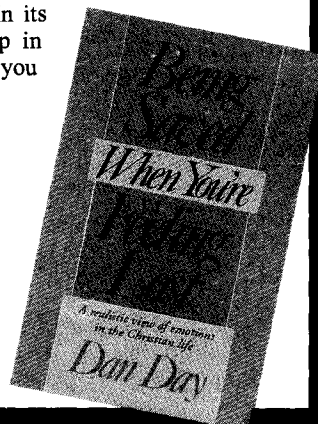
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