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# A New Look at Mission and Margin

by Mardian J. Blair

**C**hristmas is a time for counting blessings. And certain this is true for the church's healthcare work in the Southern and Southwestern unions. I am pleased to bring you the following report of how the Lord has blessed the health work in both mission and margin during the past five years.

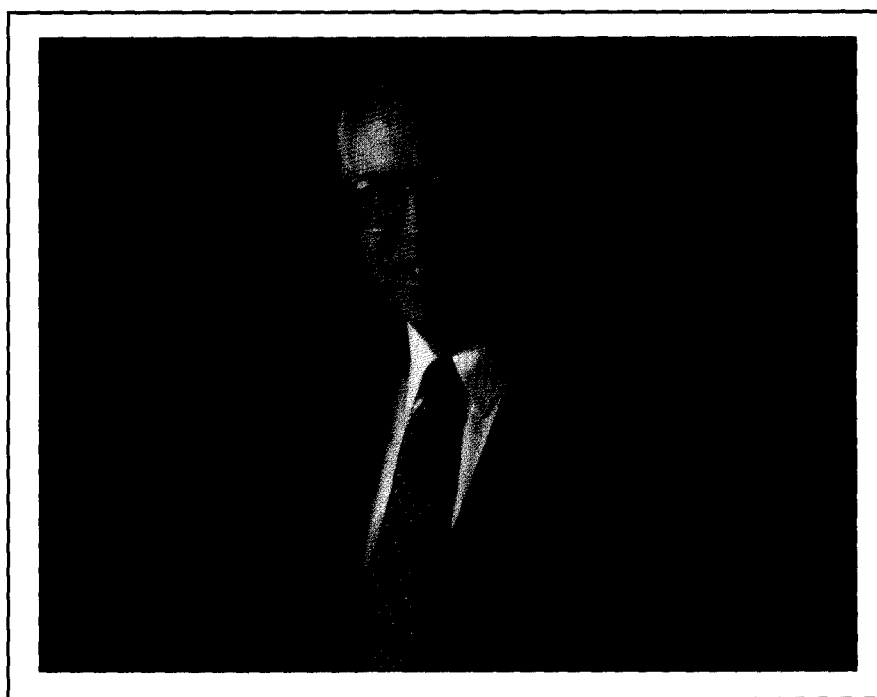
I've always believed in the adage, "No margin, no mission." Any business person knows you cannot continue a mission without money. However, the past five years at Adventist Health System Sunbelt have given me a new appreciation for the relationship of mission and margin.

Look at the Sunbelt bottomline for the past five years. In 1987, we had a \$15 million turnaround following an \$11.6 million loss in 1986. Nineteen eighty-eight saw gradual, continued progress; 1989 profits jumped to \$37.3 million, followed by \$41.4 million in 1990, and \$43 million in 1991. This year, at the end of third quarter, we are ahead of budget with an estimated profit of approximately \$33 million for 1992.

Many success stories lie behind these numbers. No single initiative is credited for the steady improvement. Rather, it is an accumulation of many changes throughout the system.

I recall in 1987, following the terrible losses of 1986, challenging the hospitals outside of Florida Hospital to be profitable. Historically, they had relied heavily on the profits of Florida Hospital. But things changed.

Dramatic reimbursement reductions of the mid-1980s cut into Florida Hospital profits. Florida Hospital could no longer support the unprofitable hospitals through loans from the cash pool without jeopardizing its own future. It was imperative that each Sunbelt hospital be financially viable without regard to Florida Hospital.



Mardian J. Blair

All across the system, people began scrutinizing their operations. Some hospitals were restructured, some found new niches, some were divested, and other initiatives were taken. Soon bottomlines began turning upward, and history was made.

In 1989, for the first time, the group of hospitals outside of Florida Hospital achieved a profit. Encouraged by success, they continued improving. In 1990, with very few exceptions, each organization improved. Some that had never posted a profit, ended 1990 in the black.

History was made again in 1991 when the group of hospitals outside of Florida Hospital posted more than half of the corporation's bottomline. Every hospital, save one, was profitable in 1991. Additionally, the nursing home division, Sunbelt Health Care Centers,

topped the \$1 million mark for the first time.

## A Changed Organization

Those associated with the health system over the years know that Sunbelt is a different organization today than it was five years ago. Profits, of course, tell only part of the story because Sunbelt's improved financial status occurred simultaneously with a renewed focus on mission.

In the individual life, difficult times often lead one to search for purpose and meaning. For many it is a time of spiritual renewal and focus. This happens in business too.

For a Christian organization, a natural response to the financial loss of 1986 was to look at Sunbelt's mission. If the healthcare work had a place in the Lord's

plan, we reasoned, then surely He would bless it in a way that it could continue its mission. We weren't sure how He would bless it, but we moved ahead in faith believing that if we did our part, He would do His.

We acknowledge that while some areas of Sunbelt had a strong mission emphasis, others did not. We knew there were varying levels of understanding by hospital leaders concerning the mission of the healthcare work.

Further, we knew there was lack of agreement and understanding among church leaders, some of whom served on our corporate and hospital boards. We saw a need to bring church and healthcare leaders together for several days in which the entire agenda would deal with mission.

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In February 1990, the first Mission Conference on Adventist healthcare was held in Orlando, Florida. We talked together for a whole weekend—reviewing concerns about mission as well as sharing experiences of mission accomplishment. At the end of the first conference, we knew our work had just begun. Two additional conferences have been held and another is planned for 1994.

Many good things have resulted from this refocus on mission. For one thing, corporate and hospital leaders are now accountable for mission accomplishment, just as they are for financial accomplishment.

All executives develop mission goals and objectives as part of their annual business planning. With a newly developed self-study program, they now have a process for evaluating mission emphasis in their hospitals.

Some hospitals have held local mission conferences with area churches and others have held them for their management teams and employees. A great deal of attention has been devoted throughout Sunbelt to mission statement development.

Most of the hospitals have spiritual life committees that plan and oversee a variety of activities. Among other things, several places have special worship and praise services. Thanksgiving, Christmas, and other holidays find our hospitals presenting inspirational concerts or other programs for their communities.

#### **Ready for More Change**

As we count our blessings at this special time of year, we are thankful for many other advancements and achievements at each of our facilities.

For example, this year marked the opening of the Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences. Also, Florida Hospital received the Healthcare Forum's prestigious Commitment to Quality Award. Tennessee Christian Medical Center, Madison, made a dramatic financial turnaround. Huguley Memorial Medi-

cal Center is developing into a total healthcare facility with a fitness center, professional office complex, retirement center, and nursing home all on the hospital campus. The nursing home division, Sunbelt Health Care Centers, is growing as is Sunbelt Home Health.

Now, we look ahead to new challenges and opportunities. Change is certain, and Sunbelt organizations will be affected. While the future may hold some unknowns and uncertainties, I believe it may also offer tremendous opportunities for Adventist healthcare.

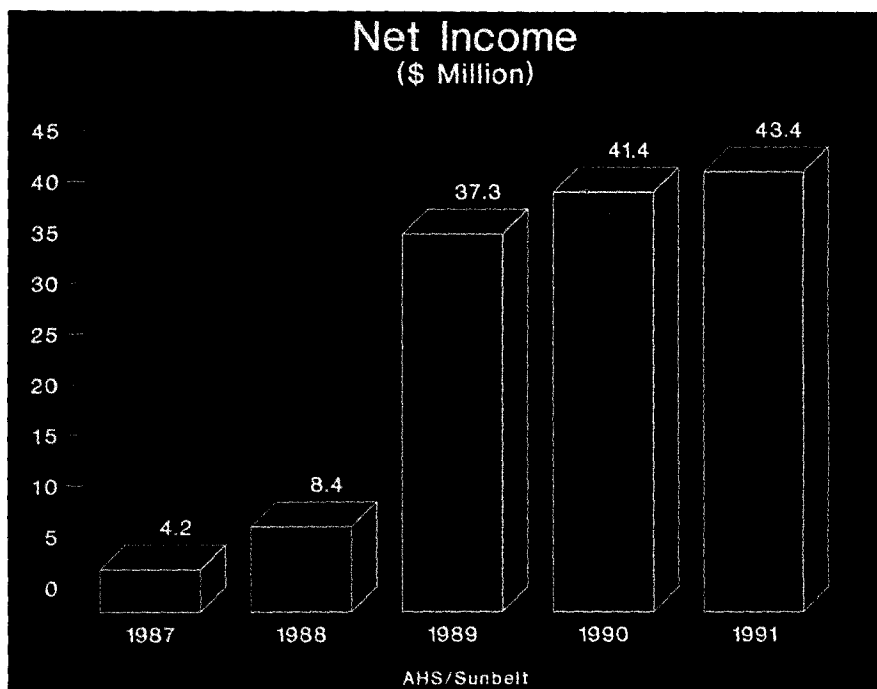
The newly-elected leaders of our country are calling for people to take more responsibility for their own health. I believe we will see more home- and community-based healthcare. And, certainly we can expect new efforts to control costs while maintaining the high level of healthcare Americans have come to expect.

Exactly how it all works out remains to be seen. In any case, we see how God has blessed our efforts, and guided the healthcare work through some turbulent times. Certainly this gives us every reason to believe He will continue to bless it—perhaps in an even greater way than ever before. ■

*Mardian J. Blair is president of the Adventist Health System/Sunbelt.*

*Cover Photo:*

*A new arrival at Florida Hospital's new Level III Neonatal Unit. Photo by Spencer Freeman.*





Gardening, work, physical exercise, sunshine, and fresh air play an important part in the program's maturation therapy.

## Advent Home: Emotional and Spiritual Healing

by Blondel Senior, Ph.D.



Students on a hike. In the background the beautiful, green pastures of the Advent Home.

**L**ast night, my 14-year-old son, Bob, was caught shoplifting. He will be tried on Monday. I need your help."

"My 15-year-old son, Tom, is a bright boy. He could make all A's if he tried. He has a poor self image, is disruptive in school and is failing."

"Since my divorce, my 12-year-old son has become depressed. He hates me. Last night he threatened to punch me, and to run away. I am afraid of the anger I see in him."

On an average, the Advent Home receives more than 20 calls per month from families seeking help for their teenagers.

Take Bill, for example, and listen to his mother as she talks about him. "From birth, I knew Bill was an unusual child. When I picked him up in my arms he would wiggle and squirm until I put him down. He did not like being hugged."

"From the first grade, I knew I would have problems with him in school. He was bright but could not concentrate or focus."

"By the seventh grade Bill had been through six church and public schools. He was suspended many times for disrupting the classroom, getting into fights, and being disrespectful."

"Bill's personal appearance slipped, his music was rock and rap. He was hanging around other students like himself and was experimenting with smoking. Bill was finally dismissed from the eighth grade. I could see the spiritual light going out in him as he became more angry and hostile toward parents, home, and school."

Soon after enrollment the staff at the Advent Home designed an individualized program which helped Bill mature to a successful teenager.

His medical and psychological reports, and our evaluation determined Bill had the following problems: learning disability with attention deficit; hyperactivity with violent reactions; allergic to concentrated forms of refined sugar in certain foods; and hypersensitivity to shame and confrontation.

Another important service at the Advent Home is residential care. Special attention is given to removing most refined sugars from the diet. Meals are prepared with foods that are free from fat, sugar, spice, and excessive salt.

Students who arrive overweight soon lose the excessive pounds—those underweight, gain. Within weeks students with skin blemishes

clear up, allergies disappear, and prescriptions retire.

The structured program, work activities, and involvement with the peaceful quietness of nature leaves no room for television, worldly music, stressful city life, family tensions or negative peer pressures.

Work and physical activities are part of the maturation therapy at the Advent Home. Each student works two to four hours daily preparing meals, maintaining the home, cutting the lawn, fencing the pastures, and caring for the animals.

Many people contribute to the program. Max Morey, chairman of the board, provided 400 blueberry, blackberry, and raspberry plants for a small industry. Charlie Phillips, a board member, started a herd of Black Angus breeding cows. These are important additions to the work program.

Joe Sexton, work supervisor, says: "Work is medicine. Sunshine, fresh air, and exercise have a calming effect on the students. It makes their anger and hostility wear off."

The group home parent, Jay Wambolt, observed, "When some of the students first come to Advent Home they are 'couch potatoes.' They stand on the sidelines and watch the other boys play. As they begin to get well, they join in the fun."

Bill's parents were required to come to the Advent Home one weekend per month, for family counseling. Staff and volunteers helped Bill and his parents enter into meaningful family discussions about conflicts, co-dependency, and other dysfunctions bothering the family members.

Every day from 7-8 p.m. the 16 students and staff participate in group discussions on topics ranging from day-to-day gripes, conflicts, love, church, honesty, AIDS, home life, and other values clarification.



Byron Voorheis, associate pastor at the Bowman Hill church in Cleveland, conducts a baptism in the Hwassee River.

A year is the average time a student spends in the program. During this time, more than 150 topics are discussed. So much is learned in these group sessions that one student quipped, "When you go to the Advent Home you go to college."

With many students academically behind by one to five years, Mary Raley is a teacher who focuses on remedial education problems. She is loving, patient, kind, and understands the students' frustrations: "I, too, had a learning disability when I was growing up. I dropped out of school at the 10th grade.

"Later, I discovered school was important. I passed the GED, and graduated from the Troy State University in Alabama with a degree in elementary education at the age of 28."

Mary's teaching skills are paying off. Kerry, 15, says, "I have made D's and F's all my life, now I am making B's and A's."

Advent Home receives its students from church and public schools from over 40 states. There is a 90 percent success rate among students who complete the program."

This year six students and one parent were baptized under the pastoral care of Byron Voorheis, associate pastor from the Bowman

Hills church in Cleveland, Tennessee. They were members from the Church of God, Lutheran, and Seventh-day Adventist churches.

Advent Home is a self-supporting ministry that works in close cooperation with the education departments of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference and Southern Union, who conduct annual school evaluation, accreditation, and teacher's certification at the Advent Home.

The program has received financial support from the Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries, Inc. (ASI) and its members. Volunteer support comes from church members, Pathfinders, businesses, Sabbath schools, community services, pastors, conferences, individuals, and other church groups.

Advent Home's long range plan is to build a campus for 60 students plus staff and participating families. The focus is on mental health and healing for the church families.

Advent Home would like to help more students like Bill, who, after 13 months went home a happy and healthy teenager. He is currently enrolled in one of our church schools.

God has miraculously provided grassroots support for the development of the Advent Home. It is located on 212 acres, one mile of river front, in a peaceful setting amid natural beauty that is important in the healing of children and families. ■

Blondel Senior, Ph.D., is co-founder and executive director of Advent Home.



Playing and having fun helps students to develop positive self-esteem and good feelings about themselves.

Board members and other volunteers from surrounding Adventist churches repair the roof and replace the shingles at the Advent Home.





*Instilling God's vision in youth is necessary to make them leaders in the church as young adults.*

**W**here there is no vision, the people perish." Proverbs 29:18.

While pastoring in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, David Banks began to sense an urgency for the needs of young adults in the church. He began working out in the weight room at the local university. He was able to meet several young people who had deep concerns for spiritual matters.

After establishing a friendship, he was able to share the gospel with them. He was personally confronted with the particular needs of young adults right from the beginning of his ministry.

The Banks have long since been serving the Carolina Conference in Durham, North Carolina, where once again they have had the opportunity to work with young adults in a college area.

The Banks began to trust in God and act on the vision He had given them. Shortly after moving to Durham, David began involving young adults more and more in his ministry. He became acquainted with several young people through active young church members

already working with university students in the area. Through these young adults, a Friday night Bible study emerged with meetings held in the home of Mailen Kootsey, a local church member. The group of people attending the Bible study consisted of young people from various religious backgrounds, including several atheists. From this study-time several baptisms have occurred, including one former atheist.

As God had been developing a vision for the Banks, He had been instilling the same vision in the Carolina Conference.

Little did David know, God was preparing him for the right time in which to join his vision for young adults with the same vision given to others.

At the 37th Carolina constituency meeting in May, several delegates expressed their vision for youth and young adults as an expansion for youth ministry. It was voted by the constituents to add a youth/young adult coordinator to the Conference staff to specifically meet the needs of the youth and young adults.

God led Conference personnel

# Catch the Vision

by Teri Fowle



*David Banks is the newly appointed associate for youth/young adult ministries.*

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Youth and young adults join together at a rally to lead out in song service.

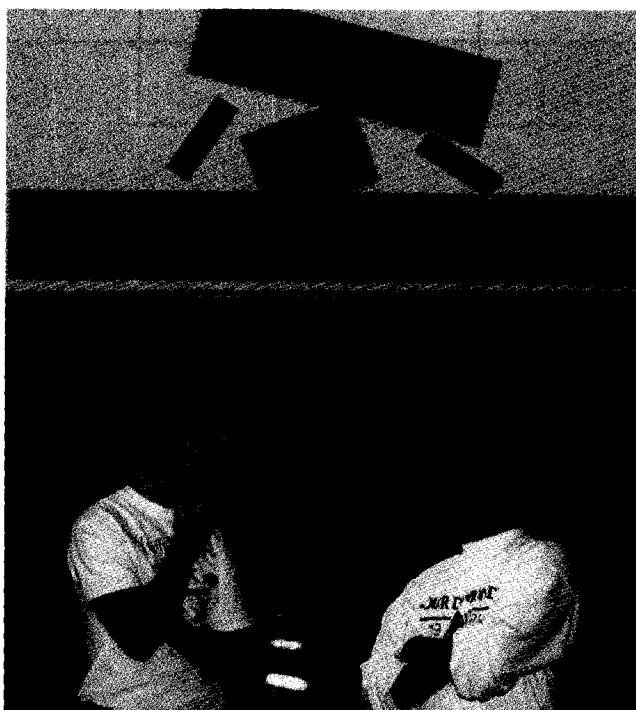
to David Banks, who officially assumed his new position of youth and young adult coordinator November 1.

With this new responsibility, Banks views his greatest challenge as sharing his vision throughout the Conference. In his years of ministry, he has noticed that, in general, young people believe the advent message of the church; however, they feel they are left out of church leadership and are therefore misunderstanding the vision. Banks would like to challenge our churches to become more sensitive to the specific needs of young people. By sharing the vision, our churches will want our young people to become more involved, thus encouraging them to become excited about the overall ministry the church provides.

His first step in accomplishing this task will be to circulate throughout the Conference, making real and personal relationships. Getting an open and honest exchange of ideas from the young people is a high priority for him. He believes the Holy Spirit is already leading them in the vision for youth and young adult ministry. He also knows it is very important to share the vision with the local pastors. Without their support, this ministry cannot prosper.

God tells us in Acts 2:17 that in the last days, He will pour out His Spirit on all people . . . "Young people will prophesy and have visions." Let's work together with David and Sue Banks to share the vision for our young people. For, "where there is no vision, the people perish." □

*Teri Fowle is a member of the Sharon church, in Charlotte, North Carolina where she is a youth leader.*



Active youth, no longer a question in the Carolinas.

▼Youth join in discussion at the annual Carolina Youth Summit. Banks will be leading in this event for 1993.



## FLORIDA

**Jack Price**, a member of the Port Charlotte church, was recently elected president of the Punta Gorda Rotary Club. As president of Punta Gorda's Medical Center Hospital Foundation, a position in which he has served since 1986, he has been active in a number of community organizations. As a vote of support for his religious beliefs, his fellow Rotarians voluntarily voted not to hold any events on Friday night or Saturdays during his year of presidency.



**Lynn Oliver Huff**, a Port Charlotte member, was recently named president of the Charlotte County Unit of the American Cancer Society. This position involves coordinating education about cancer prevention, service and rehabilitation efforts, and fundraising for local patient services and national research. She has served as the Society's public information officer for the past six years. She was also instrumental in enlisting the Port Charlotte church in Charlotte County's Adopt-A-Highway program.



## GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

**Les Speer** joined the Conference association as field representative in June. Since his arrival he has assisted more than 100 church members with their estate plans. This high level of productivity has contributed to 336 wills and 17 trusts drawn and drafted as of mid-October, making this the best year since its founding on April 12, 1916. Jim Albertson, trust services director, credits departmental competence and constituent confidence in the association as reasons for the increase in productivity.



## A "Pro-Pathfinder"

**Joe White** is "Pro-Pathfinder." In 1974 he joined the Collegedale Pathfinder club as a craft director and later served as the club director for several years. Joe's involvement with the Pathfinder council intensified in the late 70's and early 80's. Joe's contributions to the conference Pathfinder program have included camporee events and programming, teen activities, significant direction to the overall conference program, and a general component in the establishing of a nationally recognized program containing 45 clubs and 850 Pathfinders.

Joe is a charter member of the North American Division Pathfinder Council. He is the conference Pathfinder coordinator for the South Tennessee Fellowship. He continues his involvement with the Collegedale Pathfinder Club as an eighth grade counselor. The Georgia-Cumberland Conference salutes Joe and his wife, Patsy, for their untiring service for the Pathfinder program.

Don Livesay

## KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE



In 1962 **James Ladd, M.D.**, was among a select group invited to the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference office to discuss a new and exciting project which became the Business and

Professional Foundation of the Conference. The purpose of the Foundation is to assist in providing comfortable and representative places of worship for Conference churches and schools, by making funds available on an easy payback plan. The Foundation funds are held in a revolving fund ensured by regular contributions of members and others. Many rundown buildings are being replaced by modern beautiful ones. At least one-third of the churches in the Conference have been built as a result of funds borrowed, interest free, from the Foundation.



Retiring in 1978 after 37 years in denominational work hasn't slowed down **Shirley Eldridge**, long time resident of Nashville. He continues to work for the Lord. As art director of the

Southern Publishing Association for many years, his artistic talents were exemplified in the magazines and books. His talents are still being used today. Eldridge's hobbies include photography, music, carpentry, flying, water-skiing, and entertaining. He has captivated audiences in many colleges and academies with the marimba, original songs, and piano renditions. "Helping Hands" is another interest. Churches throughout Kentucky-Tennessee have been the recipients of Shirley's work in this area. Eldridge is in charge of the Community Services Warehouse, located on the campus of Madison Academy. He keeps the van and 10-wheeler in readiness for any disaster. "I had just greased and charged the batteries the week before Hurricane Andrew," recounts Eldridge. He says, "I

credit the Lord with whatever I have done. I promised Him, when I had cancer five or six years ago, that as long as He would give me the strength, I would work for Him."

## SOUTH ATLANTIC

Dedicated to Adventism, strong, feisty, and humorous, are just a few of the words used to describe **Victoria Levy** as she celebrated her 90th birthday, June 11. Born on the island of Jamaica, Levy has fond memories of pioneering Adventism in Harkers Hall, St. Catherine, Jamaica. Living too far from the nearest church, she was determined that her children should be in church on Sabbath. With her children and a few of the neighbors' children, a branch Sabbath school was formed on her front porch. With her enthusiasm and joy for drawing children, this branch Sabbath school was eventually moved under a tree in her front yard. From this humble beginning, the Harkers Hall church was born. With her family and friends, Mother Levy celebrated her 90th birthday. She hardly ever misses Sabbath school and church at the New Hope church in Conley, Ga., where she is a member, except for an occasional illness. She always has a ready smile and a warm handshake in greetings. She attributes long life to a firm trust in God, kindness, and a fervent prayer life.



## SOUTH CENTRAL

Insurance agent **Earl L. Jones** has been elected to serve as the president of the Pensacola Association of Life Underwriters. He was elected to this position after serving as vice-president, secretary, chaplain, and public service chairman in previous years. As the first black person to lead one of Pensacola's largest trade associations, which has 300 insurance agent members. John P.



## A Commitment to Give Back

**Gail Hamilton**, founder and president of Choice Management, an artist management and production company, has just co-produced "Handel's Messiah: A Soulful Celebration." Her partner and co-executive producer for this project is Norman Miller of Proper Management. "Handel's Messiah: A Soulful Celebration" is a contemporization of the 18th-century oratorio. It features approximately 100 of the most talented and respected artists in popular music in a 16 song set anchored by "Hallelujah" chorus director Quincey Jones and producer Mervyn Warren who produced seven of the 16 cuts.

Gail started in artist management with Take 6 who went on to win five Grammy Awards with their special blend of music. Since then she has managed numerous projects and has sought in many ways to give back something to the community.

Her personal commitment to "give back" some of what she has received has led her with "Take 6 and Friends" to hold two concerts at Carnegie Hall which ultimately raised \$90,000 for the Special Olympics. The monies raised enabled the first ever team of African delegates to attend the Special Olympics. "It is moments like these that make it all worthwhile" said Gail in her soft spoken manner as one of the elated African athletes ran with the symbolic Olympic torch.

Choice Management also produces the annual "Choice Awards" during Black History Month each February. The "Choice Award" is an honor presented to a person who has given himself selflessly to enrich the black community.

Gail, who is a member of the New Life church in Nashville, is currently managing the Harlem Boy's Choir and working on other projects such as a performance of "Handel's Messiah: A Soulful Celebration" in Italy.

R. S. Norman, III

Roberts, regional vice-president of the Florida Underwriters Association and past president of the Pensacola Association says of Jones, "He is a can-do type of individual. He is professional in every way. A good team player who always performed his duties." In 1985, his first full year with the Modern Woodmen, Jones ranked 14th out of 2,600 agents nationally in production. A year later he was 12th. Jones, who is a member and stewardship secretary of the Jordan Street church in Pensacola, attended Oakwood College during the late '60s and graduated from Alabama A & M with a degree in accounting.

## OAKWOOD COLLEGE



**James Melancon** was among the top five percent who completed the program of intensive study in high leadership and management practices in the national Civil Air

Patrol (CAP), according to a press release from the headquarters of CAP at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. CAP is the all volunteer auxiliary of the Air Force and operates under a congressional charter as a non-profit corporation. The three-fold mission of CAP is emergency services assistance, conduct a youth cadet program, and aerospace education programs. CAP flies 90 percent of all inland search and rescue missions for missing aircraft in the U.S.



**Benjamin F. Reaves, D.Min.**, the ninth president of Oakwood College, has been named an honorary member of Twenty Distinguished Young Men of Huntsville. The organization

is comprised of African American males who provide a positive image of African American males. Lamar P. Higgins, president of Twenty Distinguished Young Men of Huntsville, called Reaves an excellent role model of an African American male.

## DIRECTIONS



### Florida

Churches and schools across the Conference have reported their **PARTICIPATION IN HELPING THE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE ANDREW.** Markham Woods, Orlando Central, Floral City, Miami Temple, West Palm Beach

First, Zephyrhills, Dade City, Dayton Beach, East Pasco Adventist Educational Center, James E. Sampson, and Forest Lake schools and churches provided food, clothing, money, construction assistance, and comfort.



### Georgia-Cumberland

Thirty-six Pathfinder clubs and 865 Pathfinders and staff attended the **SOUTHERN UNION PATHFINDER CAMPOREE.** Georgia-Cumberland contributions to the camporee included: acquisition of fireworks display, programming components, security operations, and daily Indian theme events for Pathfinder activities.

The fifth through eighth graders of the Marietta school participated in an **INGATHERING FIELD DAY** September 22. They collected \$1,200 in a four hour period. Twenty-five students from the Tri-City school in Gray, Tenn., solicited \$245 from the surrounding towns on their Ingathering Field Day, September 29.

On October 10 the Ooltewah, Tenn., church hosted Gayle Clarke, **COORDINATOR OF MIRACLE MEADOWS SCHOOL** (a school for troubled youth). Workshop titles included: "Communicating with Your Kids and Teens," "Talking So They Will Listen," and "Listening So They Know It."

Approximately 60 Collegedale teens participated in the first Saturday night church sponsored **TEEN CLUB PROGRAM**, under the direction of youth pastor Randy Harr. The teen club program is the result of a steering club recommendation to provide Christian recreation in a safe environment for teenagers.

Atlanta Adventist Academy will offer the **ACT EXAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS** on Sunday, December 13. Typically given on Saturday, this opportunity will

access this exam for Sabbath keeping teenagers.

Tom Baez reports that 90 percent of the churches reported at the recent October pastors' meeting. A total of \$127,000 had been received for **INGATHERING**, with a remaining \$100,000 to reach the goal by the end of December.

Approximately 200 retired workers attended their **ANNUAL RETREAT** at Cohutta Springs October 8-11. Willard Santee from the Reading Hampden Heights church was the featured speaker. Don Crook led in a variety of musical offerings with Dottie Minner as the Sabbath school superintendent. Plenary session topics included: Medicare and Related Issues, Preparing Tax Returns, Still Working, Stroke—The Disaster.

Sixty-five Pathfinders and staff backpacked into the Cohutta National Forest adjacent to Cohutta Springs October 23-24 to sharpen their **BACKPACKING CAMPING SKILLS.** Skills such as camp site selection, proper shelter, fire building techniques, campfire cookery, water purification, and safety items were presented.

For the third year, Jellico Rangers Pathfinder club has raised **\$500 FOR WITNESS THROUGH ROSES**, earning the "Witness Through Roses Trophy." Georgia-Cumberland was the first conference in the North American Division to exceed its Witness Through Roses goal.



### Gulf States

Lyle Albrecht recently completed the **REVELATION PROPHECY LECTURES** in Shoals, Ala. There was an average attendance of 65 and a baptism of 13 with one profession of faith.

Six nonSeventh-day Adventists attended a **STRESS SEMINAR** at the Phenix City church, conducted by Agatha Thrash, MD, of Uchee Pines.

The Phenix City members sent \$354 worth of food supplies and personal care items to Florida to be distributed to the **HURRICANE VICTIMS.**

More than 90 students participated in Bass Memorial Academy's (BMA) **INGATHERING FIELD DAY** in October. More than \$1700 was collected, plus food and clothing. The community was especially responsive this year due to BMA's involvement in aiding Hurricane Andrew victims.

Superintendent of Education Barry Mahorney conducted the **WEEK OF PRAYER** for the Mobile Junior Academy students in Mobile, Ala.

Francine Mosely, Laura Ringer, and Lucille Davis and other members of the

Floral Crest church spent a week **ASSISTING VICTIMS OF HURRICANE ANDREW**. Members collected a truckload

of food, water, medical supplies, and baby necessities which were taken to the Miami area.

## Kentucky-Tennessee



Dick Pollard and Randy Brehms completed an **EVANGELISTIC SERIES** in Ashland, Ky. Eight were baptized. An additional blessing was a revival of the church.

October 17 a **NEW KOREAN GROUP WAS STARTED IN LOUISVILLE, Ky.**, at the Pewee Valley. More than 100 attended the first meeting. Roger Oh is the coordinator.

Tony Kelly and Ernest Clark are conducting a **REVELATION SEMINAR** in the Pewee Valley church. Twenty-five have been attending and some have already made decisions for baptism.

Gordon Paxton is conducting a 12-week **REVELATION SEMINAR** series in the Lexington church. They are meeting twice a week. The attendance has averaged over 40 each evening.

St. Matthews church is conducting a 12-week **NUTRITION SERIES** with a focus on vegetarian cooking. Sue Gibson initiated the series with Yvonne Mickens leading out and Jean Campomanes assisting. Twenty have been in attendance each evening with several nonmembers.

**PLANS FOR RAISING A NEW CHURCH** in Shelbyville are well under way. Shelbyville is a city of 6,000 with 24,000 in the county. There is no Adventist church in the county. Approximately ten Seventh-day Adventists live in Shelbyville and they have been giving Bible studies. Plans are under way for an evangelistic series in March, 1993. The goal is to raise up a new church in 1993.

**THE NEW ADDITION TO THE WHITE HOUSE CHURCH** is under roof. The next step is to pour the floor and build a porch so they can begin using the facil-

ity. The church is paying as it goes and will soon be completed debt free.

The Jackson church sponsored a **REVIVAL WEEKEND** with Ron Halvorsen, Southern Union church growth director. The meetings were conducted as a rally for future evangelistic meetings planned by the pastor, George Carpenter.

Doug Hilliard reports an excellent **TITHES GAIN** through September of 1992. The gain is 7.74 percent more than was received at the same time last year.

Andrew Wolcott baptized two persons September 19 in the **NEWLY INSTALLED BAPTISTRY** of the Columbia, Tenn., church. A year ago 12 persons attended on a given Sabbath. For the past two months attendance has more than doubled with 35 in church each Sabbath.

**MADISON ACADEMY REPORTS: Adult education classes** scheduled to begin in January. Classes will meet one night weekly. Thirty students and sponsors plan their ninth trip to Pineville to give **relief help for zero income families**. More than 35 families have been helped through these outreach trips. The student body and friends filled the school entrance with thousands of **disaster relief** items to be sent to Hurricane Andrew victims. **Act scores** show students at the 82 percentile ranking as compared to the state's 38 percentile and the national 50 percentile. **Madison staff 100 percent certified** by the Southern Union Registrar's Office. North American Division Commission on Accreditation awarded Madison their longest and **best term of accreditation**, seven years with a progress report due in 1996.

## South Central



At the time of the fall workers meeting held September 27-29 in Nashville, the pastors and evangelists reported that **1,270 HAD BEEN BAPTIZED** into the churches of the South Central Conference during the first three quarters of this year.

The Housing and Urban Development Department has endorsed the construction of another **SENIOR CITIZENS HOUSING PROJECT** to be sponsored by the Conference in the city of Huntsville. This

will be the second such project sponsored in Huntsville and the seventh in the Conference. The conference has two projects in Nashville and Clarksville, Tenn.; one in Cleveland Miss.; and two in Bowling Green and Paducah, Kentucky.

The Middle Tennessee Community Services Federation and the Hillcrest, Ephesus, and New Life churches in the Nashville area sent a **TRUCKLOAD OF SUPPLIES TO LOUISIANA** to assist victims of Hurricane Andrew.

## Education

### Teachers Retreat at Cohutta

**Georgia-Cumberland**—October 18-21 was the first time the 200 teachers and their families of the Conference retreated together.

Major presenters were: author and consultant Jane Bluestein from Instructional Support Services in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Project Affirmation Researcher Bailey Gillespie from the La Sierra University School of religion; and author and former missionary Donna Habenicht

from the Andrews University department of educational and counseling psychology.

The convention was shared with some 45 Southern College faculty and students in education who joined the teachers on Tuesday for the seminar by Bluestein.

Other highlights included a talent program one evening and a banquet with Jim Epperson, director of education for the Southern Union conference, as speaker. Devotions were given by Don Livesay.

Ham Canosa.

## Health

### Town Hall Meeting Stresses Drug Awareness

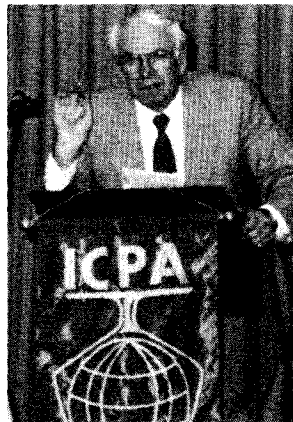
**Florida**—A Town Hall meeting on the topic of alcohol, drugs, and drug-free living, was held at the Orange City library September 15. Residents of Orange City, DeBary, and Deltona were invited to the meeting, entitled "Have Your Say."

The event was sponsored by the General Conference's International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Dependency (ICPA), and the Southern Union health and temperance department.

"Have Your Say" is a new approach to arouse local interest in temperance principles," said speaker Ernest Steed, Ph.D., LL.D., honorary president of ICPA. Steed moderated as people verbalized a need for renewed emphasis against alcohol and tobacco. Charles Watson, ICPA treasurer, also participated in the program.

Listen magazine and other health literature were distributed.

"This event showed us we can and must awaken public support for abstinence and resistance to



Ernest Steed led out in the first Town Hall meeting encouraging drug prevention.

liquor, beer, and tobacco pressures in the home and family," said Steed.

Since the September meeting he has met with the local ministerial association to organize an "Assembly for Prevention" to "uphold values of society against alcohol and other drugs." He hopes to rally church members to become involved with temperance-related projects. One project would be to campaign against the Anheuser-Busch, Inc. effort of distributing free beer at family theme parks such as Busch Gardens and Sea World.

Lynn Oliver Huff, Ernest Steed

### Huntsville First Church Sponsors Health Seminar

**Oakwood**—"Mind, Body and Spirit" was the theme of a weekend seminar conducted at First church in Huntsville, September 18 and 19, featuring Donna Willis, MD, of Johns Hopkins University. Willis, daughter of Robert L. Willis, pastor, captivated the audience in each of her three presentations in which she highlighted the counsels of the book *Ministry of Healing* by E. G. White, showing its remarkable correlation with the findings of modern medicine.

Cardiovascular disease is a major killer in the neighborhood where the world-famous Johns Hopkins University is located. "This does not make sense," states David Levine, MD, one of the experts whose study has led to the incep-



Donna Willis, M.D., of John Hopkins University, emphasized Ellen White's counsels on health.

tion of Heart, Body and Soul.

Recently Johns Hopkins joined the clergy for the Renewal of East Baltimore which focused on the fact that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Willis, a co-investigator of this project, is expected to return to First church shortly to train a group of seven lay persons for the Heart, Body and Spirit initiative.

Roy E. Malcolm

## Progress

### CCAD to Plant Sign on Sight of Future Headquarters

**Florida**—Community Crusade Against Drugs of South Florida, Inc., (CCAD) hosted the unveiling of the sign marking the organization's future home, November 4. The ceremony was held at the five-acre site, located at the southwest corner of Miami Gardens Drive.

CCAD executive director Tyrone Backers was more than happy to point out that the ceremony brought the 10-year-old organization—which has

provided drug prevention and education programs to youths in the northwest Dade area—one major step closer to realizing the seven million dollar project. He cited that once completed, the complex would serve so many purposes—serving not only as the center of operations for CCAD, but also that for a wide range of social services to be provided to the residents of the Carol City/Opa Locka area.

In addition, the complex will also feature a 67-bed congregate living facility, and a facility to serve meals to over 300 senior citizens.

Tyrone Backers



Bill Stevens and Amazing Facts Evangelist Steve DeLong (top row) stand with 19 of the 21 people who were baptized during the recent evangelistic crusade in Laurel, Miss.

## Twenty-One Swell Ranks of Laurel Church

**Gulf States**—If ever there was an evangelistic crusade that is a testimony to the power of earnest prayer, it would be the recent crusade conducted in Laurel, Miss., by Amazing Facts Evangelist Steve DeLong.

The meetings began August 1 in the local Ramada Inn and attracted quite a bit of interest, according to DeLong. But it wasn't long before some area ministers began a rival crusade—to discredit Seventh-day Adventists. One irate minister approached DeLong and said, "I found out that you guys are from the devil, and I'm planning to tell all of my people. We had a ministerial meeting yesterday, and I told all of the ministers about you. You might as well pack your bags and leave, because you're not going to have any success in this town."

Unfortunately, their

plan seemed to work, as there was a sudden drop-off in attendance for the prophecy lectures. But the Holy Spirit impressed the evangelist not to give up on those who had been interested in the truth. Laurel church pastor Bill Stevens and his wife, Betty, joined Steve and Sue DeLong in calling the people. "We talked with them prayerfully, and some were willing to have visits in their homes," says DeLong. "So we arranged visits, working day and night, and we got a number of those people to come back to the meetings. Of course, prayer was the biggest thing that did it. The church was praying, we were praying. Amazing Facts was praying, and the whole thing really turned around."

By the close of the crusade, 21 people were baptized and swelled the ranks of the little Laurel church, which before the crusade had between 25 and 40 members attending. The church was built just a year ago.

Debra J. Hicks

## Update

### Women Attend Fall Retreat

**Georgia-Cumberland**—This year's women's ministries "Joyful Journey" retreat took place October 2-4 at Cohutta Springs Adventist Center, with featured speaker, Nancy Canwell, from

Washington state.

Workshop speakers included Ann Gibson, Michigan; Kay Kuzma and Yara Young, Georgia; and Margie Schutte, Carolina.

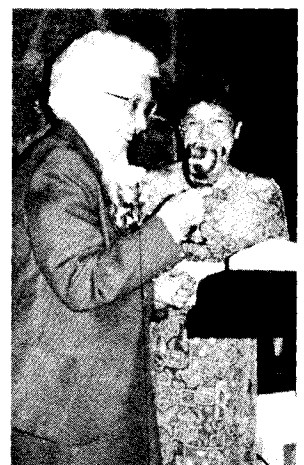
One attendee responded, "I've had three wonderful and beautiful experiences in my life: my marriage, my son's birth, and the Christian women's retreat. After

listening to Nancy, I gained the courage to completely surrender my life to Christ."

The Mary-Elizabeth Scholarship Fund was established in January of 1992, by generous women interested in the hopes and dreams of other women. The purpose of this fund is to give financial help to women wishing to attend women's retreats, seminars, etc., who otherwise would not be able to attend.

The candlelight supper was the setting for the first presentation of the "Chosen Lady Award" which was given to Clara Thompson from Athens, Ga., for her many and varied contributions to church and community throughout her life, as well as recognition for her personal attributes which make her a true daughter of God.

The fifth annual Christian Women's Retreat will be April 16-18, 1993, at Cohutta Springs Adventist Center. Featured speakers will be Sonya Carson, interior designer, mother of Ben Carson, M.D., and second-chapter writer of



Clara Thompson of Athens, Ga., received the "Chosen Lady award."

her son's book, *Think Big*; and Ernest J. Stevens, Jr., psychotherapist from Cleveland, Tenn. Carson will share the story of God's care for her as a young bride and then single parent of two sons. Stevens' presentations will include dealing with teenagers and family relationships. Workshop topics include women's health issues of the 90's, Bible study—family blessing, and helping others effectively.

Evie VandeVere

## Lapel Pin Becomes a Silent Witness

**Florida**—West Palm Beach member Buddy Cury, and Pastor Quinton Burks have developed a new concept. They hope it will be both a witnessing tool for members and a means of raising funds for their needed sanctuary.

This "tool" is a lapel pin with the insignia of three angels signifying the three angels' messages, and the initials SDA signifying the name Seventh-day Adventist. The professionally produced pin has a blue background with gold trim.

The pins are the size of

a penny. They can be recognized instantly by other Adventists. The striking design's purpose is to elicit sincere inquiries from nonmembers asking the significance of the three angels and the initials. These questions provide excellent opportunities to witness.

We're told by Ellen White that even the name Seventh-day Adventist will "convict the inquiring mind" because it embodies two of the most important truths of the Bible: keeping the Lord's Sabbath, and anticipating His imminent Second Coming.

Cury placed an order for 5,000 pins which are being manufactured in Hong Kong. Each pin's distribution will benefit

the West Palm Beach church sanctuary building fund. Pins will be made available to other Adventist churches for fundraising drives, simultaneously helping themselves and benefiting the West Palm Beach building fund.

Burks adds that a small tract has been developed for members to give the inquirer. It gives the meaning of the three

angels and Adventist beliefs in brief. It also offers the New Life Bible course from the *Voice of Prophecy*.

This witnessing tool/sanctuary project will be reported in the "Shop Talk" section of the February 1993 *Ministry* magazine, and members will be mailing letters and pins to all Florida pastors explaining their project.

Randy Burks



Florida and Southeastern conferences hosted a religious liberty rally at Orlando's well known Walt Disney Amphitheater at Lake Eola. Pictured center is Dr. Clarence Hodges.

## Listeners Challenged at Liberty Rally

**Florida**—A religious liberty rally was held at the Walt Disney amphitheater at Lake Eola, on September 26, which challenged participants to not become complacent on religious liberty issues.

"Freedom at the Crossroads" was a joint effort of the religious liberty departments of the Florida and Southeastern conferences.

The main speaker was Clarence Hodges, Ph.D., president of Christian Record Services in Lincoln, Nebraska, an Adventist organization which provides services to the visually, physically, and hearing-impaired persons in 70 countries. He cited the tremendous need for education on

religious liberty issues in light of events occurring in the world as the wall between church and state crumbles.

Lewis Stout, Southern Union religious liberty director, also spoke and stated that the Bill of Rights is being reinterpreted right before our eyes.

Organizers of the religious liberty rally, Pauline Paul, Gertie Ulmer, and Antonio Assent, said the event created a "tremendous response." Between 300-400 people were estimated to be in attendance, many of whom were not Seventh-day Adventists.

Hodges challenged them all. "Around the world today, nations are dying because they are denied access to freedom. We treat success like a measuring cup, therefore, we allow them to drink only to the first

ring. The world is not a beautiful, peaceful place where sin does not exist, it's a place that demands

our active support. Look now, stand now, though the heavens fall, for the right." Lynn Oliver Huff

## Price Addresses Honors Convocation

**Oakwood College**—Sandra L. Price, Ed.D., vice president for academic affairs, addressed the students at honors convocation October 20. She admonished them to always aim high and go after things that will make a difference rather than seek the safe path of mediocrity.

Price also proposed five

critical principles of all successful people:

They have an objective and a sense of direction. They have determination.

They have the courage to trample obstacles, and move on.

They seize the moment, realizing that opportunities are here and now.

They know and understand the true source of all power and success.

Price challenged the students to heed these five important principles.

Roy E. Malcolm

## Oakwood Board Retreat at Cohutta

**Oakwood College**—On Thursday, October 22, the members of the Oakwood College board gathered in the beautiful setting of the Cohutta Springs Retreat Center for a board retreat. The consultant facilitator was David McKenna, internationally respected consultant on higher education and board responsibilities. The beautiful scenic setting and the delightful weather and healthful meals provided an atmosphere of fellowship and work.

Some of the areas

covered in the intense schedule: ministry of the trustees; the mission, policy, and governance of the board; the president and the board; and the vision of the board.

It is felt that the involvement in the retreat activity will result in more effective functioning of the board. This will benefit Oakwood and the students.

One of the major challenges articulated by McKenna was that the faculty, administration, and staff have the crucial responsibility to model in lifestyle, behavior, and faith commitment—essential in the education experience that Oakwood offers.

Benjamin F. Reaves

## Kentucky Women Retreat to Indian Creek

**Kentucky-Tennessee**—The third annual women's retreat was held October 16-18 at Indian Creek camp. The theme was "Living from the Inside Out."

Conference President Richard Hallock challenged the group with his Sabbath morning mes-

sage, "Triumph in Tears," which focused on the story of Esther. He pointed out that Esther was the woman of the hour for her time, because God called her to a special ministry.

"The Seventh-day Adventist Church is crying for this special touch that women have," he said. "Esther took the time and made specific plans to get involved and confront the issue facing her, she didn't just wait and see or wait for someone else to do it.



Madison Campus and Highland churches ensemble played during the women's retreat.

Things that aren't planned to happen don't happen."

The subject of planning was discussed further by Marie Jennings, another guest speaker. "Plan your time before someone else does," she said. "Life is a special occasion and if we plan, we'll get the best out of it."

Friday evening's session began with Jennings' talk, "Where Are You Going?" which included self-analysis and taking a look at the roles of women and goals for the future. This was followed by Sabbath afternoon's talk, "Who's Driving?" that included small group discussion as

they talked about fitness, examined priorities, and evaluated devotional life. Saturday evening's activities included demonstrations of crafts, cake decorating, and sweatshirt decorating. The last session on Sunday was, "What's the Best Way to Get There From Here?" Work sheets were used to develop a weekly planner using a one-week time log and an analysis sheet. After the session the group divided into small prayer groups.

Among the 200 women in attendance at the retreat were single career women, students, single mothers, and married women.

Sandra Pinkoski

maker, data specialist, lab technician—are a fulfillment of a statement written by Ellen White. In 1992 literature

evangelists served by the HHES sold more than four million dollars of literature.

Bill Beckworth

## FLA Students Help Hurricane Victims

**Florida**—Students and faculty of Forest Lake Academy (FLA) in Apopka, took their second trip to South Florida, September 16-20, to help with the relief and clean-up efforts resulting from Hurricane Andrew in Homestead and Florida City.

Making the heavily damaged Homestead Seventh-day Adventist church their base of operations, they helped unload and distribute food and supplies, repair leaking roofs, and aid in the clean-up operations of homes and yards. They also provided entertainment for the local neighborhood children by organizing

ball games.

During the weekend, armed with gifts and a military escort, they visited tent cities, giving out their goodies to children. Some dressed as clowns, while the academy's gymnastics team involved the children in a gymnastics show. Survival kits containing personal items for adults were also distributed.

"All I could see was total devastation," says student Wendy Yawn. "To look into people's eyes and see their pain and suffering just pulled at my heart. I kept remembering that God has a reason for everything and he will always find a way to help."

"Some days you would like to have died," said a Homestead teen, Gary Settle, "but you have to keep going even if you don't feel like it. I know there are a lot

## HHES Offers LE Training School

### Southern Union—

Home Health Education Service training for new workers in the literature ministry took place in Atlanta October 11-15. Bill Beckworth, publishing director of the Southern Union, led out in the instruction. Associate Director Ted Smith also participated. Conference publishing directors as well as three career workers contributed to the training.

Those workers who come from various backgrounds—printing, insurance, sales, postmaster, photography, hairdresser, editor, nurse, school teacher, hospital clerk, student, industrial worker, real estate, sheet

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Forest Lake Academy students worked hard with very little rest, and yet it seemed they accomplished so little in view of so much devastation.

of days I feel that way. It's like I just want to cry. I guess it's just easier to keep it bottled up. The people who have come down to help with the disaster

relief have been a lot of help. The hardest part is going to be saying good-bye to my friends from Forest Lake Academy."

Doug Tallman

## Adventist Attorneys Retreat at Stone Mountain

**Southern Union—**Thirty-two Southern Union attorneys and their families met at Stone Mountain's Evergreen Conference Center and Resort in Georgia September 11 and 12 for the 18th annual retreat.

The retreat opened Friday night with a 15 minute concert by Grace Dorsey followed by the guest speaker for the weekend, Clifford Goldstein, associate editor of *Liberty* magazine. He shared glimpses into his unusual conversion from Judaism to Christianity. Its unusual, not only for obvious reasons, but also because as Goldstein emphasized, "there were two types of people I despised, Adventists, and vegetarians."

Sabbath was filled with presentations by Four His Praise, Jacquelyn Ross, and a sermon by Goldstein, titled "The Abandonment."

Additional activities during the weekend were a report from Oscar Heinrich who recently returned from Russia, reports from Malcolm Gordon, Union president, on the state of the Union, Southern College, and Sunbelt; and an update from Tom Wetmore representing the office of General Counsel at the General Conference.



Clifford Goldstein

During the round table discussion with conference and union officers, Title VII cases in litigation within the Southern Union, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, and other legal issues were discussed.

Close to \$800 was collected for the Sabbath offering, which will be used to purchase Bibles for John Carter's upcoming evangelistic crusade in Inzhi-Novgorod of the Soviet Union. The Bibles will be distributed free. Two-thousand, three-hundred and fifty have been baptized so far this year.

During the business meeting Barry Benton was elected president; Judy Hawkins, vice president; Roger Bradley, another vice president; Richard Center, treasurer; Lewis Stout, secretary; and Stewart Crook, associate secretary.

Next year's retreat is planned for the same location in September.

Olson Perry



Teresa Hall enjoys a colorful felt book while her mother, Kay, observes.

## McDonald Road Church Develops Quiet Library

**Georgia-Cumberland—**The McDonald Road church in McDonald, Tenn., recently formed a committee to organize and carry out plans for a "Quiet Library" at the church. Designed for use by pre-school children during the sermon, the library consists of 36 canvas tote bags, color coded by age level, filled with a wide variety of age-appropriate quiet activities.

The bags may be checked out before the service begins and returned at the close of the service. By checking out a different tote bag each week, a child can have a varied set of activities, as no two bags are exactly alike. The library is housed in a wooden cabinet built by two church members.

Many talented members gave much of their time and effort to sew the tote bags, felt animal hand mitts, stuffed animals, cut out felt pieces, assemble felt books, select appropriate books and other manipulative items included in the bags.

Evonne Crook

## Youth

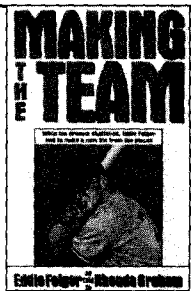
### Hendersonville Forms Pathfinder Club

**Kentucky-Tennessee—**One of the newest Pathfinder clubs in the Conference has been established in the Hendersonville church.

Fifteen boys and girls have formed the "Heavenly Crusaders," under the leadership of Dean and Linda Evens, and Sid and Melody Medlock.

At the first meeting the club began practicing drills and marching, along with perusing the requirements for honor badges.

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Hendersonville's Heavenly Crusaders.

to its goals, and more than willing to back its commitment with hard work. One week after the first meeting, the club held a yard sale with items donated from church members. An ideal location at the local high school, and good weather, combined to make the event a great

success. The Pathfinders earned more than \$1,000.

Many prayers were offered that somehow these young people would be able to attend the Southern Union Camporee, when an appeal was made more than \$1,200 was given.

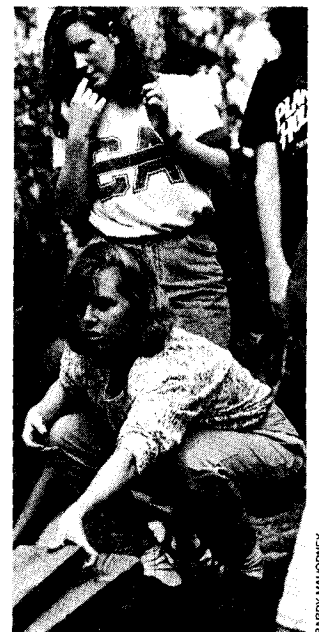
John Fowler

## Bible Conference Emphasizes Spiritual Growth

**Gulf States**—The 1992 junior high Bible conference, under the direction of Bill Wood, Gulf States youth ministries specialist, brought together students from across the Conference. General meetings, family groups and recreation worked together to help in the spiritual growth of each student.

Mike McKenzie, youth specialist from the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, challenged the participants to genuine spiritual growth. Several Southern College students led out in family groups, helping the students make commitments to Christ.

Barry Mahorney



Pamela Moore works with fellow students in solving a team problem.



Youth who attended expressed spiritual growth.

## Young Adults Attend Retreat

**Georgia-Cumberland**—On October 16-18, 183 young adults spent a weekend of Christian enrichment and interaction at Cohutta Springs Adventist Center. Steve Haley, pastor of the Stone Mountain church, gave dynamic messages graphically portraying the events during the final hours prior to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

Patricia White, a vocal recording artist, was featured throughout the

weekend. Four seminar topics focusing on young adult lifestyle issues were offered by Kay Kuzma, Ron Pickell, and Ed Wright. The young adults participated in a variety of recreational and group activities.

The Georgia-Cumberland church ministries staff believes this type of retreat is vital to encourage young adults to stay connected to Jesus, become involved in their local church, and to welcome non-attending baby boomers back to church fellowship.

Dave Cress

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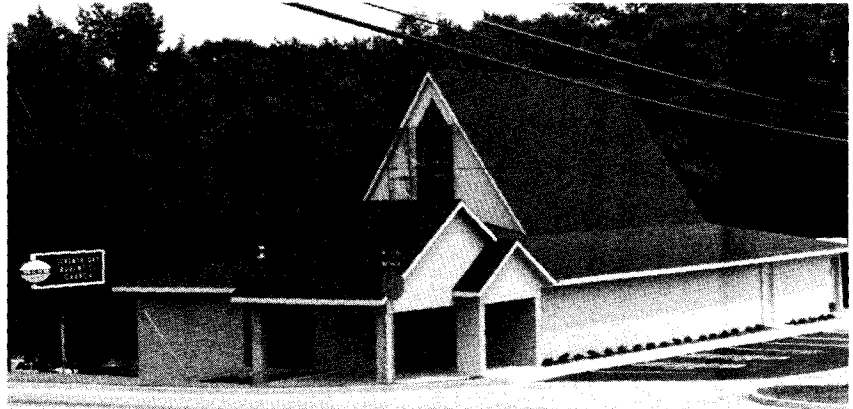


In a recent missionary service, children were asked to bring little gifts that could be sent to a Christian hospital in India.

They were urged to sacrificially bring favorite toys. Of course, many came with money, but one little girl who had no pennies was seen crying as though her heart would break. In her arms she clasped a well-worn doll. Everyone could see she was having a hard struggle to give up her "baby." At last, her turn came to go up front. Finally, a smile broke through her tears, as she almost ran down the aisle. Handing over the doll, she said, "I'm sorry I cried. Missionary, I forgot for a minute—it's all for Jesus!"

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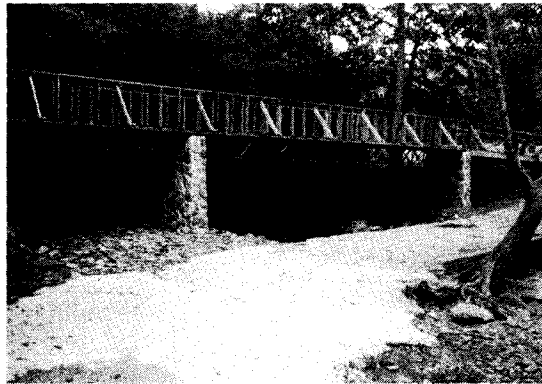
Tony Cirigliano can hardly hold back the excitement as he beams an excited look into the screen of his computer to see the names that have just come in as a result of the automated dialing "Bible Study Program." His computer is programmed to dial families in the area and invite them to enroll in a Bible study. This is just one method he uses to generate interests for on-going Bible study classes at the church. Since the first of the year, the Morganton church has been conducting Bible study training classes. Each church member who attends the class must bring a friend. So far, 68 non-church members have attended, and of that group 22 have been baptized.



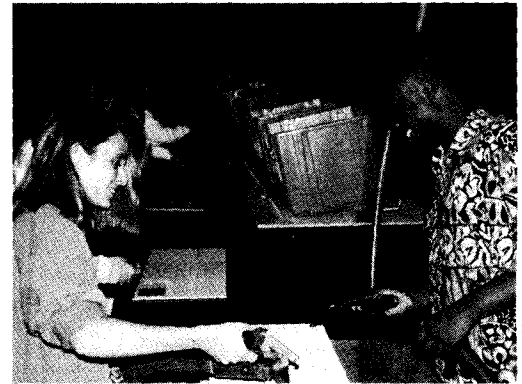
In the late spring, the Columbus, Ga., First church held its opening ceremonies for the newly completed addition and renovation. Under the direction of Lorenz Sailor, the church has completed a 3,372-sq.-ft. addition as well as an upgrade of most of the existing structure at a cost of \$160,000. The amount of paved parking more than tripled and the sanctuary now seats 215. A new sound system, sound booth, Baldwin grand piano, and Hammond organ were included. The construction and renovation was started in the fall of '91.



Melvin and Virginia Wahl celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a Hawaiian supper at the Raleigh church. The Wahls were married July 15, 1942, in Hooker, Oklahoma. Mr. Wahl was a colporteur and pastor in the Oklahoma and Kentucky-Tennessee conferences.



For several years the concrete traffic bridge (foreground) allowed vehicle and foot traffic to cross Cohutta Springs's Sumac Creek. Rain storms, like the one experienced at the 1991 Georgia Cumberland Pathfinder Camporee, occasionally raise the creek enough to flow over the bridge creating significant difficulties for the 800 Pathfinders camped in the recreation field. A new footbridge (background) was officially opened for the 1992 Camporee.



The Sample Barn is the latest addition to the work program at Georgia-Cumberland Academy. Alisa Byers (left), Duane Shorter (right), and Tammi Young are among the 10 students who are currently employed preparing and assembling carpet sample books. Located in the facilities vacated by Little Lake Industries, the Sample Barn management plans to employ up to 40 students within the near future.



A happy throng of worshipers attended the organization of the Charlotte Spanish company July 18. Forty-two signed as original charter members and an additional 15 are in Bible study classes preparing for baptism. They have taken on the challenge of sharing the Good News in their community and already have future plans to purchase land and build a new church.



Tom and Nellie Carlton are congratulated on their 60th anniversary by their pastor, Al Klein of the Ellijay, Ga., church. Tom and Nellie were married in 1932 in Roderfield, W. Va. After retiring 30 years ago, the Carlton's moved to Ellijay where they have been active in the church.



Edwin and Marian Olsen, members of the Florida Living church, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary at a reception at Southern College given by their children. They were born in Copenhagen, Denmark, and married in Takoma Park, Maryland, September 15, 1927. Edwin served the denomination for 32 years as a journeyman printer.



Gifts in the special projects offering during the first quarter of 1991 resulted in a new day Adventist high school for youth in Suva, Fiji. Appraised at \$3.2 million, the Isa Lei Resort Hotel is being remodeled into classrooms and a conference center—purchased for \$500,000. The 13th Sabbath Offering of \$400,000 from around the world has been augmented by a gift from the South Pacific Division as well as a \$125,000 advance on their 1993 budget so that the new school will be ready by the next term.



Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Blomeley received a plaque from members of the Tryon, N.C., church for 72 years of marriage. The Blomeley's were married June 19, 1920. They have three sons, 12 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Living with them at their Columbus, N.C., home is their 34-year-old parrot, "Doc."



Southern College chaplain Ken Rogers and Collegiate Missions Club director Leslie Brooks hold up a poster showing the design for the 1993 Witness Through Roses float. Students learned about the project as part of their collegiate commitment program early in the school year. Amid the parade theme of entertainment, the Seventh-day Adventist float for the 1993 Tournament of Roses Parade will celebrate enjoying and caring for nature.

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**Carolina**  
**Elders Meeting**—Jan. 8-10. Nosoca Pines Ranch.  
**Junior/Senior Bible Conference**—Jan. 15-17. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

**Florida**  
**ABC Bookmobile Schedule**  
 Dec. 19. Key West.  
 Dec. 20. Marathon, Islamorada, Key Largo, Homestead.  
**Adventist Singles Ministries New Years Retreat**—Dec. 30-Jan. 3. Camp Kulaqua. Details: (404) 434-5111.

**Pathfinders**  
 Jan. 10. Council Meeting: Conference office.  
 Jan. 15-17. Reveille-Explorer classwork. Camp Kulaqua.  
 Feb. 5-7. Reveille-Voyager and Guide classwork. Everglades.

**Women's Ministries Retreat**—Feb. 19-21. "Esther . . ." Iris Yob, speaker. Camp Kulaqua.

**Evangelistic Crusades**

Jan. 9-Feb. 13. Pompano Beach. Lester Pratt and Roy and Amy Pauley.  
 Jan. 9-Feb. 13. Sebring. Bob and Joyce DuBose and Clarence and Anita Pillsbury.  
 Jan. 9-March 6. Ocala. Art and Margo Swaningson.

Feb. 27-Mar. 20. Deltona. Bill Bornstein.  
 Feb. 27-April 3. Ft. Lauderdale. Lester Pratt and Roy and Amy Pauley.

Feb. 27-April 3. Miami Springs. Bob and Joyce DuBose and Clarence and Anita Pillsbury.

Mar. 20-May 22. Belleview. Art and Margo Swaningson.

**Maranatha Volunteers International Conference**—Jan. 29-31. Radisson Mart Plaza Hotel, Miami, Fla. Details: 1-800-333-3333.

**Georgia-Cumberland**

**Pathfinder Teen Discovery**—Jan. 15-17. Canoeing the Sante Fe.

**Youth and Young Adult**

Jan. 10-13. Summer Ministries Recruit-

ing. Southern College  
 Jan. 21-23. Youth Bible Conference. Cohutta Springs.

**Church Ministries Convention**—Dec. 4-6. Cohutta Springs.

**Ministerial Meeting**—Jan. 3-6. Cohutta Springs.

**ABC Bookmobile Schedule**

Dec. 9. Smyrna Hospital.

Dec. 12. Augusta.

Dec. 13. Macon.

Dec. 13. Warner Robins, Douglasville.

**Take Heart Weekend**—Jan. 15-17. Cohutta Springs. A weekend for women (18 and older) who have been exposed to sexual abuse. Details: Family Matters, (615) 339-1144, P.O. Box 7000, Cleveland, TN 37320.

**Courageous Hearts**—Jan. 15-17. Cohutta Springs. A seminar for women suffering from battered self-esteem. Details: Family Matters, (615) 339-1144, P.O. Box 7000, Cleveland, TN 37320.

**Gulf States**

**Elders and Deacons' Meeting**—Dec. 4-6. Camp Alamisco.

**Ministers' Meeting**—Dec. 6-9. Camp Alamisco.

**ABC Christmas Open House**—Dec. 13. Montgomery.

**Kentucky-Tennessee**

**ABC Bookmobile Schedule**

Dec. 5. Raleigh.

Dec. 6. Memphis First, Jackson, Leach, Harbert Hills, Parsons.

Dec. 12. Pewee Valley.

Dec. 13. Lexington, Louisville First, So. Louisville, Elizabethtown.

**Young Women's Retreat**—Jan. 8-10. Indian Creek Camp. "Lifestyles of the Loved and Valued." Speaker: Susan Zork.

**South Atlantic**

**Officers Conventions and Workers' Meetings**

Dec. 6. Atlanta, Ga.

Dec. 13. Fayetteville, N.C.

## CALENDAR

December

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**South Central**

**Officers' Meeting**

Dec. 6. Jackson, Miss.

Dec. 13. Oakwood College.

Dec. 20. Montgomery, Ala.

**Human Relations Day**—Dec. 21.

**Seven Hour Prayer Meeting**—Jan. 2.

**Workers' Meeting**—Jan. 3-5. Nashville.

**South Central Conference Archives Ribbon Cutting**—Jan. 4.

**Southern College**

**Vespers**—Dec. 11. Handel's Messiah, 8 p.m.

**Special Events**

Dec. 4-5. Die Meistersinger with Chattanooga Boys Choir at Tivoli Theater.

Dec. 5. Southern College Concert Band Christmas Concert. Iles P.E. Center, 8 p.m.

Dec. 12. Handel's Messiah. Collegedale Church, 3:30 p.m.

**Academic Schedule**

Dec. 14-17. Semester Exams.

Dec. 18-31. Christmas Vacation.

**Southern Union**

**Health Temperance Day Offering**—Dec. 12.

**Literature Evangelist Convention**—Dec. 29-Jan. 3. Coco Beach.

**Heralds Quartet Concert Schedule**

Jan. 13. Jackson, Miss.

Jan. 14. Montgomery, Ala.

Jan. 16. Atlanta, Ga.

Jan. 17. Tallahassee, Fla.

Jan. 18. Inverness, Fla.

Jan. 19. Sarasota, Fla.

Jan. 20. Avon Park, Fla.

Jan. 21. West Palm Beach, Fla.

**Out of Union**

**Andrews University Alumni Homecoming**—April 22-25.

**Adventist Winter Ski Festival**—March 1-12. Breckenridge, Co. Details: (303) 733-3771.

**Southwestern Adventist College's Annual Homecoming**—April 7-11. Details: (817) 556-4731.

**Announcement**

The Andrews University Board of Directors has established a scholarship fund to assist students attending Andrews whose parents are alumni of Andrews University. Those eligible should apply by March 15, 1993. Applications are available by writing Alumni House, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104.

## TRANSITIONS

**Kentucky-Tennessee**

**Gail Long and Winston Baldwin**

have recently moved to Memphis to fill positions at Memphis Academy. Gail comes from Pewee Valley. At Memphis Junior Academy, Gail will be principal and team-teach grades seven through 10. Winston Baldwin will teach grades five and six.



Long

Baldwin

## Weddings

TRENCHARD - MACLAFFERTY

**Lauree MacLafferty**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merrit MacLafferty of Collegedale, Tenn., and **Mark Trenchard**, son of Dr. and Mrs. Warren Trenchard of College Heights, Canada, were united in marriage August 9 in Collegedale by Warren Trenchard, father of the groom. Mark and Lauree will make their home in College Place, Wash., where they are both seniors at Walla Walla College.

STEWART - FAIRWEATHER

**Beryl Fairweather** and **Marvin Stewart** were united in marriage at the Atlanta Belvedere church on August 16. The marriage ceremony was performed by Albert Ellis, pastor of the Atlanta Belvedere church. The couple resides in the Atlanta area.

## On the Move



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Farwell

**Georgia-Cumberland**

**Dale Tunnell** will become the new pastor of the Morristown, Tenn., church, moving from the Warner Robins/Dublin, Ga., district. **Jim and Sharon Cress**, pastor and associate pastor for the Marietta church will assume responsibilities at the General Conference. Jim will be the world ministerial association secretary and Sharon will be the director of shepardness international. **Clay Farwell** joins the Georgia-Cumberland Conference as director of Cohutta Springs Adventist Center. Farwell has experience in youth ministries in the Northern California Conference and as the Southern Union youth ministries director. Additional service includes president of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference and a vice-president position with the Tennessee Christian Hospital.

## Sunset

	Dec. 4	Dec. 11	Dec. 18	Dec. 25	Jan. 1	Jan. 15
Atlanta, Ga.	5:30	5:31	5:33	5:38	5:43	5:49
Charleston, S.C.	5:14	5:15	5:18	5:22	5:27	5:33
Charlotte, N.C.	5:11	5:12	5:14	5:19	5:24	5:30
Collegedale, Tenn.	5:29	5:31	5:33	5:37	5:43	5:49
Huntsville, Ala.	4:34	4:36	4:39	4:42	4:48	4:54
Jackson, Miss.	4:56	4:57	5:00	5:04	5:09	5:15
Louisville, Ky.	5:23	5:23	5:26	5:30	5:36	5:43
Memphis, Tenn.	4:48	4:49	4:51	4:56	5:01	5:07
Miami, Fla.	5:30	5:32	5:35	5:39	5:43	5:48
Montgomery, Ala.	4:40	4:42	4:45	4:49	4:54	5:00
Nashville, Tenn.	4:32	4:34	4:36	4:40	4:46	4:52
Orlando, Fla.	5:30	5:31	5:34	5:38	5:41	5:47
Wilmington, N.C.	5:02	5:04	5:06	5:10	5:16	5:22



*Die Meistersinger, the male chorus at Southern College.*

**T**he faculty of the department of music at Southern College believes that music is one of the arts given to man by his Creator to be used in the worship of God and to enhance the quality of man's life."

This quote is part of the mission statement that the department adheres to on the campus. Sponsoring seven music ensembles, the department is often found ministering through music in different parts of the United States and the world.



Department chairman Marvin Robertson directs three of the choral ensembles. Die Meistersinger is the 24-member male chorus. The group performs a variety of musical styles and from different time periods. Die Meistersinger is

German for "the master singers," and when you hear them perform you begin to believe it too. October 24 and 25, they went on tour to Arden, Asheville, and Mount Pisgah, North Carolina.

"I attended a community college last year. This year, when I joined the Die Meistersinger and Schola Cantorum, I was amazed at how the teachers bring Christ into our rehearsals, says Omar Miranda, a sophomore physiology major. "The music is more challenging and our performance levels are higher than I ever expected. My voice teacher is wonderful, the training is extensive and varied."

Southern Singers is the college's 47-member mixed voice choir. This year the Southern Singers have had the privilege to practice under the baton of the internationally renowned composer Jean Berger. For alumni homecoming they per-

formed "Sanctus" with soprano Barbara Doherty Rendalen. Southern Singers sing music from all styles, time periods, and cultures. The students enjoy performing international composers and music styles.

"One of the reasons I enjoy Southern Singers so much is the variety of music Dr. Robertson has us sing," said Jane Teague, a freshman nursing major. "Praising God in different languages is not only a touching experience, but it reemphasizes to me that we are all one in Christ." The Southern Singers tour in November took them to Madison, Tennessee, and the Highland Campus church.

Something special is a 12-member mixed-voice choir. It performs both sacred and secular music which is frequently choreographed. November 6 and 7 the choir toured Canada for performances at Kingsway College and at the Ontario Youth Congress. Something Special often performs in the area for schools and other groups.

Schola Cantorum (Singing School) is directed by voice instructor Paula Beason. This 12-member group specializes in performing sacred music of the Renaissance, Baroque, and Romantic eras. The students must sight read music well and be familiar with Latin, German, and French pronunciations. They perform once a month at Evensong at the Collegedale church.

Pat Silver directs the concert band. The 62 members provide a strong sound at their many performances. November 5 to 8 found them in Florida on tour. They performed in Tampa and Forest Lake Academy. The highlight for most was the performance at the American Pavilion at EPCOT Center.

The 75-member symphony orchestra is directed by Orlo Gilbert. At an October 31 concert, Patricio

# Music to Praise God and Enhance Life by Angela Cobb

Cobos, a Southern College graduate, performed with them. Cobos is a concert violinist. A spring tour is planned for the orchestra to Eastern Canada. Stops will include Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Quebec, and Ontario.

On December 11 and 12 the combined choirs and the orchestra will perform Handel's Messiah at the Collegedale church. The featured soloists will be: Paula Beason, soprano; Rebecca Tate-St. Goar, contralto; Fredrick Kennedy, tenor; and David Luther, bass. In years past the department of music has put on several musicals. This year Rodgers and Hammerstein's The Sound of Music is the chosen production. Performances are scheduled for March 13, 14, and 15.

The Southernaire is a quartet whose sponsor is Dr. Jim Ashlock, director of Alumni Relations. The four—Ken Norton, Dan Nyirady, Sam Greer, and Jon Fisher—spent last year singing in Thailand as student missionaries.

With 14 faculty members and 200 students involved in these music organizations, Southern College recognizes the impact of fine arts on life and wants to integrate such knowledge into personal experience. Fine arts convey ideas, values, and emotions. An acquaintance with music enhances the ability to express oneself and gives an appreciation for the cultural heritage of the world and the complexities of the human experience. ■

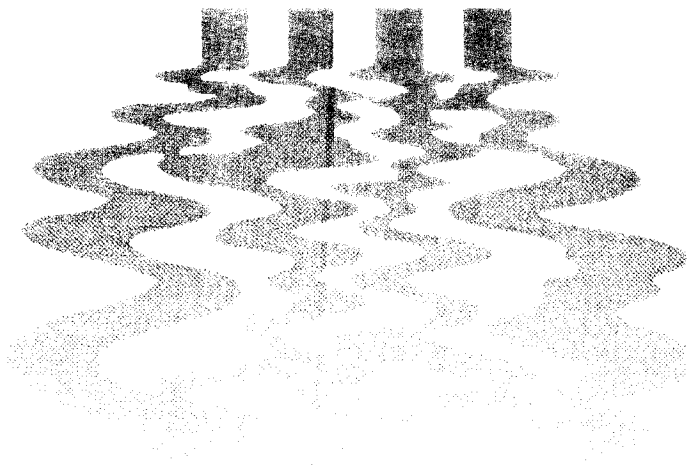
*Angela Cobb is a freshman history major at Southern College, and works in the publications and media relations office.*

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# "Square Up With God"

by R. H. Shepard

## Building A Life In FOCUS



**M**ost churches struggle with their local budgets and during December faithful members square up with the Lord and bring relief to the church budget as well as the Lord's tithe.

Too often the local budget just cares for utilities, maintenance, and other operating expenses. However, the local church budget is the means by which the missionary outreach program of the church is accomplished. Increased church budgets would make possible a local radio or TV program, more Bible study equipment, a day care center, seminars, missionary literature, and other community service programs that attract and win people.

What could God accomplish through you and your church? The possibilities are limited only by our faith. If we dedicate our time, talents, health, and finances to God, He can work miracles.

Consider the statement from inspiration, "If all the **tithes** of our people flowed into the treasury of the Lord as they should, such blessings would be received that **gifts and offerings** for sacred purposes would be **multiplied tenfold**, and thus the channel between God and man would be kept open." 4T 474.

We are not to neglect the mission field for the home field, but a strong local church that is winning souls and growing can provide the needed support for our

world mission program. We need to finish the work at home as well as around the world. **"There is means enough in the hands of believers to amply sustain the work—without embarrassing any, if all would bear their proportionate part."** 3T 410.

The local church family is the primary source for Christian fellowship. By giving of ourselves we provide fellowship for others also.

The church family is an extension of our home, of its influence and leadership. We plan and carry out worship, education, and outreach programs. Local church planning and budgeting are the responsibility and opportunity of each church family member.

"Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old? will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my first-born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Micah 6:6-8.


A representative from the British Missionary Society once paid a visit to a shipping magnate who donated regularly to the society. The man wrote a check worth 250 dollars, but just then he received a cablegram. It was bad news. One of his ships, carrying a valuable cargo, had been lost at sea.

The shipping magnate said, "Of course I'll have to rewrite the check." He then proceeded to fill one out for six times the previous amount.

Seeing the figure, the Society representative said, "You must have made a mistake."

"No," replied the magnate, "that cablegram was from my Heavenly Father. It said, 'Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth.'"

"The followers of Christ should not wait for thrilling missionary appeals to arouse them to action. If spiritually awake, they would hear in the income of every week . . . the voice of God and of conscience with authority demanding the tithes and offerings due the Lord." 4T 474.

May God help us to do our fair share for Him as we "Build A Life In Focus" . . . during this final opportunity of 1992. 

*R. H. Shepard is church ministries director for the Florida Conference.*

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by Roy E. Malcolm

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These are only a few of the genuine qualities of the man named Emerson A. Cooper who recently retired after 44 years at Oakwood College.

Born in the Republic of Panama, Cooper grew up in the Canal Zone. His parents, Daniel Francis and Willette Cooper from Barbados, had gone to Panama to help build the Canal.

## Early Education

Cooper obtained his elementary and part of his secondary education in Panama. He did some correspondence work there also, but it was at Oakwood Academy that he received his high school diploma in 1946. He had learned about Oakwood through the *Message* magazine. Cooper was greatly disappointed when he learned upon arrival in January 1945 at Oakwood College that he would need to complete high school before enrolling in college. He was, however, allowed to enroll for some college classes including general chemistry.

## Conversion

Cooper accepted the Adventist message in September 1945, and was baptized by O. B. Edwards, Ph.D., and C. E. Moseley. Since that time he has lived a godly life and has been a faithful steward and follower of the Master Teacher.

## College/Graduate Studies

Cooper completed college in two and a half years, by taking additional courses in the summer at City College of New York. He was responsible for the establishment of the largest campus organization at Oakwood in 1946-47. The organization was the Order of Master Scientists.

In the summer of 1949, he began his graduate studies at the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn on a part-time basis and received the MS in chemistry in 1954. Cooper recalls that during his attendance at that prestigious institution, he saw only one other black student in attendance. Five years later, in 1959, he received the Ph.D. in chemistry from Michigan State University, and thus became the first all-Oakwood-trained graduate to earn a doctoral degree.

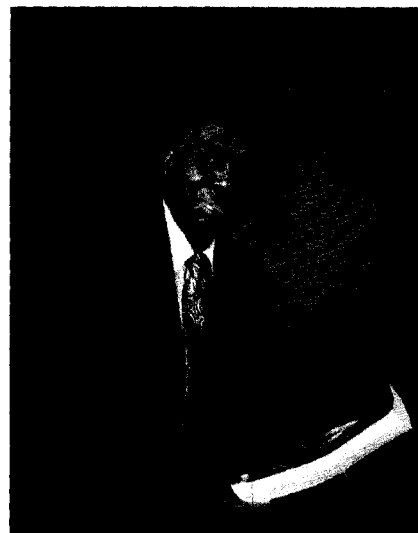
## Teaching/Awards

Since joining the faculty at Oakwood Academy and Oakwood College in 1948, Cooper has moved progressively through the ranks from instructor to full professor. In addition, he has served as a visiting lecturer at the following institutions: Alabama A & M University, the University of Alabama in Huntsville, Kentucky State University, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The following are some of Cooper's honors and awards: Danforth Fellow, Michigan State University; listed in *American Men and Women of Science*; American College Testing (ACT) and the National Academic Advising Association Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Achievement in the Academic Advising of Students; Alabama Association of College Administrators Exemplary Service Award; First Annual White House Initiative Faculty Award for Excellence in Science and Technology.

## Grants

Cooper's 1962 federal grant of \$4,200 from the Atomic Energy Commission made him the first Oakwood faculty member so honored. Since then he has received numerous other grants including \$25,000 from NASA (Synthesis of Ninhydrin Analogs); \$165,620 NIH (Minority Biomedical Support Program); and \$80,600 from the National Science Foundation.



## Family

In 1949, Cooper married the former Marjorie Stephens. Their three children are: Roslyn Smith, a practicing registered nurse in Washington, DC; Stephen Cooper, a practicing registered nurse in Atlanta, Georgia; and Margo C. Bagley, a chemical engineer with Proctor and Gamble Company in Cincinnati, Ohio.

## Writing/Publication

In 1985, Cooper, concurrent with, but independent of, Linus Pauling, proposed a theory recommending vitamin C (a known antiviral agent) for the treatment of AIDS. Today, many holistic physicians include therapeutic doses of vitamin C in their treatment protocols for AIDS.

Cooper is the author of several scientific papers, two laboratory manuals, and a general chemistry textbook (*The Core of General Chemistry*). He has also written for the *Collegiate Quarterly* and *Message* magazine.

## Leadership/Administration

During 46 years of service to Oakwood College, Cooper has served also as a department head, division chair, academic dean, interim president, and more recently, acting vice president for academic affairs. This latest position was offered to him immediately after he announced his retirement. ■

# Women Making a Difference

by Lori Pettibone

**W**hat role do women play in the church? This is the question that women's ministries attempts to answer.

The weekend of November 6 to 8, women's ministries leaders from all over the North American Division met at Southern College to help answer this question, as well as to discuss future plans.

Women's ministries encourages women to use their individual talents in their witnessing. In his Sabbath morning sermon, Gordon Bietz, pastor of the Collegedale church, supported women's ministries. "Where is a woman's place?" asked Bietz, then answered, "Anywhere her gifts lead her."

"Soul Stories," a video shown for Friday evening vespers, focused on four women who are using their gifts to better serve God.

One of the women featured in the video was Joan Bova from Orlando, Florida. Bova, though disabled, is very active in both her community and her church. "My father always told me that I could do anything I wanted to do if I wanted to do it," said Bova.

Other women featured in the video were Joanne Powell, from Grand Rapids, Michigan, who is a successful journalist; Arla Clapp from Silver Springs, Maryland, who gave up a job as an office manager to stay home with her children; and Rose Gomez, a Navajo Indian, whose goal is to help her fellow Native Americans become self-sufficient. Each one of these women is using her unique talents in being a witness for God.

Women's ministries encourages women to find their individual gifts and use them in their witnessing. Yet, no woman is alone. According to Evelyn VandeVere, women's ministries director for the Southern Union, women's ministries is



Women's ministries directors within the Southern Union are: Helen Boskind (Kentucky-Tennessee), Edith Beans (Gulf States), Evelyn VandeVere (Georgia-Cumberland and Southern Union), Pat Shanko (Florida), and Ann Pendleton (Carolina). Not present: Carolyn Hinson (South Atlantic), Laura Smith (South Central), and Vanessa Melton (Southeastern).



PHOTO BY SHARON WICKHAM

Dawn Moffit, representing young women of the church, read the scripture reading and offered prayer for a special Sabbath school service.

"women helping and encouraging each other."

One of the ways that this has been accomplished is through the new devotional *Among Friends*, written for and by women. According to the editor, Rose Otis, the purpose of this book is to "uplift Christ and provide a way for women to nurture and encourage each other."

Other ways that women are nurtured through women's ministries include weekend retreats, seminars, and prayer breakfasts.

During a women's symposium Sabbath afternoon, the need for young women to become more involved in women's ministries was discussed. Plans are already being made to hold a retreat for teenage girls as well as one for college women.

These and other retreats especially for women are all a part of the women's ministries goal to meet the emotional needs of women in the church. "The Spirit of God hovers over our women's retreats, bringing to those who attend hope, healing, encouragement, and an enabling to be all they can be in Jesus Christ," says Mrs. VandeVere. "Women are allowing the Holy Spirit to give them an awareness and sensitivity to the opportunities He brings them to share God's love with others."

The Southern Union women's ministries encourages women in the local church to plan their activities in such a way that the people they serve will be eager to invite and bring their Adventist friends who have slipped away from the church or attend occasionally, as well as their non-Adventist friends.

"Because of the women's retreat, I am a Seventh-day Adventist today," wrote one woman.

Because women are different, they have different needs. Meeting those needs is what women's ministries is all about.

Southern women know God has a plan for each person and this gives them hope. They are studying God's Word in order to share, with gentleness and respect, their hope in the plan of salvation and Christ's second coming.

Southern women are combining energy, talent, and strength with their Southern Vision to help accomplish Global Mission in each of their personal worlds. ■

Lori Pettibone is a junior public relations major at Southern College.

Women's ministries directors in North America include: Betty Rayl (left), Yvette Chong, Nola Home, Evelyn Glass, Elizabeth Sterndale, Cynthia Prime, Evelyn VandeVere, Junelle Vance, and Ramona Perez Greek.



## Trust Services:

# Serving God, The Church, And You

by Stewart Crook

**F**or many years the trust services department has served both the Church and its constituents. The Church has benefited by monies which come from wills, trusts, annuities, and other instruments; and constituents have been assisted in their stewardship objectives by dedicated trust services personnel. Millions of dollars have been received which have helped further the cause of God, much of which might have never been realized without the cooperative endeavors of constituents and trust services personnel.

**New programs established.** In the mid 1980s it was decided that to maximize the funds being received and to minimize the legal liabilities, a strengthening of the trust services program was necessary. Accordingly, a certification/accreditation committee was initiated to oversee the work of trust services and to establish recommendations and requirements which would govern the actions of trust service personnel. Under this program individuals are certified for trust services activities and conferences/institutions are accredited for trust work. Individuals desiring employment with trust services must attend an intensive training session, pass a certification examination, intern in a conference/institution, and follow a program of yearly continuing education. Conferences/institutions are subject to a yearly compliance audit which is based on the recommendations and requirements as outlined by the




*Richard Hallock, Kentucky-Tennessee president, congratulates Eugene Remmers for achieving Level A accreditation.*

North American Division certification/accreditation committee.

**Success of the program locally.** Since this regulatory program has been instituted more than 30 of the trust services/association treasury personnel in the Southern Union have received Level A accreditation. It is expected that other conferences and Southern College will be accredited in the near future.

**Ready to serve.** Trust services personnel are ready to assist constituents as they plan for the final

distribution of their assets. If you do not have a Will, or if your present Will needs to be up-dated; if you desire the services provided under a Living Trust; if you desire to make a gift to God's work and receive an income for life by use of a Charitable Gift Annuity, a Charitable Remainder Trust, or a Pooled Income Fund, please contact your trust services representative for information and assistance. By doing so, you may be able to satisfy your objectives for family members and stewardship. You may also be able to avoid certain taxes and increase your income. Why delay? 

*Stewart Crook is trust services director for the Southern Union Conference.*



*George Crumley, chairman of the trust services certification and accreditation committee of the North American Division, presented Jim Albertson, director of trust services for Georgia-Cumberland Association, the certificate for Level A accreditation. Albertson accepted on behalf of the department.*

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# "Never So Important As Now"

by Barry Mahorney

**T**he words of the title of this article are not my words. They are not even the words of some famous conference president. They are, in fact, inspired words. Words given to a prophet to be shared with God's people. That makes them eternally significant. But to what are they referring?

The answer—character building. Not only does Ellen White say that the study of character building is never so important as now, but also that it is the most important work ever entrusted to human beings (*Education*, p. 225).

God has given to this church a priceless resource to help accomplish just that—Christian education. And at a time when some are questioning the viability and quality of Christian education, the Lord, I believe, is trying to get us to understand that Seventh-day Adventist schools are making an eternal difference.

This is not to say that we as members of God's church can sit back and content ourselves with business as usual. We are in the midst of a great warfare in this world and our children are the stakes. It is necessary that we refocus our mission, which for many has become blurred. What are we all about? What are we to accomplish?

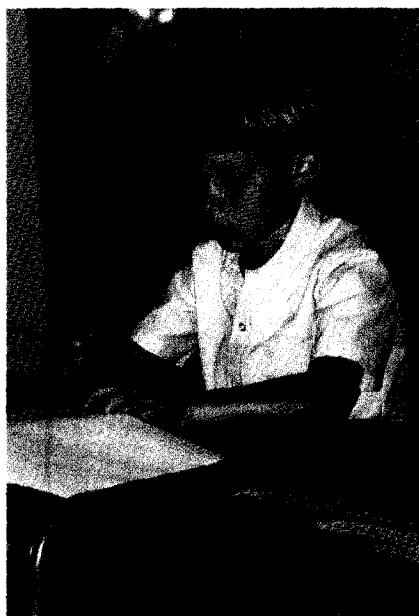
"Education and redemption are one." Therefore while we are seeking for more effective ways to teach math, science, reading, et cetera, we must never forget that unless we are molding characters for eternity, all the rest is useless.

This is the beauty of Seventh-day Adventist Christian schools. If there was ever a day when our young people needed this kind of education, it is today. It has never been so important as now. ■



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# Help and Hope for Hurting Women

by Kay Kuzma

**W**ounding relationships come in many forms. One of the most devastating is the memory of sexual violation and incest. Another is an intimate love relationship that includes emotional and/or physical abuse. Both of these relationships can be a prison; the walls of isolation and defense that have been built by women to protect themselves from the hurt can be worse than being behind actual bars.

It has been estimated that one-fourth of the women in this country have been victims of sexual abuse, and if we really knew the truth, the actual figure might be even closer to a third. Coming from a sheltered background, I could hardly believe these figures when I first heard them, but over and over again when I asked, there was the knowing nod of the head and the accompanying comment that sexual abuse appears to be highest in conservatively rigid homes.

Also, one in every four women in this nation will be a victim of a violent crime in her lifetime. Four million women are battered each year and one million of them will have to seek medical treatment for their injuries. Sixty percent of all marriages will experience at least one violent episode. And these figures are only for those who have been physically abused. Just because there isn't a bruise doesn't mean they aren't suffering the pain. There are millions more who are members of a greatly abused and yet often overlooked group—the women who suffer untold agony because of emotional abuse.

Could it be that family members in Christian homes are at risk of sexual and physical abuse? Yes. The result is that thousands of women sitting in the pews of our churches are suffering in their own silent prisons; afraid to tell anyone for the shame it might bring upon themselves or their families. Instead, they find it difficult to believe they have any value, they are afraid to trust others, they have difficulty relating to a marriage partner and too often pass their hands-ups and abuse on to their

children, or they try to drown their pain in alcohol, deviant behavior or even attempted suicide.

I wasn't personally concerned about the problem of sexual abuse until two women who attended my Designing God's Women seminar pleaded with me to hold a retreat for those who had suffered from incest and sexual abuse. Immediately I prayed that God would provide someone to lead out in this work. He did. Within 20 minutes I met Janis Vance and was impressed to ask her to plan a retreat for sexually abused women. After two days in prayer, Janis told the Lord that she needed a sign that she was to do this work, so she asked Him to bring someone to her who needed healing in this area. Within 12 hours Janis had her answer.

Janis had found healing in her own life, not through secular theory and psychotherapy, but through prayer and by attending a spiritually-led support group. Therefore, an intense year of prayer followed as Janis began planning the first Take Heart retreat.

Would anyone come? Would women be afraid to admit they had been violated and abused? No one knew the answers. But on the third weekend in January, 1989, 70 frightened women, known only by their first names, came to experience the truth in the text, "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." When a new memory bubbled to the surface or the emotional grief was too much to bear, a trained prayer intercessor was there to guide, hold and support, and the Holy Spirit comforted.

Before that first Take Heart weekend I hadn't grasped the deep pain suffered by victims of sexual abuse. At the same time I began to realize what a difference a weekend spiritual retreat could make in helping women break down the prisons of their past. I saw incredible changes take place.

One young woman, who not only had been molested in her childhood, but had recently escaped from an abusive marriage, at first sat alone between sessions, listening to her Walkman and hold-

ing a stuffed toy dog. But by the next afternoon, she had experienced a release from her burden of guilt and bitterness, and was joyfully leading the group in song.

Another, an agnostic, had no idea she was coming to a spiritual retreat. She had been an incest victim and a recovering alcoholic and had tried to find healing in everything from metaphysics to five years of psychotherapy. During the second day of the retreat, she sought out one of the prayer intercessors and began asking questions about Jesus. She had never before experienced the love that she found at this retreat, and she wanted to discover what made the difference. At the end she said, "God is the only answer!" She went home and threw away her crystals and New Age books, bought a Bible, gave her life to the Lord and told the owner of the mental health clinic she managed that she was turning it into a Christian treatment center.

We can pray for these abused women and send them to counselors, but that's not enough. Something special happens when a group of women meet and pray together in a retreat setting where there is time for the Spirit to speak and heal.

As a result of the Take Heart retreats, I heard an outcry by victims of physical and emotional abuse for a retreat that offers healing for their specific needs. After meeting Ginger Ayers, a dedicated worker in the field of domestic violence, we began to prayerfully plan the first Courageous Hearts retreat. It will be held January 15-17, 1993, during the same weekend as the Take Heart retreat, but the retreats will be conducted separately.

Do you know anyone from your church who needs these types of healing? Do you know a friend at work, or next door? If so, won't you invite them to the upcoming Take Heart retreat or Courageous Hearts retreat to be held at beautiful Cohutta Springs Adventist Center in Crandall, Georgia. ■

*Kay Kuzma is president of Family Matters in Cleveland, Tennessee.*

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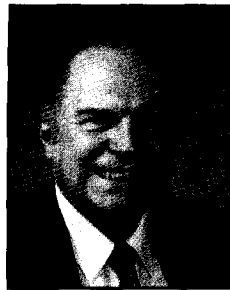
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## Vantage Point

Another highlight of the Council was the focus on youth. A policy was voted which supports and expands the current Student Missionary (AYS) program. It also voted a new Youth In Service for Christ (YSC) program in which the church commits itself to assist youth in finding places to serve—those who may not find in the AYS Call Book something that matches their particular skills, interests, time frame, or financial abilities. Phone numbers to provide this assistance are: 1/800-252-SERV or 301/680-6148.

There was strong support for a new initiative to make a spiritual four-part approach to Youth Ministry in Revival, Recovery, Evangelization, and Nurture. This thrust features administrative support with policy and budgetary actions combined with accepting youth in full participatory membership of the church including leadership positions as well as the appointment of the "President's Youth Cabinet" at every level from the local church to the General Conference.

I am pleased to report that the Southern Union already has a "President's Youth Cabinet" which has already had a very productive meeting and another is being planned for at the time of the Southern Union Youth Congress in 1993.

Please join me in earnest prayer for our precious Southern Union young people and the development of a stronger more effective youth outreach and nurture thrust.

Your brother in Christ,

*M. D. Gordon*

President, Southern Union Conference

### Annual Council Reflections

The 1992 Annual Council of the General Conference Committee and the North American Division Year-End Meetings were the best I have ever attended.

One of the features of the deeply spiritual session was a series of devotionals by Dr. George Knight, from the Adventist Theological Seminary, that were entitled, "Safe in Him." He clearly showed from scripture how that we can reconcile victory over sin with assurance in Christ, and therefore participate in the beautiful balanced message of Righteousness by Faith. (Watch for Dr. Knight's own testimony which is included in the current edition of *Online Edition*.)

The Annual Council Global Mission Report was tremendously encouraging. Church growth has exceeded all expectations during the first 24 months of Global Mission. We now have an accession rate of one baptism ever 52 seconds, as well as one new congregation established every six hours on the average. In one city alone in China on a recent July day, 2,000 were baptized! In China new believers come primarily through the ministry of Adventist World Radio and our faithful lay persons.

In the Euro-Asia Division (formerly Soviet Union), the membership has grown 48 percent in 1992 due largely to the evangelistic campaigns held by local pastors and evangelists from other divisions.

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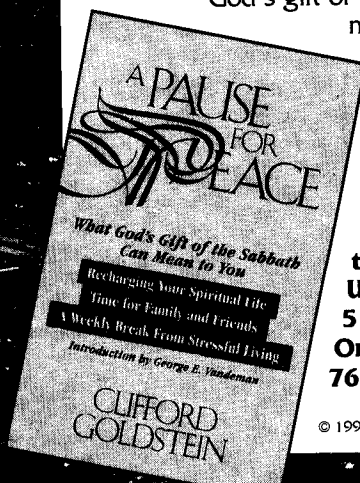
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