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by Myron Widmer

ardian Blair, president of Adventist Health System/ Sunbelt, speaks candidly about the radically changing U.S. health-care industry and how it is impacting Adventist hospitals.

Myron Widmer: Is U.S. President Clinton's proposed health plan going to affect Adventist hospitals?

Mardian Blair: Yes. Definitely. But the health-care plan that comes out of Congress may not at all look like what went in. Without a doubt, though, the plan-or the process of enacting a plan-will affect Adventist hospitals, and it already has.

In what way? The health-care market already is radically restructuring itself from within-without regard to government legislation-in anticipation of a health-care plan.

The market is consolidating. Networks are developing-that is, hospitals are combining into groups to compete for business. In Orlando, for instance, three groups are forming-two not-for-profit and one investor-owned. Businesses representing large numbers or blocks of patients will contract for a given period of time for healthcare services. If any hospital is not a part of the network, it is shut out from caring for those patients. Obviously, any hospital can quickly become financially nonviable if it is excluded from access to a large

block of business. This is happening all across the nation. Hospitals are joining forces to compete in the marketplace. And if a given hospital is not in a group, it will likely be frozen out of business.

Which means Adventist hospitals will have to create or join such networks with other hospitals? Certainly.

Even with nonAdventist hospitals?

Yes. In most places they would network with other not-for-profit hospitals, which may be Catholic, Lutheran, or Baptist. But there might be relationships with investorowned groups.

Do you think the Adventist Health System will survive? Yes. There will be some adjust-

ments, but I don't think there's any reason for nonsurvival. Overall it is a time that may bring increased success if we do a good job with these networks, which we call managed-care networks. These can be good or bad, but they are not inherently good or bad.

What has happened in health care in the past five to seven years that has forced the radical changes?

Way back, the govern-ment enacted Medicare nearly 30 years ago and paid all health-care charges. It was quite liberal. About

1983 the government began the diagnostic related groups (DRG) program, in which it paid a lump sum for the care of each illness without regard to what the health care provider spent on the patient.

Didn't this force better efficiency by the hospital?

Yes, and it caused a dramatic reduction in the length of hospital stays. Why? Because under the DRG plan the hospital got the same flat rate reimbursement whether the patient stayed one or three or five days.

In the practice of medicine before DRG-based reimbursement, physicians, as was then the practice, kept their patients in the hospital longer than sometimes necessary-and the government paid the bill. But when the DRG program rewarded efficiency, hospitals and physicians reduced patient stays and moved a significant percentage of inpatient care to an outpatient setting.

Patient census dropped dramatically. And with a different payment schedule, everything tightened up. A shakeout occurred. Many small rural hospitals dropped out. Adventist Health System/Sunbelt sold, closed, or ceased to lease eight hospitals, and we're divesting ourselves of a ninth this spring.

How many hospitals do you now have in Sunbelt? We have 25 hospital campuses

and 17 hospital licenses. Many of the hospitals have multiple sites.

What does the future hold? Are you still operating on the DRG program now?

DRGs will likely continue, but the health plan that Clinton and other leaders have proposed is to provide universal coverage for almost every person in the United States. We favor that. We are advocating that.



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Why?

America is a wealthy nation. We may not perceive that, but we have resources to do all kinds of things. And the least we can do for our people is to provide them health care.

The issue is how we can do that in a way that it is not abused, is cost-effective, and we don't over promise and underdeliver.

We presented a position paper on this to the federal government. It's our AHS/Sunbelt position, though other Adventist health-care people helped with it and support it. The initial Clinton plan may have commendable goals, but it promises more than we can provide without throwing the country into an economic tailspin.

Having said that, I believe there should be universal coverage. It needs to be entered into in a businesslike way that is incrementalso we know what it will cost as we move into it. I believe Congress will come to that point before long.

Would the universal coverage be capitation or a modified system?

There are many ways to achieve universal health care other than capitation. Capitation means a certain amount would be paid per person covered. Health-care pro-viders would get that money and use it to care for their specific group of people. This puts health-care providers at risk. If the care of their patient costs more, they lose money; if it costs less, they benefit. The health-care providers have to care for that entire population. From birth?

As long as they are covered. It could be an entire lifetime, or realistically, as long as the provider has the contract for health care.

Would the contract be for people in one location, or would

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the coverage have to be offered nationally?

It would be related to these networks of hospitals, clinics, emergency centers, and other providers. We believe capitation is right. It's businesslike. Take a situation like Florida Hospital, with the half million people it looks after. You have the opportunity to educate those people, to get early detection of illness, provide prevention, and of course, give the care itself. We can change their level of health over a period of years by education, intervention, and early detection. Studies clearly portray the impact of lifestyle on health. If we had a group of people for many years, we could invest in that group, teaching health and keeping them healthy. **Would this plan force you to**

Would this plan force you to keep people out of the hospital and move from an illness-oriented system to a wellness-oriented health-care system?

Right. It provides a business basis for doing the right thing. For insurance companies, health-care providers, and doctors the incentives are lined up in the right way—to keep people healthy and out of expensive medical care.

Incentives have changed through the years. Under the original Medicare plan, doctors and hospitals had the incentive to admit and keep patients in the hospital, because we were reimbursed liberally. Under the DRQ program, the incentive was to take care of patients and move them out of the system quickly.

With capitation, we have the incentive to keep people out of the hospital and keep them well.

And that's because you get the money whether you do any thing or not. It is simply up front, prepaid.

Even if we didn't do a thing, we'd still get the money. However, we have an incentive to provide education and early detection to prevent a health problem from building up and costing millions of dollars. This is aside from our moral responsibility to provide the very best health care possible.

So it pays you to get into the prevention side?

Absolutely. And as part of an

organization that for many years has had a desire to help people, this is a perfect system for helping large blocks of people. It fits right into the Adventist philosophy of health care.

However, we would need to have a block of business over a period of years to invest in it on a longterm basis. Healthy lifestyle changes don't come overnight.

Will the competitively bid contracts for health care come from the government or insurance companies? And aren't insurance companies right now forcing you into managed care?

Oh, yes, we are all in managed care to varying degrees.

And managed care means? Managed care means we contract for the health care of a block of business—of people. It can be a

business—of people. It can be a health maintenance organization or a contract. How would you get these con-

tracts?

In a given community, managedcare contracts, for let's say 5,000, 10,000, or 100,000 persons, are usually awarded on a competitive basis. Therefore, there could be two, three, or four organizations competing for a block of business.

And if you don't get enough health-care contracts, Adventist hospitals could be out of business overnight? Yes. We would be forced into

Yes. We would be forced into liquidating our assets. It's very, very important to have quality and a low price and to be part of a competitive network. The assumption by those buying managed care is that if someone's in business and accredited by the Joint Commission, they have quality. That's not exactly true, because there are ranges of quality within that. But that's the concept, and thus the issue comes down to price. We must have a low price, compared to other health-care providers, to stay in business.

What is the push for low costs forcing Adventist Health System/ Sunbelt to do now?

Since the DRG program started, we have tightened up our operations, leaned them down, and reduced inefficiencies. Labor is our largest cost. This puts enormous pressure on any organization to trim personnel costs. It's also the source of most heartache, because when we increase the workload or reduce personnel, we impact lives. We have had considerable success in re-engineering or simplifying the work process.

Our emphasis is to work more effectively to get the job done better, smarter. We think our people are working hard already, and in most cases we can't increase the intensity. But we can increase the "smartness" of how it's done.

Are Adventist hospitals positioned to be competitive?

We are in most places, but not everywhere. This hasn't developed into a crisis, but we are moving every Sunbelt organization to that competitive position.

Which means you may stay in business?

I don't have any doubt that we will stay in business.

Will we stay in business as Adventist hospitals?

Yes, as Adventist hospitals.

In the highly competitive field of health care, is there a distinct role for a Seventh-day Adventist hospital? First of all, I believe we are

First of all, I believe we are Christian hospitals before we are Adventist hospitals. There are all kinds of reasons for having Christian hospitals today, particularly because we meet people in their hour of extremity. And if there is any place on this earth for Christian people to serve, it's in the hospital and in health care. There is definitely a place for a Christian hospital.

Now let me rephrase your question, "Is there a place for an Adventist Christian hospital?" Absolutely! Because many Christian hospitals, like many formerly Christian colleges, have become secularized, there is definitely a place for the Adventist hospital that is living up to its mission.

An Adventist hospital focused on mission is a unique place. Adventist values and beliefs are evident in its culture. Our employees, Adventist and nonAdventist alike, are motivated by mission, and their spirit lends itself to Christian service and a positive Christian impact.

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There is a distinct Christian atmosphere in an Adventist hospital a warm and good spirit. Because of our rich Adventist heritage, we have a clear focus on bringing healing to people, both physically, mentally, and spiritually. This is our specific mission in the setting of our distinctive Adventist beliefs. We have a focus on both good health and preventive medicine relating to the soul, mind, and body that does not occur in other Christian hospitals.

Some have suggested that Adventist hospitals today contact more people than any other Adventist ministry in North America. Is this true?

Possibly. We have enormous personal contacts. In our home health and outpatient activities we had 1.7 million contacts last year in Sunbelt's region alone. Add family members, and we could probably double or triple that number. It's just unbelievable how many personal contacts we have in Adventist health care.

Will all the radical change forcing increased efficiency—which you spoke of earlier—begin to eat away at the Adventist uniqueness?

When an organization is under economic pressure, things change. However, being efficient doesn't mean we can't be Christian. Whatever we do we must do in a Christlike way, a Christian way, a compassionate way. That's a given. But many competitive businesses, such as banks or the car industry, have learned to work more efficiently and continue to meet the public's expectations and satisfaction with tight, efficient operations.

Let's talk now about the trend of networking. What is a network?

A network is a grouping of health care facilities—hospitals, physicians' offices, clinics, and other health-care providers—that unite to attract blocks of patients or managed care businesses.

Most Adventist hospitals can't get the contracts because they're just not large enough to cover whole cities or geographic areas. Networks allow us to participate in providing full health services across a given area.

So Adventist hospitals and other medical facilities will have to join these groups?

Yes. But we have some settings where we don't have to.

In a few large cities where we already have a dominant share of the market?

Yes.

Who would accept us into a network? Would Catholic, Methodist, or for-profit health-care groups? There doesn't appear to be any type of hospital that couldn't theoretically join with another. It is just how we work it out.

Is our distinct mission at risk in doing that?

Many networks require no change in internal operations or philosophy or policies—nothing. It's a convenience and poses no real hazard. You can opt in or out. But they could evolve into hazards.

Then there are networks in which a single powerful provider wants to dominate, or is the dominant provider directly or indirectly. That's where risks arise.

But couldn't we be that dominant party?

Yes, some Adventist hospitals may be the dominant party—like Florida Hospital. But generally we are not dominant. Orlando is unique because we have five hospitals under one unit of Florida Hospital, and a sixth unit closely affiliated.

Besides networks, what about joint ventures?

A joint venture may include the operation of almost any healthrelated enterprise—insurance company, hospital, clinic, freestanding radiology or surgery center, laundry, hospital services, etc. A lot of tough choices will be made. Our position is that we can participate in a dominant way only in joint ventures that operate in accord with Adventist principles. There will be some health-care joint ventures and relationships in which the operation is not represented as Seventh-day Adventist.

Does that eliminate us?

It could, but it shouldn't. We could take the position that some jointventure operations clearly are not going to be Adventist operations. But if we are involved at 50 percent or above, the joint venture must comply with the tenets of our faith.

The issue arises when we are a minority owner. Where does that compliance start, or does it start? When individuals invest in General Motors, they become part owners, but they don't force their beliefs on General Motors.

What are some of the Adventist distinctives that need to prevail in joint venturing or networking?

If we are in a controlling position, we must faithfully adhere to Sabbath observance and clean meats/fish, and maintain an appropriate Christian atmosphere in general, reflect church values. And we need to maintain our emphasis on prevention and on the ethical principles of the church, which affect everything—conduct, quality, business, atmosphere, and the way people are treated.

What about joint venturing with an existing Adventist hospital?

Let's talk about a real situation. Smyrna Hospital, a 100-bed hospital in Atlanta, could possibly be excluded from the market unless we join a network. What do we do? Operate until we go out of business? Affiliate? Or sell'?

Let's say we affiliate. We could have an affiliation that does not impact the hospital's policies and values. Or we could have one in which we give up some control to someone else. In the latter case, who runs the hospital? If they run it, we've in essence sold it or given it away. It won't be an Adventist hospital, no matter what we say.

If we enter into joint ownership, our posture is that we run it or we sell it. There's no point fooling ourselves that we're going to continue as an Adventist hospital when somebody else runs it. In the case of Smyrna Hospital, we would have the majority position and also manage.

Which means we really could have control?

Yes. We would sell less than half ownership. Then through a lease or management contract we could have the absolute right to run it according to Adventist principles.

In a different case of joint venturing, someone could say to us. "Let's build a new hospital or buy one together." In this case we're starting from nothing. We've never owned the hospital, and it may not be an Adventist hospital. Our posture is that if we're a fifty/fifty partner in such a relationship and it is identified as an Adventist operation, it must adhere to Adventist principles.

Which means, in the network type of environment, that we could own a hospital and it not be an Adventist hospital? Yes.

And would we run it just because we have to have that geographical location to attract and fulfill managed-care contracts?

Essentially, yes. Do you see the day coming soon when all Adventist hospitals will be in some kind of a network?

l do, most of them.

No freestanding hospitals anymore?

Maybe some rural hospitals; but the metropolitan hospitals will be in networks.

Is that true across the United States?

Yes. Managed care has acceler-

ated rapidly because of the impending Clinton health plan and market forces.

Do you think that in five years we will still have an identifiable Adventist system?

I do. I believe Adventist Health System/Sunbelt will be much stronger than it is today.

Even with the networks?

Yes.

Even after any joint ventures? I think it will.

Would the number of baptisms be a good indicator of whether an Adventist hospital is successful?

A hospital that has a Christian impact will result in people accepting Christ. If that doesn't occur from time to time, something is wrong. However, to say we have to have x number of baptisms or we're not fulfilling our mission is equally wrong. Our main emphasis, according to Ellen White, is to witness and let the reaping be done by others.

How is it possible to be an Adventist hospital and have so many—up to 90 percent—non-Adventist physicians and employees?

If you're going to have a French restaurant, you ought to have French chefs. And if you are going to have a Seventh-day Adventist Christian hospital, you need Christian people running it. The leadership needs to be primarily Adventist. And generally speaking, the more Adventist workers you have, the more likely you are to have the desired impact.

Having said that, we find our hospitals attract many Christians of other faiths. We don't have a corner on Christianity, but we do have an Adventist philosophy that we want to permeate our organizations.

I believe in the value of Adventist leaders and workers. Years ago I believed our hospital workers should be almost exclusively Adventist. I think that was wrong. I have seen the impact on the spirit of an organization and on understanding by the community when we have a significant number of people of other faiths working with us fulfilling our mission. It has to be nurtured and carefully structured, but it's highly beneficial.

Are you assertively recruiting Seventh-day Adventists?

We recruit intensively in our colleges. I don't believe there is the emphasis on recruiting Seventhday Adventists in general as there has been at other times. We assertively seek Adventist leaders. But we also provide openings for others-endeavoring to be ethical and fair, and to follow the law.

Are we not producing enough medical personnel?

There's no question about that. Are the top positions in Adventist Health System/Sunbelt hospitals held by Adventists?

All our top administrators are Adventists. We have one specialty satellite hospital that we recently acquired with an administrator who is not Adventist. He is a very fine Christian and supports our mission.

How can local Adventist churches help our hospitals?

Well, that's a problem. I'm not aware of any place where there's a unified effort to accomplish the hospital's mission.

Is that because the local church is possibly struggling to find volunteers?

Local churches have a tough time today getting people to do the regular work of the church, much less assist the hospital. Because of that, some of our hospitals have created their own follow-up programs to work with persons interested in the church.

What is the debt load of Sunbelt? For every dollar of book assets, 63 percent is debt and 37 percent is equity. Debt was about 80 cents on the dollar 10 years ago. We've had a major management effort to improve operations and to reduce the percentage of debt. As a result of these efforts, our profits, cash position, and thus our bond ratings have significantly improved. Our goal is to move the debt to about 50 cents on the dollar.

What about mission?

Our leaders have responded very well to the realignment and refocus on mission over the past six or seven years. We've spent considerable attention on the mission impact of Seventh-day Adventist Christian hospitals. Today there is a perception among our people that they are in fact fulfilling mission. It's recognizable when you walk into one of our hospitals.

Myron Widmer is an associate editor of the Adventist Review. Reprinted with permission from the Adventist Review, June 2 and 16, 1994.

Tennessee Christian Medical Center and Baptist Hospital: A Nashville Case Study of Unique Hospital Cooperation.

TCMC is our AdventIst hospital in Nashville. As it has faced the changes taking place in healthcare as described in Mardian Blair's interview, it has developed a unique cooperative relationship with Baptist Hospital, the most successful hospital in that city.

Both hospitals need a high quality, low cost partner with a similar mission philosophy to enable them to gain access to urban and regional managed care contracts. Both facilities need each other in order to compete for business in a competitive market which is moving rapidly toward capitation. Both respect each other's mission and uniqueness and have agreed contractually to function within the terms of that uniqueness.

As a result, the two hospitals have formed a new equally-owned not-forprofit company which Baptist will manage for name recognition purposes, to establish a primary care physician network and an integrated physician delivery system in TCMC's market area. It will construct a modern medial office building on the TCMC campus to accommodate all the physicians affiliated with TCMC and active there. This will enable the two hospitals to compete with the for-profit organizations around them for managed care and capitated contracts. For name recognition purposes, TCMC has contracted with Baptist for management expertise in the departments of Obstetrics, Surgery and Invasive Cardiology, with all implementation being subject to TCMC approval. Signs to the campus will designate the names of both entities. TCMC gains from this relationship in that it is partnered with the most

TCMC gains from this relationship in that it is partnered with the most successful highly respected acute care hospital in town and thus gains access to business it would not otherwise obtain. Baptist gains a partner in a part of town where it would not normally be able to cover managed care lives and can thus contract for a wider geographic area than before. It also gains from a profit sharing arrangement with TCMC which aligns the incentives of both hospitals to cooperate together.

Most importantly, however, TCMC retains its identity and control as an Adventist facility. Although Baptist gains three Board seats, the majority of seats are still filled by Adventists. Baptist is contractually obligated to respect and adhere to Adventist standards in the equally owned company and vice versa. Both hospitals are greatly strengthened and positioned favorably for the future, without losing their individual identity or giving up control. Both hospitals benefit financially and are ensured of long-term survival. Both hospitals thus retain their ability to fulfill their individual missions.

This relationship is unique in the industry and is an important case study as one way in which Adventist hospitals can secure their future without losing their identity or ability to fulfill their mission.

by Ed Gallagher

t looked like a sea of tents. It seemed as though the tents continued for mile after mile. The scene was the 1994 Dare to Care international Pathfinder camporee, August 2-6, near Denver, Colorado, at the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. Ten-thousand Pathfinders representing 48 states and 15 countries gathered to Dare to Care About Missions, About the Environment, About Mind and Body, About God, About the Family, and About Friends.

Camping and main operations took place at Bandimere Speedway, a 150-acre drag racing operation. The track area is more than a mile long. Campers set up tents and recreational vehicles over the entire parking area and spilled over into adjacent land.

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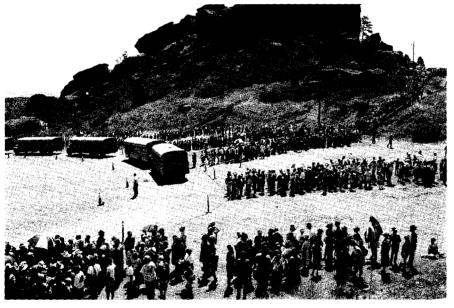
Hazel and I had the privilege recently of participating in the Dare to Care international camporee at Denver, Colorado, where more than 10,000 Pathfinders were in attendance. This camporee was planned and directed by Ron Whitehead, son of former Southern Union treasurer, Henson Whitehead.

I am pleased to report the largest Pathfinder club was from Marietta, Georgia, with 144 members. The conference with the most Pathfinders in attendance was Georgia-Cumberland with 750. Kentucky-Tennessee had the seventh largest group. The Southern Union had the most Pathfinders from any union with 1,750. Many decisions for Christ were made and 29 Pathfinders were baptized

during the camporee.

A word of sincere appreciation is due all of the many Pathfinder leaders who so faithfully and joyfully give their time for the salvation of these precious youth.

> Malcolm Gordon President, Southern Union Conference



Swarms of campers marched to the buses daily for transportation to the amphitheater.

The Indian relics tent, sponsored by the Southern Union, was a big attraction.



Night-time programs took place at Red Rocks Amphitheater, a spectacular, natural, open amphitheater a few miles from Bandimere. Red Rocks is a site with rocks rising 400 feet on each side, and offering an inspiring night-time view of the lights of Denver. The amphitheater seats 10,000 people.

The camporee was sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Conference, North American Division, and Porter Memorial Hospital in Denver. The goal was to give the youth an event on which to build their commitment to Christ.

Daily activities included community services, kite flying, obstacle course, a healthy choices tent, a handicapped awareness tent, a talent tent, history tent, honors booth, a solar telescope and a night-time telescope, horseback riding, drill and marching teams, a downhill derby, go-carts, drag racing displays, hot air balloon rides, archery, water skiing, canoeing, and kayaking.

I enjoyed the push carts, because you had to learn about teamwork," said Jason Stump, Morganton, North Carolina. "The drag racing was cool. I liked the play about 'Quest for Cool'. It told me that we're all cool in our own way, and we don't have to try to be like anyone else.

Pamela Fekete, who represented Greenwood, South Carolina, was invested as a Master Guide at the Sabbath morning service. She said, "I've been in Pathfinders since I was six, and camporees are what I like best about it. Everyone should come to a camporee like this. It lets you see how big the Pathfinder organization actually is. It's good



for Adventists and nonAdventists." Each evening, the gospel was presented through drama, music, and preaching.

Keynote speaker was LeClare Litchfield, the chaplain of Collegedale Academy in Collegedale, Tennessee. Litchfield provided nightly presentations portraying the love of God.

Ann Harrington, 13, of Hendersonville, North Carolina, "enjoyed meeting a whole bunch of people from other states. There were some neat events, and I had a lot of fun. The passion play made me feel bad Christ had to suffer so much for us. The only thing I didn't like



was the lines for the shuttle buses."

Through tight financial control, Dare to Care administrators are able to project a net operating gain for the camporee. "It will be a while before we know exactly how much the gain is," said Whitehead, "but we're fairly confident it will be around \$20,000. We will place this money in trust for the organization or individual that commits to bring together the next international Pathfinder camporee."

Ed Gallagher is camporee communication director and manager of public information for Rocky Mountain Adventist Healthcare.



Hazel Gordon and Gordon Bietz, Georgia-Cumberland president, discuss the record number of campers representing the Conference.





A Sabbath crowd of 10,000 packed into the Red Rocks amphitheater.



Julian Brazier, Lithonia, Georgia, was one of the representatives from South Atlantic Conference during the talent program.

◀ Malcolm Gordon, Southern Union Conference president (left), and John Swafford, youth ministries director for Georgia-Cumberland Conference, pause to chat during a tour of the camp site.

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Florida Three teachers received the 1994 Thomas and Violet Zapara Awards this summer. The criteria on which the award is based includes: spiritual credibility, respect of peers and administration, a concern for students, competence in teaching, a commitment to quality education and professional development, and an involvement in the community.The recipients were: Bonnie Garner, Tal-



Bonnie Garner, Tallahassee Adventist School; Russ Durham, Forest Lake Elementary Educational Center and Orlando Junior Academy; and Ida Sapp, Lakeland Adventist Academy.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Randy J. Sauder, attorney and member of the Marietta, Ga., church, won the Republican nomination for Georgia State representatives in the 29th District. The important Cobb County District is located



next to Lockheed Corporation and Dobbins Air Force Base. It included the city of Smyrna, which is the tenth largest city in the state, as well as surrounding areas.

The recipients of the 1994 Chosen Lady awards were Ginnie Geary and Ruth Smith. Each lady received a crystal goblet engraved with the words, "Chosen Lady." As part of her lifetime career, Ginnie has been a pastor's wife, mother of two children, grandmother of five, Shepherdess sponsor, and has held several secretarial positions. Ruth is a woman who has given to her church,





Outstanding Role Model

Kate P. Slaton joined the Calvary church in 1967 under the pastorate of E. J. Lewis. Previously, she was a member of the Baptist Church until she got married at which time she joined the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Even before she embraced Adventism she demonstrated a genuine concern for those in need and became personally involved in doing what she could to make life better for the less fortunate. Sometimes it meant giving money to a needy family, on other occasions it was providing clothing for an ill-clad child, while still other times it was some of her delicious food that she shared with a deserving individual or family.

Another noteworthy project she sponsored was to give the Calvary church an Adventist Community Service building. This facility has been a valuable asset to the church in general and to the Adventist Community Service program in particular. Sister Kate, as she is affectionately called, is 83 years of age and is still going strong. She is actively involved in the church's programs including the prison ministry. She is an outstanding role model and mentor for many in the church and the community.

Mrs. Slaton's most recent recognition occurred on February 13, 1994, when the Early County Board of Education named the media center of the new $5^{1/2}$ million dollar elementary school in her honor.

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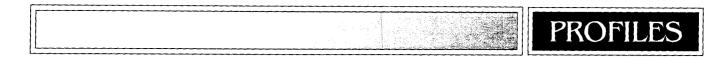
family, and community. She holds several church offices including assistant women's ministries coordinator, assistant head deaconess, and Sabbath school secretary. Ruth has a heart of love for anyone in need.

Jim Cox, pastor of the Cohutta, Ga., church, was sworn in May 13 as a member of the Whitfield County Judicial Citizen's Review Panel. The Citizen's Review Panel is responsible for reviewing the records of 240 children currently under foster care in Whitfield County. The panel meets once a month and reviews approximately six to eight cases each time. Each child's records must be reviewed every six months. Cox was recommended for the appointment by the juvenile court, because of his work as a police chaplain with the Dalton Police department.



Marianne Perritt and her husband, Gary, moved from California to Ringgold, Ga., in the fall of 1991. This was a promotion for Gary from the California firm where he had worked for years.

Marianne and Mary Goodwin, communication leader for the Ringgold church, became good friends. Marianne was interested in vegetarianism and Mary was able to help her find some recipes. After some time Marianne and the Goodwins began discussing spiritual things. She had been reared a Catholic and her husband was reared Baptist. She expressed an interest in taking Bible studies. She completed the Amazing Facts series and then began working on the longer Good News series. In the evening she would tell her husband what she had learned. When Marianne had about seven lessons left on the second course her husband was transferred back to California. Marianne wished to be baptized before going west but Bill Clemons, pastor, who had become a good friend also, and Mary thought it would be best if she waited until she was settled in California and attending church there. Marianne and her



husband began attending church regularly. In Georgia he had often worked on Sabbath. On April 30, Marianne sealed her commitment in baptism with J. Bell officiating. Mary feels the Lord led this couple to Ringgold for a couple of years to hear His wonderful truth.

Mae Watson, director of Kiddie Kampus daycare at the Collegedale church, was notified recently that she had won the Hilda Avant Chattanooga Association on Young Children Award. That day also happened



to be her birthday. The Chattanooga Association on Young Children (CAYC) started giving this award in 1978. The award is given to an individual in the Chattanooga area who has given outstanding service or achievement in dealing with young children.

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Tuwanna Johnson was one of five educators from Hillcrest Elementary School in Dublin, Ga., to travel to England for an exchange program. She completed the application process in January to be

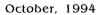


considered part of a team, and was in competition with other schools throughout the state of Georgia. She visited for two weeks during June and July. She attended classes, participated in extracurricular activities, visited the community, and made plans for future exchanges. Johnson was appointed to the City of Dublin Zoning Board of Appeals by the Mayor of Protem and city council. This is a first for an Adventist woman. Johnson is a member of the First Church in Dublin.

Bennie Richmond and his wife celebrated their fiftieth anniversary recently. The occasion was celebrated by family, friends, and all that knew this couple.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE

Eurydice V. Osterman, DMA, is acting head of the department of music replacing **Lucile**





"Mr. Ability"

Ashland, Kentucky, church member **Howard Fuetterer** was recently honored at the Capitol Rotunda in Frankfort by Governor Brereton Jones and his wife Libby.

Fuetterer, along with 11 other Kentuckians, was presented with an Ability Award. Ability Awards are given to individuals who overcome disabilities to get an education and jobs.

Howard has overcome more than most of us can imagine. A veteran from the 40's through the 60's, he has had to get around in a wheelchair since becoming disabled by a drunk driver in 1965. Since that time Fuetterer has been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, aphasia, and brain lesion, a broken neck, skin cancer, and diabetes.

Fuetterer, age 69, attends Kentucky Tech Vocational School in Ashland. When not attending school, he travels northeastern Kentucky and southern Ohio as the secretary of Paralyzed Veterans of America.

As Governor Jones was congratulating Howard, he noticed Howard's Kentucky Colonels bow tie he was wearing. When the Governor asked Howard who had given him the tie, Fuetterer came back with "you did." Governor Jones had forgotten inducting Howard as a Kentucky Colonel last year.

As one reporter put it, "he's not Superman, but close enough." Ron Reese





Lacy who served as chair for seven years. Osterman. an organist, composer, and arranger, holds the rank of professor. Anthony Paul, Ph.D., replaces Ashton Gibbons as head of the department of biological sciences. A member of the faculty since 1979, Paul is an associate professor. He previously chaired the department for three years (1983-86).

SOUTHERN COLLEGE

Lisa Gano has joined the department of business and office administration at Southern College as an assistant professor. She holds a master's degree in accounting from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and was a 1989 BBA graduate of Southern College. **David Gerstle, MSN,** has come from Huguley Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas, to join the department of nursing as an assistant professor. Gerstle has a clinical background in orthopedics and general pediatrics. He also has 10 years of experience in administration as a nurse manager, administrative supervisor, and director of nursina.

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Henry Scoggins is chief executive officer of Memorial Hospital, Manchester, Ky. Most recently he was CEO of Sierra Vista Hospital in New Mexico, and formerly served as executive vice president at Loma Linda University Medical Center, Calif.

After years of studying the Bible, 83-year-old **Elanora Hagar** was baptized at Tennessee Christian Medical Center, Madison, and joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church April 30. Hagar befriended **Ruby Boyd** of the hospital's housekeeping department many years ago and they studied together. More recently, while a Sunbelt Home Health patient, she studied with **Chaplain Julie Schafer.**

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Carolina

The Lenoir church recently held its annual **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** with more than 40 children. Marylin Christen led out with crafts, activities, stories, and refreshments. Stan Pennington gave a nature story which included live animals each evening with visual aids

live animals each evening with vis-ual aids. The Columbia, S.C., First church is gearing up for an **EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE** featuring the church pastors and elders.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL in Raleigh brought 43 young people out each evening to learn about God, the Creator. They also learned about clown make-up and what the colors mean.

Members of the Concord church held A **SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING** for the country of Rwanda. General Conference president Robert Folkenburg has urged for a day of fasting and prayer in all Seventh-day Adventist churches around the world. He sent an appeal to United Nations Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali for peace in the country where the Adventist church is the largest Protestant denomination.

Since Tony Cirigliano began pastoring the Morganton church in 1992, he has trained many members in **PRESENTING THE GOSPEL** to others and following up with Bible studies. As a result, baptismal services are not only joyous, but are occurring often. Each month a special prophecy Sabbath has been set aside for a community lunch followed by a baptismal service. Dale Pollett and his Word of Prophecy team will present a crusade at the church in October and November.

Florida

THE KINDERGARTEN DIVISION'S JESUS IS OUR KING SERIES was featured at camp meeting, May 27-June 4. Three hundred children attended the week-long program which consisted of five "royal" learning centers: The King's Inn (The Good Samaritan); The Throne Room (The Prodigal Son); The King's Construction Site (The Wise Man and Foolish Man); The Royal Banquet (The Heavenly Invitation); and The Royal Treasury (The Pearl of Great Price).

Nineteen people were baptized as the result of a **YOUTH EVANGELISTIC SERIES** presented by the Miami Central Spanish church in June. Fernando Garcia and the church's youth conducted the meetings.

Five have been baptized and 15 more are preparing for baptism as the result of a recent **EVANGELISTIC SERIES** presented by the Pinellas Spanish church. The series, conducted by José Fuentes, focused on the family unit and its relationship to God.

LAKELAND ADVENTIST JUNIOR ACADEMY GRADUATED ITS LARGEST EIGHTH-GRADE CLASS at ceremonies in the Lakeland church May 18. More than half the 10-member class graduated with honors.

MORE THAN \$800 HAS BEEN RAISED BY THE NORTH PORT CHURCH for the Cherkassy church in the Ukraine. The 200-member Ukrainian congregation will use the money for building a new church sanctuary. Community service at the Morganton church recently received **AN ODD REQUEST**. The Hurley's, a gospel singing group from Hickory, N.C., schedules an annual event at the Rock School in Valdese, N.C. The charge for admission is a bag of groceries. Mark Hurley, the group leader, has asked Ed Herzel and his community service workers to come to the concert to receive the food and disperse it to the needy people who come into the Community Services Center weekly.

The seventh **GOSPEL WORKERS' TRAIN-ING CLASS** at the Morganton, N.C., church has more than 100 Bible studies conducted by 13 students. The meetings are video taped by Carolina Conference communications director Ron Quick. When completed, the class will be made available for other churches.

Women in the Greenville, S.C., church spend their Tuesday mornings gathered at the church for **BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER** under the direction of Bicky Young. The group of ladies have recently completed the Bible study series of Come Alive with Jesus and are now studying the series Stay Alive with Jesus.

THE COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER IN GREENVILLE, S.C., WAS REOPENED by the church members in July of 1994. The Center made the Seventh-day Adventist church the only church in the city to respond to a local crisis at an apartment fire where 20 apartments were burned. Fifty people were left homeless. There was one fatality and several were injured.

Two visitors who attended a recent **COMMU-NITY GUEST DAY HOSTED BY THE PEM-MAR CHURCH** are now preparing for baptism. Leroy Robinson spoke at the day-long event entitled Hold Fast Till I Come.

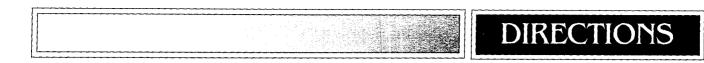
Twenty-one individuals were baptized as the result of an **EVANGELISTIC SERIES** presented by the All Nations church in June. Evangelist Peter Kerr conducted the meetings.

The community services department of the Pem-Mar church recently provided **BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS** to the public. Brochures were also distributed containing information about the world-wide health work and health principles of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Thirty people attended a five-session **POSI-TIVE PARENTING SEMINAR** sponsored by the Daytona Beach church, August 20-September 17. Topics included: helping your children learn; strengthening family values; the art of communicating and encouraging; and the rewards of discipline.

ENROLLMENT AT THE MELBOURNE/PALM BAY SCHOOL IS UP 20 PERCENT OVER LAST YEAR. Forty-six students have registered for the 1994-95 school year.

APPROXIMATELY 116,000 EVANGELISTIC TAPES HAVE BEEN DUPLICATED AND SENT TO RUSSIA by the Arcadia, Punta Gorda, and Zephyrhills churches in the last year. The project, called Global Recordings, recently supplied



John Carter, a California evangelist, with tapes for an evangelistic series held in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia, May 9-June 23. As a result, 1,200 people were baptized.

FOREST LAKE ELEMENTARY EDUCATIONAL

CENTER IN LONGWOOD HAS ENROLLED A RECORD 501 STUDENTS for the 1994-95 school year. The school is currently one of the largest elementary schools in the North American Division.

Academy, and Georgia-Cumberland Academy

Georgia-Cumberland

Tony Mavrakos held a **PROPHECY SEMINAR** at the Dunlap, Tenn., church July 20-August 13.

The Georgia-Cumberland Conference has a **TOLL FREE NUMBER** (1-800-567-1844) for easier constituency and employee access to office resources and personnel. The number utilizes four incoming lines to the office.

During the first six months of 1994 the new **DARK COUNTY EVANGELISM EMPHASIS** headed by E. W. Dempsey has enrolled 1,013 participants in a Bible correspondence school. Two hundred twenty-four of these individuals have finished the first set of lessons. Forty-eight hundred *Signs* magazines have been given away through the *Signs* news boxes, and 146 sixty-second spots have aired on local radio stations. The Winder, Ga., Festival near Auburn was the site of a health/age analysis in which 191 participated. During a four-hour period, individuals received blood pressure checks, pulse rate, and computer printout of their health statistics.

THE THREE GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND ACAD-EMIES HAVE A NET ENROLLMENT OF 543, up one compared to last year. Collegedale Academy has the highest enrollment with 251, up nine from last year; Georgia-Cumberland Academy is 187, down from 203 last year. Atlanta Adventist Academy has, for the first time, broke the 100 mark with an opening enrollment of 105 students, an increase of eight from the previous year.

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE THREE CONFER-ENCE ACADEMIES include a \$90,000 heating and cooling system at Collegedale Academy, four new classrooms for Atlanta Adventist

TEACHERS ON TARGET was the theme for the Conference's 1994-95 K-12 teachers' convention at Camp Alamisco. The highlight was 4MAT[®] Workshop conducted by Eugene Brewer, Florida Conference associate superintendent. Brewer guided the teachers into an understanding of the various learning styles of students and how to create lesson plans that will give all students opportunities to excel.

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS CONCLUDED: John vanZyl in Memphis. Several preparing for baptism and one baptized; Vladimar Vargas, pastor of the Spanish church with 12 to 14 studying and five baptisms; Lin Powell, Columbia.

MEETINGS IN PROGRESS: Lynnwood Spangler, with Amazing Facts, and Ralph Reedy,

October, 1994

is enjoying new lights for the ball fields, and the installation of phone lines to each dorm room. A new roof is currently in the process for the GCA gymnasium. SYMTREK '94 was the summer youth min-

STMIREA '94 was the summer youth ministries program for metro Atlanta, hosted by Atlanta Adventist Academy, under the direction of Harold Cunningham. The eight-week program attracted 2,300 participants in programs that included Friend-two-Friend, Project Pride, Prime Time, Gym Night Basketball, and concerts hosted by local churches. Task Force workers Lisa Becker, Brian McAlvin, and Paul Lawson visited more than 50 homes with Atlanta teens.

The Belvedere church is this season's Atlanta Adventist **SOFTBALL LEAGUE CHAM-PIONS.**

The Greeneville, Tenn., church began a fivesession seminar called **MAKING FRIENDS FOR GOD** conducted by David Smith, utilizing Mark Finely videos. Topics included: How to turn conversations into spiritual opportunities, How to build spiritual bridges in your relationships with people, How to share the Bible by using three simple principles, and The secrets of effective intercessory prayer are. **THE COALFIELD AND HARRIMAN, TENN.**

THE COALFIELD AND HARRIMAN, TENN., CHURCHES RECENTLY PARTICIPATED IN AN OUTDOOR CHURCH AND PICNIC at Frozen Head State Park, Wartburg, Tenn. Paul Carlson, district pastor, coordinated the program which included a balloon skit by the teens depicting the second coming, a nature object lesson, nature scavenger hunt, and special music.

Gulf States

A GOSPEL WORKERS' TRAINING SEMINAR began July 13 with 18 members present. The class has 96 people taking Bible studies. Two nonAdventists are attending the class and giving Bible studies to five of their friends.

BIG COVE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY in Huntsville began the 1994-95 school year with 47 students in grades 1-10. Principal Bonnie Evans reports all of the students and teachers are looking forward to another great year.

Kentucky-Tennessee

Leitchfield, with 100 attending. Prior to the meetings Spangler had 63 families studying the Bible with 20 of them graduating from the Bible class before the evangelistic meetings started. Kim Kjaer and John Estrada in Dickson.

MEETINGS TO TAKE PLACE: Joe McCoy, Shelbyville; James Magnum, Cross Plains; and Vernon Young, Lexington.

South Central

South Central Conference pastors have committed themselves to conduct 44 EVAN-GELISTIC MEETINGS before the end of 1994. There will be 22 evangelistic crusades and 22 Revelation Seminars.

CONFERENCE PASSED THE 24 THOUSAND

Dakwood Collece

OAKWOOD HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE 1993-94 SCHOOL YEAR. For the fourth time an Oakwood professor won the coveted UNCF Tenneco Excellence in Teaching Award. A program in Adult and Continuing Education has been implemented.

The fall enrollment of 1,451 was the highest for the past ten years. Board-approved financial activities for the

past several years reveal a positive financial trend.

The student body renovated a multipurpose television room and Moran Hall auditorium in a joint effort with the

Southern Collece

ON THE SOUTHERN COLLEGE CAMPUS, 97 PERCENT OF STUDENTS IDENTIFY THEM-SELVES AS SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS. Among the new students, 83 percent come from an SDA academy, 13 percent graduated from high school, and the remainder qualified by GED examination.

TOTAL SUPPORT FROM CORPORATE DO-NORS AND GENEROUS FRIENDS TOTALED MORE THAN \$2.1 MILLION during the year ending May 31, according to Jack McClarty, vice president for development. ALUMNI HOMECOMING 1994, scheduled for

October 27 to 30, will recognize Where in the World alumni who have scattered for mission service. A pageant on Friday evening will highlight the mission emphasis. Honored classes are those years ending in 4, plus 1969.

This year's FACULTY COLLOQUIUM included presentations by Terry Pooler, pastor of the Forest Lake church in Florida. Colloquium is an annual time of faculty fellowship and learn-

MEMBERSHIP MILESTONE at mid-year with an official membership of 24,073. Tithe reports for the same period show a \$531,453 in-crease. This 15.1 percent was the highest percentage gain in the Union and the second highest dollar gain.

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college, administration, and faculty.

The Campus Ministry program also implemented many community oriented programs that captured the attention of the Huntsville Times.

The development and planning division is engaged in a capital campaign aimed at rais-

ing 10 to 20 million dollars. One hundred years of Christian education at Oakwood will be realized in 1996. A steering committee has been at work for several months preparing for this major event that will continue throughout the year beginning in the fall of 1995.

ing that precedes fall registration. **COLLEGEDALE QUICK PRINT** produced 2.5 million copies last year. The facility, a part of the College Press but located in nearby Fleming Plaza, employs more than 12 students. Though the college is its biggest customer, Quick Print serves scores of area churches, businesses, and individuals

NEARLY A HALF MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF STUDENT LABOR WAS PROVIDED ON THE CAMPUS last year. Students earned \$489,000 working in offices, residence halls, campus industries, and services, or perhaps at the library or radio station. The proximity of other Chattanooga area businesses provides additional part-time opportunities for students to combine earning with learning. THE SERVING AREA HAS BEEN ENLARGED

IN THE COLLEGE CAFETERIA, and energyefficient windows have been installed as part of a major improvement project. Completion (to include new carpeting) is anticipated in January 1995.



AHS/Sunbelt

AHS/SUNBELT HAS APPROVED REPLAC-ING WALKER MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER, Avon Park, Fla., with a new facility 10 miles from the present hospital. The new facility to be built at the Sun 'n Lakes subdivision, is also site of Heartland Professional Plaza which houses many of the hospital's outpatient services and physicians' offices. All AHS/Sunbelt hospitals and the corporate

office are participating in a BENCHMARKING EFFORT TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCIES AND OP-**ERATIONS.** The project is conducted by SunHealth, an alliance of more than 500 hospitals of which AHS/Sunbelt hospitals are members. SunHealth maintains a database on these hospitals which it makes available for comparisons of similar organizations. SunHealth also facilitates communication between hospitals through telephone calls and occasional site visits.

The Gordon Hospital Foundation, Calhoun, Ga., has helped 21 local residents realize their **DREAMS OF A CAREER IN HEALTH CARE.** The foundation's endowment fund provides scholarships for students in health careers. A number of recipients have completed their courses and are currently employed at Gordon Hospital.



Students exploring math skills through historical information.

Zion Temple Students Develop Special Skills

South Atlantic—Zion Temple school students know a lot about the Today in History column printed in the *Index-Journal*.

In fact, you can give them a date of any historical event and they can tell you what day of the week it occurred on by using their math skills.

Every Friday since he came to Greenwood, Clarence Thomas, pastor of Zion Temple, has been visiting the students at the school and helping them work through their Today in History projects. Thomas said the project helps each student to develop self-discipline, an appreciation for history, and writing and spelling skills. The project also brings out the "math genius in every student," he said.

All of these objectives for a project were met in one source—the Today in History column, Thomas said.

For the history project, he said, a student will pick a 30-day time period and collect the Today in History column from the newspaper for those days. Then, the student takes the historical dates in the article, and by using a mathematical formula arrives at the day of the week the event occurred. This develops the "math genius," Thomas said.

For example, fifth grader Paul Robinson demonstrated that an event that occurred on Sept. 1, 1878, happened on Friday.

However, the project doesn't stop with finding the days of the week. The students must then rewrite the event using the weekday they have discovered through the math equation.

Rewriting the event helps to develop writing and spelling skills, Thomas said. The project also

The project also reaches across grade levels with students from first to eighth grade participating in the project, Thomas said.

Students at the school working on the project: Safiyyah Peterson, grade 4; Courtney Weston, grade 8; Miriam Murray, grade 1; Leona Oli, grade 6; Brandon Roper, grade 3; Paul Robinson, grade 5; Richard Shepherd, grade 4; and Angel Gilchrist, grade 6. Miriam, a first grader, has developed a notebook with a title page and acknowledgments like those developed by the other students participating in the project, Thomas said.

The students are all in agreement on one thing—the project takes a lot of hard work

They call it "interesting" and "challenging," and they say their families have gotten involved in helping with the project.

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One mother accepted the challenge of doing the project herself. She said she is going back to school and is doing a project of her own to help her with history.

When asked if she helps her son with the project, she smiled and said, "He works with me." V. J. Mendinghall

Radio Club Participates in Field Day

Georgia-Cumberland—The Greater Adventist Amateur Radio Club participated in Field Day recently. Field Day is a yearly national amateur radio competitive event to test emergency communication skills and to give the public an opportunity to learn about amateur radios.

The objective is to put together a selfsufficient, working amateur radio station quickly and make as many contacts over the airwaves as possible during a specified period of time. The knowledge

The knowledge gained by members of the Greater Collegedale Adventist Amateur Radio Club during this yearly event is then put to use with the support and assistance of Adventist Community Services when actual disasters occur, where portable, reliable, and selfsufficient communication is needed. Rhonda Christensen



-Outreach-

Community Services vans were part of the annual Field Day.

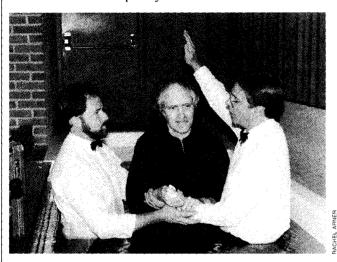
Search Ends in Baptism

Georgia-Cumberland-Roger Lent's first contact with Adventists came when John and Robin Chamber, Community Services leaders, asked him to attend Wendell Stover's meet-

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ings in August, 1993. Roger attended most of the meetings and after the crusade was over, he went to the library and began checking out what Wendell had said.

After studying how the Sabbath was changed, The Dark Ages, the Reformation, and the opening of America, Roger was convinced what he had learned in the Prophecy Seminar was correct. Spring, 1994, Roger received a brochure announcing a Revelation Seminar. Jamie Liles, a layman in Knoxville, was the instructor. Although the seminar was a review, Roger saw how the message all fit together, and took his stand for Christ and was baptized July 9. Rachel Amer



Jamie Liles (left), Roger Lent, and John Matthews during Roger's baptism.

Thomasville Members Help Flood Victims

Georgia-Cumberland-Five members of the Thomasville, Ga., church drove 40 miles July 27 to Newton, Ga., to help at the relief center for flood victims. They accompanied six Kentucky-Tennessee volunteers. As they drove to the center they saw streets lined with soaked contents from houses. Damaged wall board, plumbing fixtures, and other building materials were piled in stacks. The smell was awful.

The first thing the volunteers were told was not to touch the local water, even to rinse off their hands. High brown water marks were visible from window height to roof line. Vegetation that had been under water was brown. It was early morning as the volunteers drove through Newton, but not a sound of even one bird or insect was heard.

When the volunteers arrived at the center they learned that more than 1,000 blankets had been given out, all the women's underwear had been given away, and only a limited assortment of men's underwear was left. The floor was covered wall-to-wall with donated clothing and household items. The volunteers task was to find and sort jeans, shirts, and children's clothing.

One volunteer, a local resident, had lost all her possessions.



Lily Lawhorn and Lynn Davis, of Thomasville, sort donated jeans by size.

Instead of just sitting around, she passed her time helping friends and neighbors. Many flood victims, especially older people, came in dazed and uncertain about what they wanted.

All recipients were registered. A count was

kept of the number of persons helped and all items given out. This information will be used by the Adventist Community Service, the American Red Cross, and FEMA to help prepare for future disasters.

Marge Pixley

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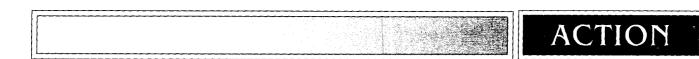
Church Presentation Broadcast to All Prisoners

Florida—Adventist churches throughout northeast Florida are providing programming for weekend services at the Union Correctional Institute in Lake Butler.

The opportunity for Lake City and High Springs church members came as a result of district pastor Brian Pleasants visiting Robert Power on death



Prison ministry volunteers from Lake City and High Springs.



row, and becoming friends with the chaplain's staff.

Power became a Seventh-day Adventist a few years ago through the work of other dedicated laypeople and Florida pastor LeRoy Albers.

The nonsectarian vesper program was broadcast via closed circuit television to the entire prison population of more than 1,800 inmates. Prisoners in actual attendance numbered 160.

This summer, Frank Barton, volunteer Conference prison ministry coordinator, met with the churches to expand the outreach. Their next vespers is planned for October 21. The programs consist of vocal solos, creative recitation of the Psalms, poems, testimonies, a pastoral sermonette, and a chance to shake hands and greet the inmates after the program. Cindy Kurtzhals, Brian Pleasants

Pem-Mar Explores New Evangelism Policy

Florida—On The Move With Christ is the Pem-Mar church motto. It is the motivator on every front. Two sample experiences create a vision of this south Florida church's attitude towards evangelism.

Sarah Johnson was among the church's spring baptismal candidates. Her introduction to the church was unique, and her public declaration followed three months of study.

study. Jeff Knight, Pem-Mar's assistant Sabbath school superintendent and previous personal ministries director, met Johnson when she was stranded at the Fort Lauderdale airport. A "soldier" On The

A "soldier" On The Move with Christ, Knight offered assistance. As he took her to her destination, he shared the love of God and His offer of salvation. The next Sabbath he shared his experience and said, "She is with me in church today."

Johnson attended church regularly despite transportation difficulties. Knight, Michael Reid, pastor, and Elgin Amos, personal ministries director, studied and prayed with Johnson. It was a special occasion when Sarah rose from the baptismal waters—a fellow saint, and member.

Then, there is Violet Alexander. Managers of the Hialeah Swap Shop threatened to move her sales stall to a less conspicuous location. Management reportedly said, "Your stall is closed on Friday evenings and Saturdays when business activity is at the highest level." For Alexander, this move would not only place her in a less visible location, but one that was also less economically profitable.

When she boldly explained that these closures were in direct conformity with Divine Orders, her stall neighbors rallied and threatened to boycott the entire area. They said, "Her presence is a good influence here, and our businesses have flourished because of her Christian deportment."

Because of the faithful witness of Pem-Mar member Violet Alexander in her stand for the Sabbath, the relocation did not take place. Such witness demonstrates what On The Move with Christ is all about. Felix Hyatt

VBS Packs Church with Nonmembers

Florida---The sanctuary was darkened. There was a black background. There were stars and planets. The scene represented God's work in creating the universe. The church's foyer was turned into a Gardenof-Eden-Walk, with huge amounts of paper fashioned into a tunnel lined with plants, trees, and a waterfall. These Earth-Maker Mystery scenes brought "ohs" and "ahs" from children and adults all week at the High Springs, Fla., vacation Bible school (VBS).

While many Protestant churches use bus evangelism to bring children to church, June Wilgus and Jackie Langford used a van and pickup truck to bring 12-17 children each to VBS. There were 61 children who attended—40 were nonmembers. The church felt this was a blessing to their outreach ministry since their High Springs congregation is small, about 120 members. The VBS had a

planned visit from a baby bear from nearby Camp Kulaqua. A picture of this event and the VBS was carried in the High Springs Herald. This coverage has created even more church awareness and told of children learning about God. The children also took home a cedar tree donated by Largo Farms, and made five crafts.

About 100 people squeezed into the small fellowship hall Saturday night for fellowship after the graduation program. The children proudly presented their certificates.

Heike Clark



Nick Brown has been attending the High Springs VBS for several years. He remains in contact with the church through this ministry. He's pictured painting a t-shirt.

Radio Programming Attracts Nonmembers

Florida—How do you reach 100,000 people with the gospel for only \$15? Ask Walter Maier, pastor of the Lake Wales/Lake View, Florida, district. Maier met Cecil

Underwood, general manager of Christian radio station WIPC, at the Lake Wales Ministerial Association. Maier asked Underwood about the 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. time slot for *The Voice Of Prophecy* (VOP). VOP is highly regarded by Underwood. He offered the slot for \$15 per week. The station had previously charged \$75 to \$100.

An 82-second message follows the program, inviting people to attend the Lake Wales Seventh-





Radio station manager Cecil Underwood runs the control board for The Voice of Prophecy and Your Story Hour.

day Adventist church. Eight to ten nonmembers have attended church services as a result of the radio ministry.

The Lake Wales church also sponsors a 30-minute segment of long-time Adventistproduced Your Story Hour, Sabbath mornings at 9:00 a.m. The program is part of the

Military Families Recognized

South Atlantic— Calvary church in Jacksonville, N.C., hosted a "service persons" Sabbath recently. It was also a time to say farewell to three families who were being transferred to other assignments. They were Navy Chaplain Johnathan and Vashti Ward, Trevor and Marvalene Maynard, and Rowdy and Debbi Schmidt.

The speaker was Navy Chaplain Johnathan Ward. The stations' two-hour children's time slot. The cost is, again, only \$15, bringing the total cost for an hour of outreach per week to \$30. Approximately 100,000 people in Polk county have an opportunity to hear Seventhday Adventist programming each week. Arthur Chamberlain,

Cindy Kurtzhals.

emphasis of his message was that as long as God is on your side you have nothing to fear. God has already won the victory. The devil is beaten.

Ward was presented a plaque by the church, which was read by Les Rilea, eastern field representative for Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries and National Service Organization.

Each of the three wives received a certificate of appreciation. Trevor and Rowdy received certificates of

appreciation citing their specific contribution



Military families and friends pose for a picture.

and involvement in the church family. Both served as deacons. Trevor also served as one of the youth leaders. Johnathan and Trevor

Ethiopian Accident Victim Heals at FH

AHS/Sunbelt---

Nigussa Dugassa was in a serious car accident in Ethiopia. The hospital in his homeland was able to fix his fractured femur, but his broken jaw and bad break in his skull were left unmended. Florida Hospital and several physicians sponsored Dugassa, who was brought to Orlando to repair his injuries. are assigned to the Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Va. Rowdy is assigned to the Naval Shipyard in Philadelphia. V. J. Mendinghall

Repairs took six hours of surgery by a neurosurgeon, plastic surgeon, and an oral surgeon. All three physicians donated their services.

Although his mouth is wired shut, Dugassa was still able to express his appreciation for the many ways Florida Hospital and the physicians have helped him recover from his accident.

"I am very lucky to be here," he said. "Everyone has treated me so kindly."



Larry Richardson impersonates James White.

James White Visits Bowman Hills

Georgia-Cumberland—The Bowman Hills Pathfinder Club in Cleveland, Tenn., recently hosted "An Evening With James White" presented by Larry Richardson. Richardson, who

Richardson, who holds a doctorate in communication, first presented this one-man play at Loma Linda University in 1979. Since then, more than 100 audiences in the U.S. and Canada have applauded this refreshingly entertaining insight into the man that James White really was.

Two years of intensive research and editing resulted in the script, of which 80 percent of the dialogue comes directly from White's quotations.

Throughout the play, "Elder White" reminisced about the role



he executed in giving the church shape and direction. Stepping out of the shadow of Ellen White, James recounted those elements of the church that bear his own stamp: camp meeting, the publishing work, church organization, and the early Adventist movement.

The "legend" took on human dimensions as a very earthy James recalled problems with his false teeth, frustrations in parenting a teenager, anger at

being challenged, and the pain of a physical breakdown he suffered. Perhaps one of the most appealing aspects of the play was his surprising sense of humor. It was both inescapable throughout his writings and a pleasant shock to the audience. The local Pathfinder club used the proceeds of the evening to attend the Dare To Care Camporee in Colorado.

Cindy Clifford



Village Chapel VBS participants.

Village Chapel Tackles VBS

Georgia-Cumberland—"Good things come in small packages," as the saying goes, and that's the way the Village Chapel church is in McDonald, Tenn.

Although it is a small group, everyone does something and that was proved during vacation Bible school June 12-17. Twenty-two young people ranging from 2-15 years of age attended, with 14 adults assisting, 12 regularly, and two on standby.

With a theme of nature, the crafts centered around God's creation. Bird feeders, bird houses, and animals painted on shirts were just some of the crafts used.

A special highlight was the nightly drug program which included films and discussion. Cliff Roach, a personal weight trainer, spoke of the dangers of steroids and answered some questions for the students. Lin Wahrlich

Conference Organizes 99th Church

Southeastern—In Southeastern's 14year history, the Tallahassee District consisted of the Bainbridge, Quincy, and Tallahassee churches. But on July 23, 1994, the conference administrators established the Fellowship church to join with Bainbridge, consequently dividing the district.

George C. Worrell was asked to pastor the new district on an interim basis. Worrell was born in Trinidad, W.I. He pastored both in Trinidad and in England and is joining Southeastern with high recommendations from both fields.

When R. R. Brown, president of Southeastern, presented Worrell to the members of his new district in Bainbridge, Ga., he admonished him "speak bravely... to bring a wider level of social and spiritual vision" to all members in the new district.

The church organi-

Hohenwald Group Organized

Kentucky-Tennessee—The Hohenwald group has been organized into an official company of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It is meeting in a rented church that will be adequate for now.



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Worrell speaks to his district at Ephesus/Bainbridge church.

zation service convened in Tallahassee where the Fellowship church officially became the 99th church in the Southeastern Conference. The new congregation is currently using the facilities of St. Stephen's-Elca Lutheran church.

Two special guests attended. Gary Ranzinger, president of the Church Council, and Leonard Bartels, who kindly donated a lovely organ to the church in memory of his wife who died earlier this year. A short and special service recognizing the life or Mrs. Bartels and officially thanking Bartels for the organ was held after the organization service.

W. L. Taylor

The first day was filled with exciting reports of soul-winning activities and a history of the Hohenwald company. Roger Hays is the leader and led out in the day's activities with help from Wallace Willoughby, Bob Aldrich, Jeanette Spencer, Jim Guarnera, and others.

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Hohenwald company.

David Saguan, pastor, was present and John Fowler, an officer from the conference, who

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Pathfinder Clubs Thrive in Florida

Florida—Pathfinder clubs in south Florida are alive and thriving as evidenced by the Maranatha club and the club it spawned in 1985—the Lauderhill club.

"Members at both churches are so supportive they come to Sabbath school and stay all day through the evening youth meeting," says Cheeko Cotta, Conference Pathfinder director. "lt's a wonderful, marvelous thing to behold how these two churches bond around the Pathfinder program and then, in turn, bond around the community. These clubs are representative of what all of our clubs are doing in the south Florida area. They cooperate with each other to evangelize the area for

officially organized the

group into a company.

John W. Fowler

Jesus' soon return." "Our Maranatha club, under the direction of Elsa Green, has been a very positive force in our church," said Sylvia Kirlew, wife of pastor Bill Kirlew, of the 100-member club. One of the things that sets it apart is its drum corps, led by Clifton Henry.

The first drum corps in Florida Conference, it's comprised of several types of drums, trumpets, trombones, saxophones, cymbals, castanets, and more. The corp led the march at the last Southern Union Conference camporee. They've won many drill competitions, and have played at other churches and civic associations.

The city of Miami has asked the Maranatha and Lauderhill clubs to participate in citywide anti-drug parades. South Florida coordinator Calvin Brooks helps coordinate these events.

Active in traditional Pathfinder activities, they also, along with community service workers, feed homeless people each week in downtown Miami. For six weeks following Hurricane Andrew, the youth were responsible for a sizeable amount of food distribution. It's a credit to the Maranatha club that, because of their reputation, several Christians of other faiths have become members.

Lydia Mason directs the 100member Lauderhill club. They, too,

Pathfinders Attend Camporee

Southeastern-More than 500 Pathfinders in Southeastern attended the Jesus and Me Endless Possibilities" Camporee held last spring at the Hawthorne Campground. Samuel Johnson, music ministry director for more than 60 churches in Cuba, and Elder Milton, also from Cuba, were special guests. The conference youth department extended the invitation to Johnson and Milton, and the

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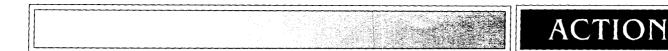
feed the homeless in Broward County, present mini-church programs for those unable to attend church, and provide an annual banquet for Lauderhill church members. Many do volunteer work at area nursing homes.

The club is proud of its two singing groups. Destiny is a group of eight girls aged 12-15, and Nakimag, which means "young men striving to do good" in an African language, is comprised of five boys aged 12-15. The groups have sung separately and jointly at nursing homes, local churches, and even at a bus terminal while handing our evangelistic crusade advertising

The Pathfinder tradition is alive and well in South Florida and being looked to for leadership in a broader way.

Lynn Oliver Huff, Cindy Kurtzhals

Pathfinders were benefited by Johnson's outgoing nature and multitalented gifts. Another attraction was the Rescue One Emergency airlift helicopter with training crew from Jacksonville that literally dropped in as campers excitedly watched the landing. They were given a guided tour of the helicop-ter. The fire and rescue squad also came and gave several lectures. Pathfinders put on the special fireretardant uniforms complete with the air tank. Two K-9 units gave demonstrations to our youth.



Norm Middag, NAD Pathfinder director, was guest speaker. Allan Williamson, Southern Union Conference Pathfinder director, gave special remarks. Claude Matthews, incoming Southeastern Conference youth director, was formally introduced to the Pathfinders by W. L. Taylor, former youth director. It was only the second conferencewide camporee. As usual, as Pathfinders left, many were asking when were the dates for our next camporee. W. L. Taylor



Raul Cruz, Spanish Pathfinder coordinator (left); and Keith White, district 5 coordinator (right), interviewed Johnson and Milton from Cuba.

Summer Fest '94 Draws Youth to Christ

Florida—Twentythree young adults from Jacksonville took their vacation in Orlando this summer. They didn't come to see Walt Disney World. They came for camp meeting.

"It's the first time in the 20 years I've been here (in the Florida Conference) that a youth group spent a whole week at camp meeting as part of their summer programming," said Bill Crofton, youth/ young adult ministries director for north and central Florida.

Those who attended were glad they came. "I think it was a great experience," said Ken Grant, who helped plan the event. "We had three or four nonmembers attend." "I thought the

youth program in the music building was good," said Debbie Pratt. "Besides, we had to seek any air conditioning we could get."

Despite the heat, Pratt says she would probably attend next year. "I'd go back. But I want to stay in a dorm next time."

Will there be a next year? "I hope so," said Crofton. "We're going to promote this thing to youth leaders around the state. Maybe other youth groups will spend the week during Summer Fest '95."

Arthur Chamberlain

Child's Endurance Rewarded

Southeastern-Sheeler Oaks Spanish observed its Pathfinder/Adventurer day June 11. Ivan Sankey, District 2 coordinator. Martha Walker, MC Strachan Adventurer coordinator, and W. L. Taylor, conference secretary, were in attendance. Among the many activities happening within their club, this one was very innovative.

During one of the club's bike-a-thons around the lake at the Hawthorne Campground, a great idea brought challenges from all ages, Adventurers, Pathfinders, counselors, and directors. But, none showed the heart and enthusiasm that 5-year-old Daisy Tames showed.

Daisy, who did not own a bicycle, borrowed one at times from the competitors. Her endurance and dedication was not to be denied. She made 45 laps (about 25 miles), more than anyone else. To reward her efforts, the Sheeler Oaks Adventurer Club gave Daisy a brand new bicycle. W. L. Tavlor

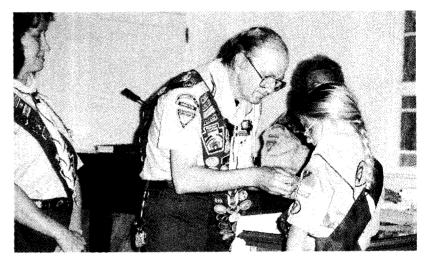


Martha Walker, MC Strachan, Adventurer coordinator (left); J. Rodriguez, R. Torres, R. Esquivel of the Spanish Sheeler Oaks church, presented Daisy with a brand new bike.

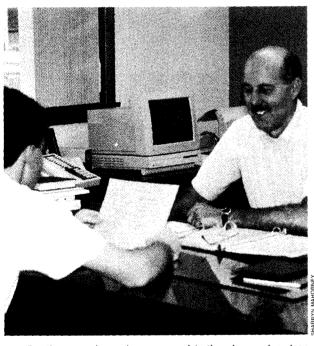
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George V. Fuller, DDS, and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception sponsored by their eight children August 21 in Collegedale, Tenn.



Sue Patten and Richard Knight hand out honors earned by Kelly McMichales during the Pathfinder Investiture at the Greenville, S.C., church,



For the second year in a row, registration day produced an increased enrollment for Bass Memorial Academy. One hundred and fifteen students registered. Tui Pitman, principal, and D. J. Eurick, recruiter, have worked closely to keep BMA's enrollment in a positive direction.



Collegedale Pathfinders help the community in many ways. When a Harrison, Tenn., lady called Community Services asking for help with her septic tank. ACS made arrangements with a company to empty it for her. The company would not dig to find the tank lid. ACS then contacted the Collegedale club to do the work. Cyndi and Lynn Phibbs, David Haluska, Kathi, and Greg and Andy McFadden came to the rescue the next day.

Atlanta Adventist Academy dedicated its new 5,472-square-foot, four-classroom addition with a praise and celebration open house, and lawn concert May 7. Officialing at the ribbon-cutting ceremony were Bob Hale, finance committee chair (left); Henry Farr, Georgia-Cumberland Conference education department; Norwida Marshall, Southern Union education department; Dan Busch, school board chair; Dean Maddock, principal; and Bob Geach, vice principal.



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The Pine Hills, Fla., church held its vacation Bible school June 13 to 25. VBS director Barbara Simmonds chose "Earthmaker" as the theme. Forty-five children attended and learned about God's creations. Several animals were brought to the VBS program to strengthen the theme.



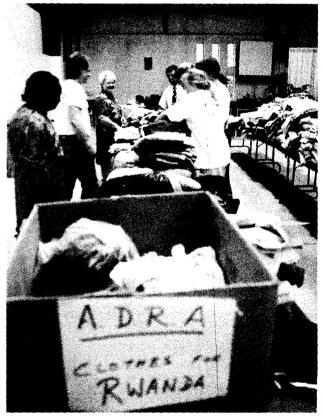
During the Pathfinder parade and awards ceremony at the Carolina camp meeting, youth and Pathfinder director Phil Rosburg made an offering appeal for help in sponsoring two Pathfinders from the newly formed Pathfinder club in Estonia. Holding the Estonian flag are Fletcher Academy exchange students from the country the flag represents, Marge Simkin, a sophomore, and Lillia Mesila, a junior. Two young men also attended Fletcher Academy as Estonian exchange students. They are Arli Sui who will continue as a senior next year and Rain Siim who gradualed and will be returning to his home in Estonia.

The young people of First church in Dublin, Ga., are busy preparing for honors in their Pathfinder club. Recently they had a cooking and nutrition class under the leadership of Herbert and Audrey Branham, Thelene Pittman, and Tawanna Johnson. In addition to skills gained in cooking, they had to set the table properly. Fictured are: Clarissa Smith (left), Kim Ricks, Joi Johnson, and William Doby. Among other activities, Pathfinders had a campout in Scott, Ga.





Savannah First Pathfinders displayed donated baby quilts taken to the August 2-6 Dare to Care International Pathfinder Camporee in Colorado. The blankets were given to babies with AIDS, orphaned babies, and other impoverished babies around the world.



Members of the Matthews church in North Carolina donated clothing for the Rwandan refugees. The pastor announced the event during worship service and the next week the overwhelming response sent the church working to get all the clothing boxed and ready to ship to ADRA.

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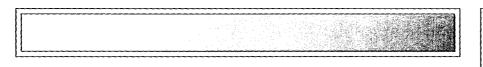
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- Nov. 13. Georgia-Cumberland Academy. Nov. 13. Calhoun.
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- Cohutta Springs. Ministerial Meeting—(Ingathering Reports)
- Oct. 18. GCA. Organize Halls Crossroads Church—Oct.
- Southern College Alumni Weekend-Oct. 28-30
- Youth Festival-Nov. 5. Atlanta Adventist Academy
- Junior Honors Weekend-Nov. 11-13. Co-
- hutta Springs. Southern Union Adventist Singles Re-treat-Nov. 11-13. Cohutta Springs. De-tails: Sharon McGrady at 615-396-2921.
- Teen Discovery (Biking)-Nov. 24-27. Lo-cation to be announced.

Gulf States

- Women's Retreat-Oct. 14-16. Destin, Fla.
- Women's Retreat—Oct. 14-16. Destin, Fla. ABC Bookmobile Oct. 15. Destin, Fla. Oct. 16. Pensacola. Oct. 16. Mobile. Oct. 16. St. Elmo. Oct. 16. St. Elmo. Oct. 16. Pascagoula. Pathfinder Camporee—Oct. 14-16, Paul Johnson State Park, Miss. Fall Ministers' Meeting—Oct. 24. Montgom-erv. Aia.
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- North Mississippi Camp Meeting--Oct. 28-29. Water Valley, Miss. Conference Executive Committee—Nov.
- 1. Montgomery, Ala, Montgomery First Church Centennial Homecoming—Dec. 2-4. Details: (205) 265-8446.

Southern College

- Academic Schedule

 - Oct. 14. Mid-term break. Oct. 31. Pre-registration begins.

- Oct. 31. rre-registration regime. Vespers Oct. 7. CARE. Oct. 21. CABL. Oct. 28. Mission pageant. Church Pulpit Guests Oct. 29. First service, Al McClure, Oct. 29. Second service, Joe Crews. **Special Events**

 - Oct. 16. Symphony Guild flea market. Oct. 22. Student missions callbook fair. Oct. 23, 24. PreviewSouthern (especially for high school seniors and Adventists on secular campuses: Call 1-800-SOUTH-ERN for information).
 - Oct. 27-30. Alumni Homecoming.

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TRANSITIONS

Florida

the Markham Woods church, has replaced

Doug Foley who now serves as a chap-

HAKES - SIMMONS Virginia (Ginnie) Simmons and James

A. Hakes were united in marriage in

Spartanburg, S.C., July 24. The marriage ceremony was conducted by David Hakes. The couple resides in Marion, N.C., where

James pastors the Marion and Fairview

COTTA - BERARD

bride is the daughter of Art and Margaret

Berard of Tampa. The groom is the son

of Cheeko and Nancy Cotta of Apopka. The couple will reside in Orlando.

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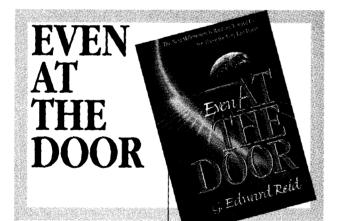
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With this understanding, Adventist Christians see humans as simply stewards, or managers for God of all that He entrusts to us while we exist on earth. That includes our time, talents, physical and mental health, material possessions, and environment.

Myron Widmer

Adventist Book Center-My Bookmobile Diary

by Doug Anderson

The diary you are about to read took place during a three-day period in June of this year. It is typical of the experiences that your Conference ABC personnel encounter as they drive thoroughfares and back roads to many of the churches in your Conference, seeking to serve member needs, especially in areas where members would otherwise seldom be exposed to the great materials distributed at the ABC.

It promises to be another HOT day. In this weather the air conditioning begins to take effect about the time we're ready to leave for the next stop. I'll go casual this time, and leave the tie at home.

time, and leave the tie at home. My assistant, Jeff, has just returned from the first leg of our after-camp meeting itinerary through Georgia. Restocking must be done, which takes longer than expected. My 10:30 departure goal is missed by more than one-half hour. What's new?

You can't break any speed laws climbing those hills of East Tennessee, so I sit back and try to block out the schedule deadline. I'm ten minutes late at my first stop, Morristown. Fortunately, I've put some extra flexibility into this schedule. At the last minute a member rushes in, all out of breath. She had to sit longer than anticipated at the doctor's office, and is happy that I'm still here.

I stay beyond the appointed time, but rejoice in that "extra time" in the schedule. But rather than take time to eat I go directly to the Tri-City School. The first customer emerges from her car, and I smile inside, if not outwardly, when I see what she is carrying. An apple pie. With three days on the road and no one to share it with, my taste buds work overtime. Every Conference has "gems" like Maxie McCrary, but I doubt that any can match her deeds of kindness.

With the front part of the book-

mobile completely filled with preorders of food and books, I have put seven cases of *Great Controversy* on the back of the pickup. Johnson City member John Heck arrives to pick them up, and shares how that God led him to mail freebook offers to about 14,000 homes in the outlying areas. Within a month, more than 400 responses have come in (updated to 487 requests) for a free copy of this timely book. Direct mail experts tell us that a 2 percent response rate is excellent. A 3½ percent return is almost unheard of. Are people wondering about what is happening in the world? No doubt about it.

Greeneville is my next stop. I look forward to unloading so many pre-orders here, since there will be room then to stand behind the checkout counter. Customers wait patiently for service. Finally just one customer is left, and I can take time to visit, and ask her if she knows my next client who has not been in as yet to pick up orders. She offers to go home and phone them, and returns in a few minutes to report her findings. Some must have been out-of-town; others forgot; one thought the sale was "tomorrow night." Little did I know the result of that call.

Wanting to get as far down the road as possible I have avoided making a motel reservation. It almost backfires on me, as it takes quite a while to find a vacancy along the interstate.

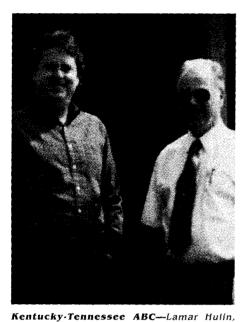
Other than the normal challenge of negotiating the sharp turns and hills going into and out of the Knoxville church, this first stop of the next day proves uneventful. But the trip to Jellico is another story. When will they ever complete the repairs on 1-75? The bumps and detours might be taken for granted when traveling by car, but not in this rig. If books and foods are ever going to leave the shelves they will do it on this road, and they do. I really get a test in road skills when I arrive at our Jellico Hospital to deliver literature rack booklets. By the time I negotiate the obstacles of construction vehicles, cars and people, I could pass any kind of driving test.

The pastor is on-the-spot when I arrive at the church, and helps bring order to the bookmobile display before opening for customers. May his tribe increase.

I wish our bookmobile had wings, as I leave late from Jellico to go to Deer Lodge. The temptation to take the "shortest way" is outweighed by my recollection of a previous trip, when I learned that the shortest distance between two points is not always the best route. So I backtrack to Knoxville, head west to Crossville, then north to Deer Lodge. I look at the apple pie on the floor of the truck and decide that it must go to the book-mobile freezer at the next stop. It will provide just one more thing to look forward to when I arrive home Friday evening. The potholes in that back road to Deer Lodge threaten to loosen every sure bolt holding the bookmobile together; nevertheless, I arrive with two whole minutes to spare.

After several of these itineraries it is interesting to realize that I meet few strangers along the way. These members have become friends, and I can look toward the door with a high degree of predictability as to whose face will appear.

On to Crossville, and a little ahead of schedule. I barely have time to put the awning up when the first customer arrives. "You won't believe what happened to me," are the first words I hear. "Got a call last night about 9:30. A lady said the bookmobile was at the church. I told her that I thought it was tomorrow night, but she insisted it was here." The pieces of a puzzle begin to fall into place. "I began calling other members to let them know that the bookmobile was here, so we had quite a crowd of people come last night." The special order that had been marked for Greeneville was intended for Crossville. A phone call to the ABC the next morning had verified that



left (asst. manager); Lew VanAllen, right

(manager).

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Ogburn, manager.



Carolina ABC— Mark Kendall, manager.



Georgia-Cumberland ABC—Jeff Cordray, left (asst. manager); Doug Anderson, right (manager).



Florida ABC—From left: Roger Simpson (branch manager); Gerald Bond (manager); Dean Bixby (assoc. manager); Gary Whittenburg (asst. manager).

the bookmobile had indeed been to Greeneville the night before, and would be at Crossville that night. Thanks for patient and understanding customers.

Among the predictable faces that appear at our Crossville sale is that of Sister Durham—in her 90s, but still buying books for others who can see better than herself. Another "gem" of a customer.

At Cookeville the next morning I am met by Bob Bralley. If ever there were an enthusiastic member it is Bob. I've brought along some back issues of Signs. The four newsboxes they have recently placed in area supermarkets are

empty, and it will be a while before the next regular issue arrives. 'People take these Signs of the Times like they've not had anything to read for weeks," says Bob. He also shares his excitement over their church building plans, the sale of their old church, etc. Here, as in many places throughout the Conference, I feel the "pulse" of our members. I like what I feel. A quick, steady and vibrant heartbeat of members who have great plans for what God will do for their church. And to think that I can hear about it firsthand. If Al, Errol, and Gordon (Georgia-Cumberland Conference Officers) could witness

what we do as we make these itineraries three or four times a year, they would want our job. They might even see the ABC ministry in a new light—not just a sales organization, but a ministry to our members, who in turn, minister to others through the literature they purchase.

I notice a man who seems to be looking intently at the bookmobile while I refuel at the truckstop. Finally he comes over and asks about the bookmobile. His questions lead me to my own questions—a man from Maryland, who has just begun attending an Adventist church. An opportunity to witness to someone who is searching.

More good contacts and sales at McMinnville. Members here really appreciate our visits, and Pastor Clark is always supportive. Not every member can come out in the middle of a workday, but he and other members are happy to make pickups for those who can't be there.

I sense a "winding down," even as the bookmobile pulls the long, winding upgrade toward our last stop, Cumberland Heights. First gear-22 mph at 3000 RPMs. Careful not to overstress the Ford diesel. Maybe next time we'll add a turbocharger. Nevertheless, the climb is sure and steady, hopefully like the journey of life. Progress may seem slow, but God looks at the trend of our lives. Ever upward, our goal set before us. Depending not on our own efforts, but on His strength.

After this last stop the journey toward home does seem to take wing. It is against my nature to "gear down," but that is necessary as I descend Monteagle Mountain toward the Tennessee Valley.

A Sabbath of rest, with warmed apple pie. The greatest moments of life on this earth. Another Sabbath of time is upon us. All our efforts on this earth will seem insignificant compared to the "apple pie" that waits at the end of the journey.

ABC personnel will be "hitting the road" again this fall. Watch for schedules of stops in your areas. We carry precious cargo with us a gospel train, if you please, loaded with the message of truth for a dying world. Respond when we come your way.

Doug Anderson is ABC manager for Georgia-Cumberland Conference, and Southern Union ABC coordinator. Cutting-Edge Showing how Bible doctrines are relevant to people's fell high-tech communication advancements will be the method—as the Voice of Prophecy targets North America with cutting edge

Prophecy targets North America with cutting-edge radio messages and attention-grabbing Bible lessons.

"To use a slogan from secular radio," says Lonnie Melashenko, director-speaker of the VOP, "our presentation of God's special message for the end-time must be 'redhot.' With so many voices and so many opinions on the air, it's not easy to captivate the restless, station-jumping audience. But I believe our Adventist message can be presented in such a compelling way that listeners will want to hear it."

One way to do that will be hardhitting, succinct, 60-second spots. These will be designed to shape public opinion on values and issues, while also building name recognition for the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

"We're aiming these new spots at people who have wanted to look for God but were afraid to make the start," says Tim Crosby, director of production at the VOP. "We will buy time on major secular radio stations to air them."

The Voice of Prophecy Bible School will introduce Discover, a new doctrinal course in October. Lisa Styadi will be one of the instructors.



Innovations are also planned for the weekend 30-minute broadcast and the daily 15-minute programs. More programs will take listeners directly from current headlines into the Bible's message. A recent example is a VOP broadcast that aired just four days after Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis' funeral and presented the truths of salvation and the resurrection.

Satellite transmission will enhance the delivery of such timely messages. The VOP is presently testing this method by Eldyn Karr



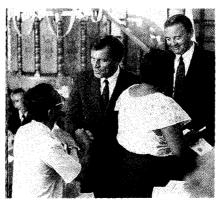
H.M.S. Richards, shown here in a mural created by Andrews University art professor Greg Constantine, founded the Voice of Prophecy in 1930. As the ministry observes the 100th anniversary of his birth this year, Lonnie and Jeannie Melashenko build on the 65-year foundation and reputation for excellence that he established.

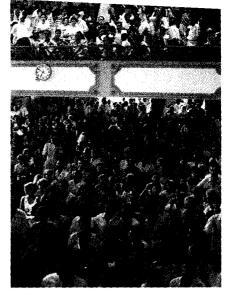
of sending programs to stations. Linking the local Adventist pastor to the radio broadcast is another goal. Pastors will be encouraged to give announcements of their church's activities at the end of broadcasts, and some will be invited to participate on the programs.

The Voice of Prophecy's sister broadcast, La Voz de la Esperanza (The Voice of Hope), faces the challenge of reaching the Hispanic population, which is growing eight times as fast in the U.S. as the nonHispanic population.

"There is an even deeper and

Lonnie Melashenko and Milton Peverini congratulated 600 graduates of the new Bible course in Cuba. Another 400 have since graduated. Two additonal courses will be distributed in Cuba as funds for paper are available.





The first VOP graduaton service in Cuba in three decades packed the largest Seventhday Adventist church in Havana.

more crucial cry from Hispanic hearts now than when La Voz began in 1942," says Milton Peverini, director-speaker. "Our Adventist programs present Jesus as the world's only Hope."

Pastors Melashenko and Peverini recently visited Cuba to participate in the first Bible course graduation service to be conducted in three decades. Their four days in Havana confirmed a rebirth of hope in the island nation. "The spirit of Cuban Adventists indicates that the work is going to go forward in an absolutely exciting way," says Melashenko.

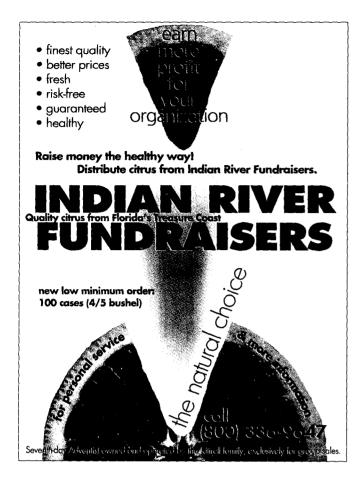
A new Bible course, Discover, is being released in North America in October. Each of the 26 lessons is contained in a 16-page booklet. Advanced computer techniques have given color photos the appearance of paintings. Plans are being formulated to offer Discover by computer as well as in print.

Besides covering Bible doctrines common to most Christian faiths, the course includes lessons on law and grace, the Sabbath, the sanctuary, and health. The concluding six lessons tackle "the big questions": the change of the Sabbath, the state of the dead, hell, the millennium, God's church for today, and the Three Angels' Messages.

"I've never seen a better course," says Melashenko. "It's a magnificent presentation of Seventh-day Adventist beliefs. We have the enrollment cards, the lessons, the instructors and counselors—now it's up to our members to utilize these tools and give God's message for the endtime to their community."

The special offering for radio work received in churches in October, along with a portion of what is given to the World Budget, will assist the evangelistic ministry of the Voice of Prophecy and La Voz de la Esperanza.

Eldyn Karr is public relations director of the Voice of Prophecy.



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(Signed) Olson Perry, Editor

October, 1994

by Don Livesay

he first summer of operation at Cohutta Springs Camp was one of the shortest camping seasons in the recent history of Georgia-Cumberland. The five-week program started July 10, 1980. The lights and water for the new camp weren't turned on until Saturday night, just before the staff arrived from the Georgia-Cumberland Academy campus, from which they had commuted the prior week. Pizza was brought in for the first meal as the 34 charter staff worked well into the night hanging doors, moving into cabins, and preparing to receive campers the next day.

Although the original ten cabins, cafeteria, and activity buildings were almost completed, the camp looked far different from the beautiful scene today. A temporary swimming hole was created while the dam was under construction, dust and rocks were everywhere, but the staff, under the direction of Lewis Hendershot and Don Livesay, was ready to be a part of a ministry that concluded its 15th season this summer.

The formula for summer camp ministry is not complicated. Have a director who is committed to bringing young people to Jesus. Hire a mature staff of talented and vibrant young Christians who can communicate the joy of the Christian life through action and word. Develop a program that is full of safe and exciting activities built around many opportunities to hear about and

Fifteen Summers



Camp friends come in a variety of sizes.

receive Jesus. Oh, and while you are doing all those things you will also serve about 31,000 meals per summer, feed horses, gas boats, make costumes, buy supplies, and of course, stay within the budget.

While the concept may be simple the practical ramifications are complex. Administrative staff will average 16 to 17 hour days, but the rewards are out of this world. Although one of the youngest camps

A good tube ride will put a smile on your face.



in North America, Cohutta Springs Camp has a 15-year total attendance of 13,258 campers who have participated in the seven-week summer programs. But the most significant factor is the spiritual sowing and reaping that takes place in the personal lives of campers. In 1994 alone, 145 campers made decisions for baptism and 780 campers made renewed or first time commitments to Jesus. This is the reason the Seventh-day Adventist Church supports summer camp ministry.

One of the great byproducts of a summer camp is the leadership training experienced by the staff. Sharing Jesus, long hours of hot tiresome work, and fellowship with some of the finest young adults anywhere, is a stretching, growing, and rewarding experience. Here are comments from some former staff members:

"I sponsor the children of a coworker to go to camp. She's Baptist and a single parent. She tells me that her daughter comes back from camp a different girl. I told her the reason that happens is because Jesus is lifted up. You can't help but be drawn to Him, and it changes you." Rod Lewis was a charter staff member and is the cradle roll leader at the McDonald Road, Tennessee, church.

Bev Dickerhoff Helmer is an assistant dean at Pacific Union

of Ministry

College. She says, "Working at camp gave me a lot of self-confidence and built my self-esteem. It nurtured my interest in working with the young people of my church."

Kent Crutcher is the pastor of the Atlanta Southside church. He reflects, "The three summers I worked at Cohutta Springs greatly helped me develop the leadership skills a pastor needs. I learned the value of teamwork in facing those daily challenges, and gained the confidence I needed to try new ideas. I was given ample opportunity to discover and develop new talent that I still find valuable today. God knew I needed the camp experience."

Dave Cress has directed the summer camp program for the past eight summers. Part of his summer camp ministry philosophy is, "Our staff members are vibrant young adult Christians who seek to help our campers know Jesus Christ as their best friend. The key to a successful camp ministry is the dedicated Christian camp staff member.

"The best camp staff members are those individuals who have attended camp as a young person, and now as a college student are willing to give back a part of the true spirit of Christian camping.

"The Sabbath is the capstone of the entire week's experience for the camper. Praise filled worship, stimulating Bible games, good music, camper skits, energetic hikes, lively nature activities, and dramatic Bible pageants are the ingredients for a wonderful Sabbath at Cohutta Springs Camp."

Fifteen summers have brought many facility and aesthetic addi-tions to Cohutta Springs. The lake and lawns were completed the first year. Conference center motel rooms, lodge building, and the paving of roads followed. Indian and Mountain Lore outposts, lake trail, the Perry Green Gazebo, swimming pool, the pool side pavilion, Aalborg Amphitheater, volleyball and tennis courts, and many additional improvements have brought more summertime and year-round opportunities for ministry, spiritual refreshing, and family recreation. These fine facilities are just a stage for people to come together and create friendships, programs, activities, and opportunities for campers to know and accept Jesus as a personal Savior.



Cabins take turns learning how to handle the nation's colors.



The Cohutta Springs Animal Wildlife Rehabilitation Center provides camper contact with a wide variety of native animals.



Happiness is three amigos on the lake on a hot day.

Saving Endangered

by Teri Fowle

id you know that current statistics show that approximately 60 percent of all young people in the church in North America leave the church by age 30? What future is there for the Seventh-day Adventist Church if this endangered species should become extinct? Efforts are being made by David Banks, Carolina Conference youth and young adult director, and various members of the Carolina Conference to save the endangered young in the Carolinas.

Banks has developed the Endangered Species theme where he addresses the important issues facing the Church regarding youth and young adults. In a sermon he developed along the theme, Banks points out that the majority of members are more disturbed by things such as egg on a church carpet than they are over the fact that our youth and young adults are leaving the church in overwhelm. leaving the church in overwhelming numbers. What is the solution? As Steve Green sings in his popular song, "People need the Lord!" Jesus said, "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." The solution is, as it always has been, take the love of Christ to people who need Him. We need to create safe and caring environments where we can teach others to share the love of Christ they have found. As Christ has accepted us in whatever state He finds us, so we need to accept each other.

During the last two years Banks and a growing number of concerned members of various ages have worked together to lift up Christ. They are striving to draw youth and young adults back to Christ and back to the church.

Youth and young adults of all stations in life are working together to create a larger population of the endangered young in the Adventist church in the Carolinas



Many events have been held throughout the conference to create a network of love and fellowship in a safe environment.

For example, a young lady happened to attend the Greensboro, North Carolina, church after not attending for several years. She bumped into a young adult who was leaving to attend an area Sabbath service specifically for the youth. The idea of attending a worship service for her own age group appealed to her. During the course of the day, she was overcome by the love and acceptance of the Christian young people in attendance. Tearfully she admit-ted she felt God and His people were uncaring and unloving. She was overwhelmed by the unconditional love she felt from the group. She then admitted she had been contemplating suicide. The young adults built a support group around her, affirming her with many hugs. Several exchanged their names and phone numbers with her and still maintain contact.

There are many examples of lives touched by youth and young adult ministry in the Carolinas. The min-istry occurs in the strangest of places: midnight trips to the Waffle House; small groups gathered in prayer at places like Bible Conference (without adult encouragement); during conversations when nothing else is planned; afternoon hikes in the mountains; singing around the campfire; and many other unexpected places and times. This ministry has also resulted in several baptisms. At conferencewide young adult retreats, several have been baptized in the waters of Lake Wateree and one young adult was baptized at camp meeting this year. There are more baptisms scheduled to take place at the young adult retreat this fall.

The most encouraging fact, however, is how the ministry is spreading outside of the planned programs. Youth and young adults are reaching out to each other. There are those who don't consider themselves young adults but are participating in the ministry. They are willing to make a difference in their own churches and throughout the conference. Young people are even



the conference, Banks has created an endangered species line of clothing. The message of the clothing is, "Save the Young.

building support groups among themselves. They spend time to-gether, they worship together, they create prayer teams, and they share with one another. The Lord is in-fluencing lives with His love, and the love is overflowing in the lives of those He touches.

Building the network of fellowship among youth and young adults is key in the ministry. The events held throughout the year encourage participation and growth among young people. To create an awareness of the ministry in the conference, Banks has created an endangered species line of clothing. The message on the clothing is, "Save the Young." T-shirts, sweatshirts, and shorts are sold at the Adventist Book Center and also through the conference youth department. All funds raised by the clothing sales are placed directly into youth and young adult ministries to assist with various upcoming events.

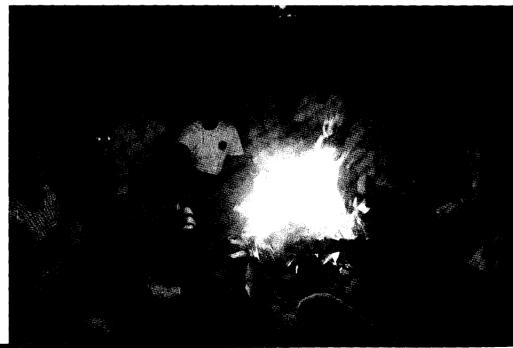
Youth and young adults of all stations in life are working together to create a larger population of the endangered young in the Carolina Adventist churches. They are a group of people who don't want to be a part of the statistic of more than 60 percent leaving the church by age 30. They are a group of people who want to live out the love of Christ, creating safe, sharing environments where youth and young adults who have left can come back and find unconditional love.

Teri Fowle is on the staff of the Carolina Conference communication department.



In a sermon he developed along the theme of Endangered Species, Banks points out that the majority of members are more disturbed by things such as egg on a church carpet than they are over the fact that our youth and young adults are leaving the church in overwhelming numbers.

Creating warm and safe environments is imperative in youth and young adult ministry. Ministry can occur at unexpected times, even while singing around a campfire.



Serving the Community

by Doris Burdick

B aking cookies at the Ronald McDonald House, sorting cans and packages at the Chattanooga Food Bank, cleaning up roadside litter, helping the Chattanooga Audubon Society with trail maintenance, aiding Head Start teachers—this is only a sample of how Southern College students spent a very special day in September.

"What an awesome experience!" "I wish we could do this more often!" Community Service Day was much more than a break from classes on September 21. It was an eye-opener, an opportunity to get both blisters and blessings. Windy Cockrell, Southern College

Windy Cockrell, Southern College Student Association president, began laying groundwork shortly after her election last spring. It wasn't hard to convince the administration that community service is an important part of education. They were already talking about how to develop campus-wide commitment to community service. "Lots of the faculty regularly volunteer in various ways in the community, and here was our chance," said Windy.

At last spring's Adventist Intercollegiate Association meetings, Jose Rojas, director of youth ministries for the North American Division, launched the idea, building on what some schools were already doing. He came to the Collegedale campus to provide the motivational "kick-off" assembly message on September 1.

"Student response was excellent," com-mented Windy. "1 found a lot of students willing to be group leaders. This fall we have also formed a clubs and departments council, with two student representatives from each academic department. Thev served as group leaders and helped encourage student participation." The stu-dent senate and

CARE (Collegiate Adventists Reaching Everyone) also took hold of the project. Bill Wohlers, vice president for student services, and Ken Rogers, campus chaplain, were sponsors.

Other key players whose help

This group of students are the Student Association officers at Southern College this year. Left to right, back row, are Sean Rosas, executive vice president; Trent Taglavore, Festival Studio director; Dr. Bill Wohlers, sponsor; Ken LeVos, parllamentarian; and Bill Ziesmer, finance director. Middle row: Stacy Gold, Southern Accent editor; Heather Aasheim, social vice president; Jacque Branson, executive secretary; and Windy Cockrell, president. Front row: Hellange Celamy, public relations director; Angi Ascher, Joker student director-editor; and Sari Fordham, Southern Memories editor.



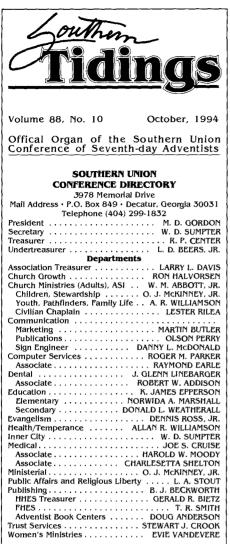


Yard work was a part of Community Service Day, organized by the Student Association at Southern College.

made this day happen on such a large scale were Gary Beck of the Volunteer Council of Chattanooga and Bill Magoon of Collegedale.

The wide range of activities gave nearly everyone, students and faculty alike, the chance to serve in an area of interest to them," said Windy. For a few faculty members, participation meant opening up their kitchens so students could make goodies for a bake sale for an area long-term health care facility. Others could choose to work along with the students on a building project for Habitat for Humanity, cleaning classrooms for READ Chattanooga, or painting at the Chattanooga Regional History Museumor even teaching phonics to Kurdish children at the Adventist Community Services.

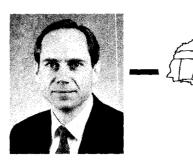
It was a high-profile day for the college in the greater Chattanooga area. But visibility was not the goal. Service for others was the goal. "We achieved that goal," says Windy, "but just as I expected, the day benefited us just as much as those we helped—maybe even more.



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The Healing Touch

If we could add up all the time that Jesus spent healing people, I'm sure that we would find He spent more time healing than preaching

While few today would claim the ability to work miracles as Jesus did, modern medical science has the ability to perform feats so unusual that only a few decades ago we might have called them miracles. Maybe even today, too.

When surgeons can repair or replace the damaged heart of an infant expected to die within days, it is a modern miracle—just ask the parents whose grieving has changed to joy over the gift of life given back to their child.

When physicians can administer chemotherapy and arrest or put into remission certain types of cancer, it is a modern miracle—just ask the young girl on our block who used to baby-sit our children and who is alive and well today after successful treatment for leukemia.

Yes, modern medical science has come a long way since our early history. Never will it match the healing touch of Jesus, but it far sur-passes the medical care available during the intervening centuries. And it is not like the early days of

And it is not include the carry days of Battle Creek, either, and therein lies an enigma. While more than 50 Adventist hospitals across North America offer some of the latest medical advances possible anywhere, I often hear from many members, "Yes, but they're not following the Battle Creek model.

And they're right. But isn't it also true that Kellogg's Battle Creek Sanitarium went bankrupt? Certainiy. In its heyday at the turn of the century it was a model for giving natural remedies and for providing the latest in medical care. We must remember that it was more than just a "sanitarium"-it was also an acutecare hospital that attracted many of America's famous personalities.

And so it is an enigma today to see the advances in medical science offered by Adventist hospitals and to see members pining for the return of Battle Creek.

Few ventures exist anywhere today that follow the concept of Battle Creek. It died out as their patronage faded-the rich didn't come anymore, medicine cured many of the mala-dies that sanitariums treated with natural remedies, and insurance companies refused to pay for such care.

The ones that now exist and are run by Seventh-day Adventist members primarily are "self-supporting" ministries. Some are doing a wonderful job in helping people change their lifestyles into healthy ones— just as Battle Creek was attempting to do through its "sanitarium" concept utilizing natural remedies.

But I don't know of one of these that operates fully self-supporting— where an institution depends solely upon charges for operating and not gifts, and where employees are paid a full, nonsacrificial community wage, benefits, and retirement.

If either of these two factors become prerequisites for operating such institutions, I would guess that none would continue operating. If they were profitable, the world's business and medical institutions (which in recent decades have been catching up to us in terms of preventive medicine) would be operating thousands of such "sanitarium-style" centers.

Thus, while most sanitarium models have met their demise, acutecare medical centers have continued to grow. Just look at what Battle Creek has spawned—more than 50 Adventist acute-care hospitals in North America, plus numerous other medical operations. And we could add to this the hundreds of Adventist medical facilities-from hospitals to dental clinics-around the world.

Return of Battle Creek?

Now, should we return to Battle Creek's wonder years? Or should we keep moving ahead in acute care? No one would say today's Adventist hospitals are perfect, but they're what we have, and they're surviving in today's radically changing health-care industry. That's almost a miracle in itself. And they're reaching millions of people personally and in most cases providing great public relations for Seventh-day Adventists.

I think it's time members stop comparing our hospitals with Battle Creek's wonder years and begin asking what we as members and as local churches can do to foilow up interests generated by the healing ministry-both physical and spiritualof our many hospitals. A model of such coordinated ministry between the local church and hospital doesn't really exist.

Should we expect our hospitals to follow up their own interests? Or should members follow them up? I suggest it is our members' responsibility, for our hospitals should be accepted in the same manner that we view our church's Adventist Development and Relief Agency-not as a direct soul-winning agency, but as one that continues the healing ministry of Jesus and awakens interest in spiritual matters.

Myron Widmer, guest editorialist.



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