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by John W. Fowler

A "growing excitement" is one of the best ways to describe Madison Campus Seventh-day Adventist church. There are many reasons for this excitement, but one is its unusual growth for the last thirteen and one-half years which has almost doubled its membership (see graph).

And now with the new pastor, Jim Davidson, an unprecedented surge of growth is taking place. This includes not only reclaiming missing members, but new members as well. One can hardly find a seat on any given Sabbath, and for the first time in months, giving is steadily increasing.

Also, a million dollar remodeling project has already started that involves three phases: (1) doubling the size of the parking lot; (2) adding a new foyer, choir room, and sanctuary renovation; and (3) development of a family life center that will involve additional rooms for fellowship, Pathfinders, and adult classes. A fine spirit prevails and excitement is in the air. What are the reasons for this unusually blessed congregation?

Strong Lay Leadership

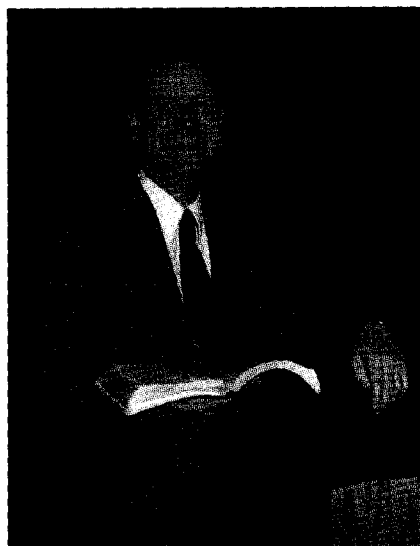
Lay leadership is a crucial and key reason for what is happening. Committed and competent leader-

Madison Campus planning session with Gerald Fillman, assistant pastor (left); Jim Davidson, pastor; and Mike McKenzie, lay pastor.



PHOTOS BY JOHN W. FOWLER

Madison Campus



Jim Davidson, senior pastor Madison Campus.

ship makes possible the attractive programs, the beautiful and functional church facility, and the variety of small groups within the church. However, a challenge for the pastor alone is to develop and nurture the leadership gifts of the people that will enable them to function in the diverse way required by a growing church.

Dan Johnson leads the outstanding group of elders who carry many of the heavy responsibilities and ensure the health and growth of the church. Virtually every area of responsibility is staffed with competent and committed leaders. One only has to visit the church one time to discover the important role the lay leadership play in the growth of the campus.

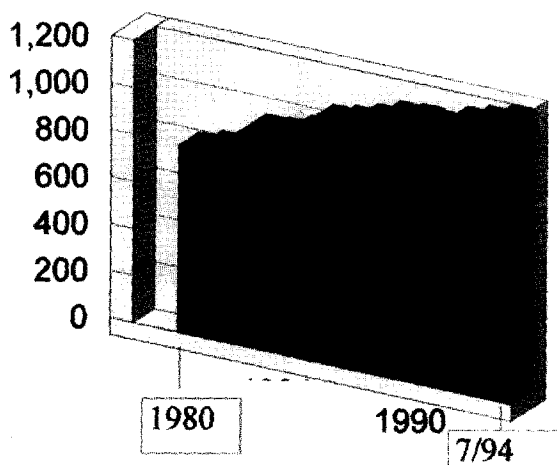
Competent Pastoral Leadership

Excellent church growth demands excellent pastoral leadership. Madison Campus pastors have been strong, well educated, and effective leaders. While the campus has always had outstanding pastors, Davidson is one of the most gifted and capable leaders the church has had. He is an excellent pulpit man with the humor, depth, and the dynamics needed to communicate effectively with large or small audiences; however, he is much more than that. He is an excellent administrator and leader, fully capable of helping the church achieve its goal of building a community of faith.

Multifaceted Programs

Campus church growth has greatly benefited from a many-faceted program that wins the committed and consistent involvement of a substantial number of members. Those programs included special activities such as womens' ministries, young adult activities, youth programs, pathfinding, community services, church sponsored musical group activities that includes a Sabbath afternoon coun-

Madison Campus SDA Church Membership Growth



try gospel music program.

The church also has developed a special program for the elders of the church that includes both training and fellowship. This involves an undershepherd program of visitation of the members. The Sabbath school has grown to become



Madison Campus church choir.

Growing Excitement

a major focus of the church with varied and innovative programs that appeal to a wide range of members and visitors.

Every Sabbath, guests are invited to homes of members for dinner and fellowship. An ongoing Bible study program, which again includes both nurture and outreach activities, is an integral part of the life of the campus.

This many-faceted program orientation facilitates the involvement of large numbers of members in activities of the church. Membership involvement figures reveal that Madison Campus consistently has 40 percent of its members involved in its various programs.

Small Group Activities

It does not matter what particular structure the small groups take, as long as there are small groups. In fact, it is better if they are diversified. They can be called house church, cottage meetings, mission groups, home Bible fellowships, community services, or womens' ministries. The important thing is that through the small groups nurturing, assimilation of new members, training for witnessing, spiritual growth, and fellowship will take place.

The multifaceted programs or groups of the church are what contribute so significantly to growth. A typical Adventist congregation has what church growth experts call a single cell fellowship. That is essentially one grouping of people involved in the various activities of the church with other people not involved at all, but on the Madison Campus the social and spiritual life of the members revolves around the many and varied church activities.

Dynamic Worship Services

The dynamic worship services at Madison Campus compliments the other activities that make it an unusual church. You cannot have a dynamic worship service with-

out good programming, inspirational preaching, meaningful music, and a warm liturgy. However, with capable well-trained lay people and coaching from the pastor, this can become a most meaningful part of the life of the church. Congregational singing is another area of vital importance. With a strong music leader, the congregation can learn to sing jubilantly together and communicate the vital spiritual energy so necessary to a growing church. Campus church excels in these areas which contributes to its steady growth.

Open and Accepting Congregation

When the elders were asked if they would characterize Madison Campus as an open, accepting, and loving congregation they answered with an unequivocal, Yes! Even though they hold high standards of faith and behavior, they know how to love and care for those who take longer to accept the high doctrinal and behavioral standards of Adventism. The congregation is sensitive to the needs of others. According to the elders, even if someone comes to the church

shabbily clothed and barefooted, they are made to feel at home.

A Sense of Mission

Madison Campus has a clear sense of mission. Many churches see themselves as teaching centers that seek to influence people for an hour or so each week. However, Campus sees its church as a biblical functioning community with a full-orbed approach to bringing people to Christ, assimilating them into the body of Christ, disciplining them, helping them find their spiritual gifts, and sensitizing them to the needs of the larger community. They see their church as existing for a fourfold purpose: exaltation of Christ, evangelization of sinners, edification of its members, and caring for the needy.

What about public evangelism? The elders responded, "Certainly, public evangelism must be and is a vital part of our work. We want to win souls, but our larger focus is to create a community of faith that helps people live now as well as in the hereafter." God's blessing on Campus appears to validate their approach. □

Cover: Photo by Vern Biloff, director of education for Kentucky-Tennessee Conference.

Madison Campus typical small group.



Baptismal candidates from the Mobile evangelistic crusade.



Faithful Prayers Answered

by Ron Clouzet

Everyone at the church has been really wonderful to us," wrote Tonnia, the young mother of three, a week after her baptism. And then, as if reflecting on God's kindness to her, she concluded, "A loving, happy family was one thing that I have always wanted, but it was the one thing that I was never able to have. This is just another prayer the Lord has answered for me. He has given me the family that I have always wanted."

Tonnia was talking about the Mobile, Alabama, Seventh-day Adventist church.

Ron Halverson and his evangelistic team, made up of 12 Southern College ministerial students, held a five-week Revelation Now crusade in Mobile, finishing in late June and yielding the happy fruit of 34 baptisms with scores of others being followed up.

The greater Mobile area has a population of nearly half a million with one midsize and three small Caucasian churches. Nearly 60,000 direct-mail invitations were sent to residents city-wide. Although some expected a much higher turnout from the community, only 350 interested persons came at least once to the meetings held at the Days Inn. By the end of the campaign, 49 nonAdventists were attending regularly. Very few of those still coming had any Adventist roots or previous Adventist contact.

It looked like everything that could be done had been done. The host churches were friendly and cooperative; the visitation and follow-up were done faithfully and prayerfully; the preaching was biblical, earnest, and inspired; some 40 church members were trained

to take up spiritual guardian roles with possible new believers. However, it seemed that so many making decisions had nearly insurmountable problems.

Ron Halverson and Ron Clouzet, evangelist and coordinator of the evangelistic field school, conducted no less than a dozen anointings during the last couple weeks. Many intercessory prayers were offered by the ministerial students and others. And the Lord blessed!

Twenty-eight people were to be baptized the last day of the meetings. Four had been baptized previously. But by the end of the ceremony, two did not show up. With an urgent, "wait up, two more are coming," from the back of the church, the master of ceremonies was told of the two missing persons arriving to be baptized. A round of applause ensued. But that was not to be all.

During Halverson's last sermon, one young man, convicted of the truth but who was resisting baptism on the grounds that the Spirit had not given him a "warm feeling about it," was being encouraged to understand what trusting God was all about. Quietly, they finished by praying together. Then, from the projection booth where they were, the soulwinner pointed to the front of the church, and said, "Mitch, there is the baptistry still with water. It is your decision and no one else's. Trust God and He will make it clear to you." And he left, praying silently.

Ten minutes later, as the sermon concluded, another voice from the back of the church cried out, "wait up, two more are coming." This time, Mitch and Clara, the latter long tortured by indecision, made their way to the baptistry as the church simply erupted with joyous applause. Jesus had echoed

heaven's sentiments when He said, "there is more joy in heaven for one who repents than 99 that need no repentance" (Luke 15:7).

What made 30 souls make such radical changes for Jesus in such a short time? What caused so many to be baptized, even though nearly 70 percent of them had absolutely no Seventh-day Adventist background or contacts up to this point? What makes an evangelistic crusade reap 63 percent of its regular attenders when the typical numbers hover in the 25-35 percentile?

To me the answer is simple. There was never a letdown in faithful visitation of the interests, and there was an unusual spirit of intercession and prayer by many of the ministerial students experiencing their first soul winning adventures.

"Prayer and effort," said Ellen White, "effort and prayer, will be the business of your life. You must pray as though the efficiency and praise were all due to God, and labor as though duty were all your own" (4T 538).

As one of the students said, "God is responsible for all soul winning. Our job is to spend time in prayer, study and communion with God, and be faithful in working for others so that God can use us."

In a day when there is skepticism in some quarters as to the validity of public evangelism, the Mobile crusade proves once again that "the Lord's hand is not short that it cannot save" (Isa. 59:1). Even though it is still true that the greatest success in evangelism depends on contacts made by church members with friends, relatives, and co-workers, the Spirit of the Lord will not be held back as long as there is sincere, faithful labor for the lost, and earnest prayer for his or her salvation. After all, it was our Lord who said after a most unlikely soul winning experience, "Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest" (John 4:35). ■

Ron Clouzet is a religion professor at Southern College.

A Fruitful Harvest

by Stephanie Elzy

A man walks in and sits down. Not really comprehending what the evangelist is saying, he disrupts with his loud "amens." The smell of alcohol on his person causes uneasiness among the audience. Today that man is a baptized member of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Ft. Myers, Florida.

A woman approaches the altar, along with others, to pray. She suddenly feels a tightening grasp around her neck as if someone is choking her. "Would you like us to call an ambulance?" the Bible workers ask. "No," she replies, "just pray for me." The Bible workers surround her and begin to pray for the power of God and the rebuking of the devil in Jesus' name. Soon the tightening grasp that would whisk away her life begins to release. Today she also is a baptized member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

You may call it happenstance, but I call it the Holy Spirit. From July 3 to August 13, 1994, Ft. Myers witnessed a historical event. For approximately ten years, due to city ordinances, Ft. Myers has been unable to experience the blessings of an evangelistic tent crusade of this kind. But with much fasting and prayer our God prevailed and with the support of the Peniel church, a tent was erected.

The team consisted of three Oakwood College students: Pamela Whitley, Ben Hamby, and Byron Wells; and Bible workers M. Margie Guyton of Thomasville, Georgia, and Richard Farrington of Carol City, Florida. The team also consisted of Ray Thom, Willie Holness, Willie Jackson, Willie Riles, Charles Cason, and Ian Bancy, all under the leadership of R. L. Elzy, evangelist.

Day after day the workers "beat the streets" for Jesus, and night after night the evangelist preached the Word of God, expounding on such topics as: "Who is the devil and how did he get that way?" "What is the magic key to happiness?" "How to stretch your income," and "Adam's mother's birthday."

Prior to the start of the Big Gospel Tent, lay teams were formed within

the Peniel church. These teams were responsible for gathering community interest surveys and distributing handbills. The church also participated in an all night prayer meeting.

The nightly meetings featured uplifting song services, quizzes, questions, and gifts for the audience.

City and conference-wide talent was highlighted as the music coordinators Nerva West and Pamela Whitley brought together groups and soloists. The groups consisted of "Wings over Jordan," "Illusions," "The Big Gospel Tent Choir," Natalie Jackson, Clifford Sawyer, Master Lewis, and many others.

As a result of the Holy Spirit's working power and sincere effort of the Big Gospel Tent team, 60 persons graduated from the Bible study course, and 42 persons were brought to Christ through baptism.

Not only were the baptisms seen as the fruitful harvest, but Peniel members were also revitalized and their faith was reassured in their commitment to Christ.

The newly baptized members will attend the Peniel church in Ft. Myers. ■

Stephanie Elzy is communications leader and a member of the Ft. Myers, Florida, church.



Karinda Books decides to follow Jesus all the way.



Newly baptized member Mary Evans and evangelist R. L. Elzy.



The Big Gospel Tent team and some of the newly baptized members.

CAROLINA

The Orangeburg, S.C., church has two young members, **Jamie and Melissa Gott**, who have been given the opportunity to witness about the Sabbath through the 4-H club. Annually, Jaimie and Melissa have participated in the South Carolina 4-H State Horse Show. Each year, the girls have placed at the show, qualifying them to move on to the regional horse show championships and even national events. The events not only include the horse show but also public speaking events. Since the public speaking events are always on Friday evenings, permission was granted for the girls to present their speeches via video tape. Melissa has also been invited to a national youth congress in November for public speaking, so another special Sabbath accommodation request is in the works.

FLORIDA

Five members of the Florida Conference spent part of the year as student missionaries.

Rendell Aldridge, a senior education major at Southwestern Adventist College and a member of the Forest Lake church, spent eleven months on the island of Palau in the South Pacific. **John Appel**, a nursing student at Southern College and a member of the Apopka Highland church, tramped through the Amazon. **Shelly Rauch**, a junior physical therapy major and a member of the Forest Lake church, taught high school in Chuk, one of the Marshall Islands. **Adam Perez**, a junior building construction major at Seminole Community College and a member of the Forest Lake church, helped build numerous buildings in the Marshall Islands during his stint as a student missionary.



PAUL LAMBORN

Christian Virtues

Phyllis Lamborn loves children and all of God's creatures. She personifies Christian virtues in a life of sympathy and tenderness for all living things.

Phyllis, a member of the New Smyrna Beach, Fla., church, is a follower of the mercy and love of Him whose "word of power upheld the worlds but would stoop to relieve a wounded bird." *Desire of Ages*, p. 34.

Once, when a little crow fell from its nest, Phyllis rescued him, named him Blueberry, and fed and raised him. When she returned him to the wild, he never forgot her, and at her call, would leave his large flock to greet her. She now has a hospital of love that contains two crows, five pigeons, three doves, a hen with a broken wing named Henrietta, and numerous cats and dogs, each one individually named and loved.

One day, an unwashed, ragged little girl entered Phyllis' church, desperately searching for love, understanding, and safety from an abusive grandfather. Phyllis hugged her and took both the little girl and her eleven-year-old brother home. There she fed and clothed them, and sent them to church school. Their grandfather, who had been molesting them both, was later jailed.

Phyllis' love for young people led her to befriend a pregnant teenager, who later found Christ in the Pathfinder Club where Phyllis is assistant leader to Paul Lamborn, veterinary surgeon.

Always active in Pathfinder endeavors, Phyllis induced kindhearted businessmen in her city to donate plants, soil, fertilizer and irrigation equipment to her Pathfinder-sponsored church and school beautification project.

In harmony with nature, Phyllis Lamborn finds she can more easily walk with God.

Eleanor Jackson



Wendy Loudon, a junior accounting/computer science major at Southern College and a member of the Forest Lake church, kept her head down in Chan Cheon, South Korea—less than fifteen miles from the demilitarized zone.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND



Andrea Christman, a senior at Georgia-Cumberland Academy, was named as a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program by her score on the PSAT/NMSQT taken last October. She was in the top one percent of all students who took the test in Georgia.

Lawrence Tyson, head elder of the Madison, Ga., church, was honored by Georgia's Lieutenant Governor Pierre Howard as a 1994 Georgia Winner. Howard created the Georgia Winners program in 1992 to recognize those outstanding Georgians who have positively impacted their community and have shown a selfless and generous attitude in building a better future for Georgia. In addition, Tyson was recognized by the Georgia State Senate in a resolution thanking him for his outstanding public service, and expressed appreciation to the retired lay minister and farmer for his contributions to Putnam County and the state of Georgia.

GULF STATES



Amanda Englett, a student at Wallace Community College in Selma, Ala., is living a dream. She has gone as a student missionary, through Adventist Youth Services of the General Conference, to Japan to teach in an English language school for a year.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Art Wetmore, a member of the Gallatin church, has given 150 copies of *Great Controversy*

to residents in Gallatin and the surrounding areas. Wetmore places cards on car windshields in the parking lot of department stores and also distributes them door-to-door.

Tom Hayes was the recipient of the Zapara Award on the last Sabbath of camp meeting. Vern Biloff, educational director for the conference, presented the award to Tom, who is chaplain and Bible teacher at Highland Academy.

Aaron Spears, an eighth grade student at the Ashland, Ky., church school, was one of the final 10 in the recent state geography bee. In the final round, there were four parochial school students out of the 10 finalists.



James and Emelyn Guarnera are active members of the Hohenwald company and are busy witnessing, sharing their faith, and winning souls. They do this through personal witnessing, making friends with others, and giving away books and other literature. James is a welder. He contacts people in whatever work he is doing, talking to them about Christ and the Adventist Church. He wins their friendship, begins personal studies with them, and soon they are baptized. As a result of this work, more than 15 people have been baptized in the past few years.



SOUTH ATLANTIC

Mamie Morse retired from New York City, feeling that the Lord had work for her to do in the then "dark county". She has found that work, for shortly after she came to Americus, Ga., she found a zealous new convert who was anxious to attend Oakwood College, but was short of funds. Morse and another person who also has retired here from New York assumed the responsibility of sending him through four years of college. In addition, she



Serving With Excellence

The Metro Atlanta Music Guild celebrated its first anniversary July 30 with a concert by 24-year-old violinist **Jaime Jorge**.

The driving force behind the Guild is **Yara Cerna-Young**, founder/director of the organization. "We try to please all tastes in music," states Young. "Whatever the style, we strive for excellence."

Yara also sings soprano in the Jubilate Singers, a group of hand-picked vocalists from Georgia and Tennessee. On December 3 at 4:30 p.m. they will perform Vivaldi's Gloria at the Atlanta Belvedere church under the direction of Stewart Crook. Accompanying the group at this special Christmas program will be Thomas Young, M.D., Yara's husband.

Yara is not only a talented musician, but a gifted homemaker, lecturer, teacher, and author. Her skills in home organization are shared in her book from Pacific Press Publishing Association, "Oh No, It's Sabbath Again and I'm Not Ready."

Yara conducts seminars throughout the country on such topics as spiritual growth, self-esteem, home organization, utilizing one's talents in the church, and parenting. The Youngs are raising three elementary-age children.

Tom, a medical examiner for Fulton County, Georgia, rarely misses one of Yara's lectures. She says: "He is so supportive and encouraging." Recently they began lecturing together on the topic of marriage.

Anyone who has met Yara knows she is also an encourager. She has a way of bringing out the best in people. That's one reason why the Metro Atlanta Music Guild represents excellence and professionalism. Yara is the director.

Martin Butler

outfitted her new church with pulpit furniture, carpet, and a small library. Morse also purchased and had installed the Three Angel's Message sign on the church yard for the public to see and know that her church is Eastview Seventh-day Adventist church.

Willie Copeland, a local church elder at the Dickerson Memorial Chapel church in Griffin, Ga., conducted a three-week evangelistic crusade. Twelve people were baptized.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE

Donna Smith, MPH, assistant professor of dietetics, human environmental sciences department, was presented with the Zapara Award for excellence in teaching this year. Along with a plaque, Smith received a check for \$1,500.

SOUTHERN COLLEGE

Wayne VandeVere spent most of his summer helping to finalize the conversion of 105 state-chartered credit unions from private insurance to federal insurance. Wayne is a board member and former board chairman of the Mutual Guaranty Corporation, a private insurance provider. He is the chairman of the Collegedale Credit Union board.

Ruth Williams-Morris was invited by the journal *Ethnicity and Disease* to submit an article. She constructed a theoretical model that attempts to explain how racism might affect the development of children and adolescents and thus their health. The 32-page manuscript, "Racism and Children: Issues in Development," will be published soon.

Jim Segar conducted a basic accounting training seminar in Moscow this summer for the accountants and treasurers of the Euro-Asia Division.

During the summer, **Jon Green** developed two products that assist students and teachers in the use of Internet in the classroom. The booklet, *Basic Instructions or Using Internet to Improve Class Performance*, provided the individual who is a beginner in computers with step-by-step procedures for using Internet in the academic environment.

AMMONS, Louise Beatrice Wade, born July 23, 1907, died July 4 in Knoxville, Tenn. "Bea" was a member of the First church in Knoxville. Survivors include a son, Robert Ammons; his wife, Frances; and two grandchildren.

AMS, Irene, 81, born in Yugoslavia, died Aug. 13 in Paradise, Mont. She was a member of the Florida Hospital church. She is survived by a daughter, Marilyn Arnold of Paradise, Mont.; and two grandchildren.



BLAKE, Ethel Rogers, 83, died in Clanton, Ala., Aug. 15. She is survived by her husband, W. P. Blake; two daughters: Anita Ledbetter and Faye Koch; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

BLANKINSHIP, Katie, 91, born in Forrest County, Miss., died Aug. 5 in Hattiesburg, Miss. She was a member of the Hattiesburg church. She is survived by a daughter, Bobbie Meeks of Hattiesburg.

BRANNIN, William E., 77, born in Wabash, Ind., died July 15 in Clearwater, Fla. He was a member of the Clearwater church. He is survived by his wife, Ethel M.

BURKE, Thomas Gerald, 30, born in Greenville, S.C., died July 26 in Los Angeles, Calif. He was a member of the Collegedale church. He is survived by his parents Anne Cunningham and Kenneth; a brother, Daniel Edward; and two sisters: Sabrina Kay, and Susan Marie.

CARRUTH, Frank B., born Nov. 2, 1915, in Landrum, S.C., died June 24. Survivors include his wife, Nellie Bodtker; and a sister, Evelyn Bolick of Burlington, N.C. He was a member of the Tryon, N.C., church.

COX, Norma Belle, born in 1916, died in Mobile, Ala., on June 18. She was a member of the Mobile Bearfork church. She is survived by her husband, William; and a brother, Aubrey K. Wolfe of Fairhope, Ala.

CRANDALL, Beverly J., 64, born in Battle Creek, Mich., died Aug. 23 in Orlando, Fla. She was a member of the Florida Hospital church. She is survived by her husband, Vincent R.; two sons: Allen R. of Orlando and David E. of Apopka, Fla.; mother, Blanche Cross of Beloit, Wis.; and four grandchildren.

DELA CRUZ, Luis V., 47, died May 13 in Jacksonville, Fla. He was a member of the Jacksonville First church. He is survived by wife, Zenaida, and two sons: Jesse R. and Allen N., all of Jacksonville, Fla.



ELDRIDGE, Dr. Charles K., 88, born in Bridgeport, Ala., died June 7 in Orlando, Fla. He was a member of the Florida Hospital church. He is survived by his wife, Cassie; four daughters: Barbara Kilscheis and Betty O'Fall of Orlando, Fla., Charlotte Huenergardt of Ceres, Calif., and Carol Carey of Watsonville, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

FLEMING, Gertrude Linnea Carlson, born Dec. 16, 1913, in Hindsdale, Ill., died Sept. 18 in Chattanooga, Tenn. She was a member of the Collegedale church. She is survived by a daughter, Alice Linnea Fleming Smith of Collegedale, Tenn.

FRANCIS, Robert E., 77, died Aug. 3, in Collegedale, Tenn. He had been a professor in the Religion Department of Southern College for 18 years prior to his retirement. He was a member of the Apison, Tenn., church. Survivors include his wife, June Gorman Francis; a stepdaughter, Tanya Gorman; and a stepgrandson, Will Wells, both of Chattanooga, Tenn.

GENTRY, Cordie A., 92, born in Portland, Tenn., died July 28 in Jacksonville, Fla. She was a member of the Jacksonville First church. She is survived by a son, Walter of Nashville, Tenn.; two daughters: Geri Allen and June Clark of Jacksonville; and eight grandchildren.

GRIFFITH, Agnes, 97, born in Walterboro, S.C., died Aug. 29 in Tampa, Fla. She was a member of the Tampa First church. She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Evelyn C. Griffith; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

HAKES, Robert Arthur, 64, born in Escanaba, Mich., died Aug. 20 in Chattanooga, Tenn. He worked at Southern College in landscape services for 23 years. He was a member of the Collegedale church. Survivors include his wife, Marjorie; two sons: David of Augusta, Ga., and Jim of Marion, N.C.; two brothers: Russell of Wilson, Mich., and Lawrence of Augusta, Ga.; one sister, Grace Turnquist of Bark River, Mich.; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

HAZEL, Mark Stevens, 34, born in Wayne, Pa., died Aug. 2 in Bristol, Va. He was a member of the Bristol church. Survivors include his wife, Debbie; one son, Mark Steven Jr. of Lancaster, Pa.; and his parents, Fred and Dolores of Hedgesville, W. Va.

HELTON, Evelyn Gosnell, born April 26, 1916, died April 23. She was a charter member of the Walnut church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Moss. Surviving is son Raiford Helton.

HOLVERSTOTT, Mary Jackie, born July 23, 1912, died July 11. She was a member of the Ellijay, Ga., church. She is survived by her husband, Charles; one son, Charles M. of Denver, Colo.; two daughters: Rose Coolidge of Orlando, Fla., and Avalon Kraft of Malawi, Africa; and one granddaughter.

HUDSON, Billie J., 52, born in Jacksonville, Fla., died July 22 in Orlando, Fla. She was a member of the Orlando Central church. She is survived by her father, William of Savannah, Ga.

KASM, Dorothy J., 57, born in Opp, Ala., died Aug. 23 in Tampa, Fla. She was a member of the Tampa First church. She is survived by her husband, John, Jr., of Lutz, Fla.; two sons: Richard R. of Ruskin, Fla., and Randolph R. of Tampa, Fla.; and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bowman Powell of Dover, Fla.

KRIEGSMAN, Irene I., 94, born in Cleveland, Ohio, died June 29 in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. She was a member of the Plantation, Fla., church. She is survived by one son, Richard of Brevard, N.C.; one daughter, Suzanne Murray of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

LENZ, Garry A., 46, born in Detroit, Mich., died July 20 in Orlando, Fla. He was a member of the Altamonte Springs, Fla., church. He is survived by wife, Peggy; a son, Jason; and a daughter, Melinda, all of Winter Springs, Fla.

MANN, Lula, 77, born in Coral Gables, Fla., died July 29 in Valdosta, Ga. She was a member of the Winter Haven, Fla., church. She is survived by three daughters: Betty L. Bishop of Debary, Fla., Victoria M. Calvary of Lakeland, Fla., and Francis M. Maness of Orlando, Fla.

MANNES, George Glenn, 66, died April 13 in Atlanta, Ga. He is survived by his wife, Jeannie Battee of McDonald, Tenn.; one son, Richard G. of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; two daughters: Charlyne Cox of South Hill, Va., and Dannielle Barnett of Cleveland, Tenn.; and five grandchildren.

MCKINNEY, Lloyd E., 80, born in Indianapolis, Ind., died Aug. 11 in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. He was a member of the Ft. Lauderdale church. He is survived by three brothers and two sisters.

METZGER-RUSSELL, EDNA, 89, died July 4 in Syracuse, N.Y. Survivors include daughter, Joanne Jensen of Orlando, Fla.; and two grandchildren.

MILLER, Hilda, 62, died Aug. 12 in Jacksonville, Fla. She was a member of the Jacksonville First church.

MOSBY, Mariel M., 87, born in Osceola Township, Mich., died June 10 in Flagler Beach, Fla. She was a member of the Florida Conference church. She is survived by a daughter, Patricia Davis; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

OSBORNE, Pauline, died Sept. 12 in Bolingbrook, Ill. She was a former home economics teacher at Oakwood College. Survivors include two sons: Courtney and Selby of Bolingbrook.

PATTERSON, Albert Reese, Sr., 100, a member of the Panama City, Fla., church, died March 12 in Panama City. He is survived by two sons: A. C. of Blackshear, Ga., and Albert R., Jr., of Baton Rouge, La.; a daughter, Aquila Read of Keene, Tex.; 15 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.



PAULEY, Claudine McConnell, 23, died Aug. 4 in Gainesville, Fla. She was a member of the Elizabethtown, Ky., church and a recent graduate of Southern College. Survivors include her husband, Rick; parents, Pastor Jim and Jan McConnell; and brother, Andrew.

PAULSON, Myrtle G., 75, born in Belpre, Ohio, died Aug. 18 in Port Charlotte, Fla. She was a member of the Port Charlotte church. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Robert A. Sr.; two sons: Robert A., Jr., of Collegedale Place, Wash., and Dr. David Paulson of Port Charlotte, Fla.; and one grandchild.

PHILPOTT, Ellis E., 86, born in Vonore, Tenn., died June 23 in Altamonte Springs, Fla. He was a member of the Altamonte Springs church. He is survived by one son, William S. of Dayton, Tenn.; one daughter, Joan Dunn of Middletown, Calif.; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

PITTMAN, James Kemp, 78, born in Columbia, Miss., died July 6 in Columbus. He is survived by his wife, Pauline; four sons: John of Knoxville, Tenn., Larry and Jack of Columbia, Miss., and Robin of Gautier, Miss.; and two daughters: Jane Moran of Gautier and Pamela Briggs of Columbia.

RENNICKER, Dorothy A., 64, born in Largo, Fla., died Sept. 18 in Hernando, Fla. She was a member of the Clearwater, Fla., church. She is survived by her mother, Grace Helms of Largo, Fla.; one son, Randall R. Berkhiser of Hernando, Fla.; one daughter, Rhonda Gaubatz of Tarpon Springs, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

RICH, William R., 67, died June 4 in Sarasota, Fla. He was a member of the Arcadia, Fla., church. He served in the Navy during World War II. He is survived by his wife, Joyce of Arcadia; three daughters: Holly J. Harrison of Okeechobee, Fla., Rebecca J. Bachelder of Buckfield, Maine, and Cynthia M. Trescott of Arcadia; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

SAMMER, Harold H., 86, born in Algona, Iowa, died Aug. 25 in Apopka, Fla. He was a member of the Markham Woods church, Longwood, Fla. He is survived by wife, Miriam of Altamonte Springs, Fla.; two sons: Nobert of Altamonte Springs, Fla., and Edwin of Temple, Texas; two daughters: Judy Henderson of Altamonte Springs, Fla., and Meredith of Zephyrhills, Fla.; and eight grandchildren.

SCHMELING, Stella L., 82, born in St. Clair, Minn., died July 22 in Avon Park, Fla. She was a member of the Walker Memorial church. She is survived by husband Erwin C.; three sons: Charles of Berrien Springs, Mich., David of Avon Park, and Donald of Munising, Mich.; one daughter, Joan Ryan of Avon Park; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

SCHMID, Herbert, 88, born in Pittsburgh, Pa., died June 14 in Clearwater, Fla. He was a member of the Clearwater church. He is survived by his wife, Margaret.

SHARIAN, Bedros M., 102, born in Turkey, died Aug. 24 in Avon Park, Fla. He was a member of the Walker Memorial church. He is survived by his wife, "Miss T" Serpouhi; two sons: Bedros M. Jr. and Paul of Decatur, Ga.; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

SMITH, Alma M., 84, died June 22 in Avon Park, Fla. She was a member of the Walker Memorial church. She was a literature evangelist in the Gulf States and Florida conferences for 19 years. She is survived by two daughters: Carole Palsgrove of Avon Park, and Judy Leeper of Roseville, Calif.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

STAMPLEY, Veatrice, 91, born in Stampley Community, Miss., died Aug. 9, in Natchez, Miss. She is survived by a daughter, Nita Holmes of Fayette, Miss.; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

STANAWAY, Samuel Edward, 83, born in Negaunee, Mich., and died Aug. 6 in Ocala, Fla. He was a member of the Collegedale church. Survivors include his wife, Helen; a son, Melvin; a daughter, Karen D'Ann Fancher; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

TAYLOR, William E., 69, died July 7 in Lake Mary, Fla. He was a member of the Sanford Meadows church, Sanford, Fla. He is survived by wife, Ethlyn M.; three sons: Kenneth of Casselberry, Fla., William of Indian Harbour Beach, Fla., and Richard of Boca Raton, Fla.; two daughters: Nancy Mayes of Altamonte Springs, Fla., and Chevon Mayes of San Francisco, Calif.; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

VINCENT, Susan Ruth Hendrickson, born Feb. 9, 1908, in Yatesboro, Pa., died Aug. 6 in Candler, N.C. Survivors include two sons: Ted Graves of Candler, N.C., and Bill Vincent of Daisy, Tenn.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Daisy, Tenn., church.

WIK, Albin E., 63, died Dec. 17, 1993, in Ft. Myers, Fla. He was a member of the Ft. Myers church. He is survived by wife, Norma M.; one son, Terry, both of Ft. Myers; two daughters: Sheree Lott of Ft. Pierce, Fla., and Kristy Dolan of Austin Texas; and four grandchildren.

WILCOX, Sadie C., 82, born in Candler, N.C., died April 18. She was a member of the Mount Pisgah Academy church. She was preceded in death by her husband, H. Allen. She is survived by a son, A. Brian of Candler; a daughter, Ann Jensen of Bryson City, N.C.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

WILLIS, Susie Powell, 78, died in Panama City, Fla., May 10. She was a member of the Panama City church. She is survived by her husband, Jack; three brothers: Alton Powell of Burnt Mill Creek, Fla., Ralph Powell of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Harry Powell of Marianna, Fla.

WILSON, Ruby, 89, born in Bonnerdale, Ark., died July 9 in Avon Park, Fla. She was a member of the Walker Memorial church. She is survived by her husband, Ben; two daughters: Kathie Stone of Avon Park and Bennie Sue Elder of Siloam Springs, Ark.; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

WORTHY, Horace Clarence (Chuck), 72, born in Natchez, Miss., died July 2 in Natchez. He is survived by his wife, Marie; five children; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

WRIGHT, Bertie Rue, 84, born in Lamar County, Miss., died June 7 in Lumberton, Miss. She was a member of the Bass Memorial church. She is survived by her son, John Purvis of Houston, Tex.

YOUNG, Nora L., 88, died May 27 in Gainesville, Fla. She was a charter member of the Lake City, Fla., church. For 20 years church was held in her home. Nora is survived by one son, Steven of Berrien Springs, Mich.; four daughters: Anna Lynch of Lake City, Eloise Jackson of Jacksonville, Fla., Lorraine Phillips of Berrien Springs, and Corrine Dawn of Chattanooga, Tenn.; 14 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.



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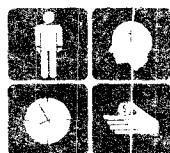


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More than 100 attended the **HISPANIC CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES WORKSHOP** at the Orlando Spanish church, September 9-11. The state-wide event was sponsored by the conference's children's ministries department. Sabbath school teaching methods and materials were presented along with seminars such as Learn to Discern, a program designed to point out occult influence in children's television programming and toys.

More than 110 attended a **COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULT RETREAT** at Camp Kulaqua, September 16-18. The weekend event was sponsored by the conference's youth/young adult ministries department. Topics discussed included dating, improving relationships, time management, and sharing one's faith.

TEN DADE CITY CHURCH YOUTH FED 96 HOMELESS at the Metropolitan Mission in Tampa, September 10. Jeff Erhard, church youth activities leader, says the young people also collected 20 bags of clothing for the Mission.

Forty-five women, representing women's ministries programs in the conference's east and west central districts, gathered at Markham Woods church, September 17, for a **WOMEN'S**

MINISTRY DAY. Topics covered at the event included adult and child abuse in the home, adult literacy, and women's ministry leadership training.

THE SOUTH ORLANDO CHURCH IS REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY BY RENTING ITS FACILITIES to church congregations without a home. A Haitian group uses the church on Sunday mornings and a Spanish-speaking Baptist congregation meets there on Sunday afternoons.

The women's ministries department of the Forest Lake church is sponsoring a **PRAYER LINE** for church members and the surrounding community. Individuals facing illness, a crisis situation, or any need can call a special telephone number and leave a prayer request.

The Choco Loco Chicken Restaurant near St. Petersburg, Fla., was presented a recognition plaque by the Pinellas Spanish church for its **DONATION OF FOOD FOR THE NEEDY.** Pinellas Spanish community services director, Mayda Roman, directs the food distribution program.

For the past two-and-a-half years, seven members of the Jupiter, Fla., church have **FED THE HOMELESS** every Sunday morning. Through their dedication, they witness to all who come to the church for physical and spiritual nourishment. One baptism has resulted from the effort, and several others have expressed an interest in baptism.



Georgia-Cumberland

The Collegedale church sponsored **RAINBOWS**, a support group for children during the month of September. The group helps children ages 5 to 14 deal with crises that can hit any family—divorce, death, serious injury and disease—and other tragedies causing significant loss or painful transition. A support group for single parents called Prism was also offered at the same time.

SECRET FAMILIES, an outreach program started by the Collegedale church deaconesses for Southern College dorm students, was conducted September 17 through November 13 when Secret Families got to meet their students. Students in the dorms signed up to be "adopted." Secret Families chose a name and brought gifts to the church to be delivered each week to the dorms.

The first **ADVENTURER CLUB** planning day was held at Cohutta Springs September 25. The purpose of the meeting was to bring all the Adventurer leaders in the churches to get acquainted and receive necessary information to start the new year. Barbara Livesay and Chuck Jenkins spoke on the Adventurer leader and school teacher cooperating, and the importance of children bonding with parents. Those present discussed the theme and ac-

tivities for Adventurer family fun day in March, 1995.

Apison, Cedartown, Fannin County, Fayette, Jasper, Ga., Monteagle, and Valdosta churches had reached their **INGATHERING GOAL** by the second Ingathering report week.

A ribbon cutting was conducted June 28 for the newly constructed local **DISASTER RELIEF BUILDING** located behind the Better Living Center in Athens, Tenn.

Forty-seven churches within the conference sponsored **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS** this year. A total of 2,174 children attended, 808 of them were nonAdventist.

The Conference has an **800 NUMBER** for constituents to reach the office personnel. The number is 800-567-1844.

The Andrews, N.C., church had a **WOMEN'S MINISTRIES EMPHASIS DAY** August 6. The theme for the day was The Fragrance of God's Love. The guest speaker was Ernest Stevens and special music was presented by Janice and Benny Deaton.

THE CHILDREN OF THE LADD SPRINGS KINDERGARTEN DIVISION, led by Edith Harvey, presented a song depicting God's children south of the border during the 13th Sabbath program for the church.



Gulf States

THE MONTGOMERY FIRST, ALA., WOMEN'S MINISTRIES group enjoyed its first function—a candlelight dinner on September 2. Participants brought Italian entrees and salads with dessert provided. Karen Arnold, pastor's wife, spoke on the importance of prayer and faith.

NET '95 will be a major thrust for evangelism in 1994 in the Gulf States Conference. Many churches are rapidly signing on to this great effort.

At the recent ministers' meeting, Clyde Webster shared information from the Geoscience Research Institute in Loma Linda.

Webster conveyed to the pastors the importance of standing on the doctrine of a **LIT-ERAL CREATION WEEK**. Many letters and calls of appreciation have been received at the conference office.

THE PASTORS ARE TRAINING THEIR PEOPLE TO GIVE BIBLE STUDIES. Does it sound like an old method? Maybe so, but it's working, using the training material from Tony Cirigliano of Morganton, N.C. At this writing, several churches have more than 50 Bible studies currently in progress.

THE RECENT MAGAZINE DRIVE FUNDRAISER FOR BIG COVE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY in Huntsville was a success. Students sold more than \$5000 worth of magazines, of which \$2000 will be kept by the school and used for equipment.

Bob Grundy, of Central church in Huntsville, was recently the featured **VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH** on a local television news program. Bob belongs to a very active group of volunteers known as "RSVP" (Retired Senior Volunteer Program), which he counts as one of his many responsibilities.

A television news reporter has filmed **THE MERIDIAN CONGREGATION IN STUDY**, interviewed the pastor, and even filmed the softball game one Sunday. All this was aired on the 10:00 p.m., news. The editorial comment was, "There might be a baseball strike going

on, but not at the Seventh-day Adventist church."

The Montgomery, Ala., First church adopted a new ministry to combine visitation with proven principles of **TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT (TQM)**. The program was set up for a three-month period with each participant agreeing to a two-hour-per-week commitment. Each participant agreed to visit two members and attend two small group sessions each month. Prayer partners were also included in the ministry. A training session was conducted in April with 25 members attending. The session gave instruction for a gospel presentation, how to prepare your personal testimony, as well as practice visitation sessions. The visitation sessions use the TQM principles of requesting input on how the church can improve.

AN UNUSUAL SERIES OF EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS was held in Gulfport, Miss., this past summer. Teacher Carl Anderson trained his 15 students to greet visitors, take up offerings, operate the church lighting system, sing special music, preach mini-sermons, and present object lessons. The students teamed up with Anderson, the main speaker, to present one of the most unique series of meetings ever conducted in the conference. Fifteen people accepted Christ and became members of the church. In addition, six individuals were rebaptized and six are taking Bible studies.

Kentucky-Tennessee



Camp meeting attendees enjoyed **MUSIC FROM A VARIETY OF PEOPLE**. Roy Drusky led out in a musical concert the first Sabbath. Charles Haugabrooks from Florida ministered with his vocal concert the last Sabbath after-

noon. The youngest musical performer was Justin Brehms from Ashland, Ky.

INVESTMENT IS ALIVE AND WELL in the small church of Gratz, Ky. Close to \$3,900 was turned in last year for the investment funds.

South Atlantic



THE SAC LITERATURE MINISTRY IS MAKING OUTSTANDING STRIDES COMPARED TO 1993. Deliveries are up 278.69 percent. Last year in May the total deliveries were \$31,154. This year it is \$165,361. Last year, January through May, the cumulative deliveries were \$111,228. This year, January through May, the cumulative report is \$421,210. The publishing associates for this record are Stanley

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THE SOUTH ATLANTIC TITHE through July 1994 was \$4,597,134.83 compared to \$4,308,505.46 in 1993, an increase of 6.7 percent. However, missions giving in Sabbath school shows a 6.7 percent decrease. Last year through June 1993, missions was \$83,902.70 compared to \$78,310.36 in 1994.

Southern College



Nearly 100 participants gathered at Southern College for the **COMMUNICATORS WORKSHOPS** this year. Areas of emphasis included desktop publishing, writing, fund development, and video production. The registrant coming the farthest was from Trinidad.

A group of 23 experienced **ADVENTURE IN EUROPE**, a history and art study tour sponsored by Southern College. Their itinerary included Holland, France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, and Belgium. This is the tenth tour Bill Wohlers, Ph.D., has led to Europe.

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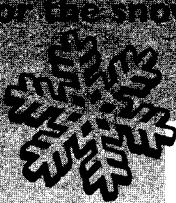


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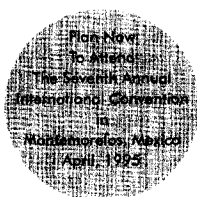
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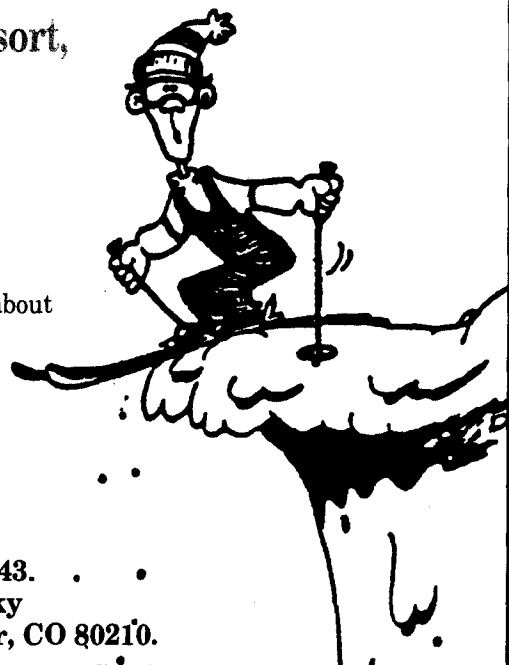
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Adventist hospitals help build healthier communities

People who work in Adventist health care are spending more time outside their hospitals. They're working on crime prevention, neighborhood revitalization, environmental protection, transportation for seniors and many other community problems that on the surface may not seem to have anything to do with traditional health care.

Definitions of health care are changing rapidly, and Seventh-day Adventist hospitals have a head start as national and local leaders develop new ideas about the roles of hospitals in their communities.

For decades hospitals have been the scene for reactive health care—curing, repairing and fixing. But this is not where health is created, says Wynne Grossman of The Healthcare Forum, a professional organization promoting a concept called Healthier Communities.

Grossman says health is pre-active or preventive. It

requires involvement and making changes. Improving nutrition, sanitation and housing are examples, as are illness prevention and health promotion and protection.

A community effort

Since their founding, Adventist hospitals have espoused many of the ideas suggested by Healthier Communities and the Federal government's initiative called Healthy People 2000. But now there's a ground swell to increase health promotion and to join forces with other community organizations and agencies to improve the overall health of communities.

The following summary includes some of the programs that Adventist hospitals in the Southern and Southwestern unions are planning and implementing.

Building relationships

"Healthier Communities is not so much giving dollars to projects as it is building relationships," says Ted Hamilton, M.D., vice president at Florida Hospital, Orlando.

Florida Hospital is building important rela-

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"Florida Hospital has done so much to help our girls become independent and self-supporting members of the community." — ELIZABETH WILES (CENTER), EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PACE CENTER FOR GIRLS.

Florida Hospital, which has been part of the Central Florida community since 1908, provides support to a large number of causes and organizations. Here are some typical examples:

- ◆ In 1993, employees gave five-and-one-half tons of food to a community holiday food drive.
- ◆ Florida Hospital, Walt Disney World and Orlando Regional Healthcare System are working together to immunize at-risk children.
- ◆ FH Altamonte employees worked with Habitat for Humanity to build a Blitz House for a single mother and her eight children.
- ◆ Many employees volunteer their services to the Coalition for the Homeless.
- ◆ Employees donated more than 600 units of blood during August 1994.

Florida Hospital contributes nearly \$26 million per year to its community in the form of charity care, unreimbursed Medicaid costs, medical education and research, community support activities and employee contributions to United Way.

As one employee said, "We've found that it's great to get involved and help make Central Florida a better place to live."

tionships by participating in the Healthier Community Forum. The forum's 150 "stakeholders" include the mayor, newspaper editor, and representatives of Walt Disney World and Orlando Regional Healthcare System, another not-for-profit health system in Central Florida.

Assessing needs

Several AHS/Sunbelt hospitals are starting their Healthier Communities programs by discovering the needs of their communities. Park Ridge Hospital, Fletcher, N.C., is working with the other hospital in the county—as well as with the local health department and other entities—to conduct a city-wide health assessment. Directed by Park Ridge, the survey will be completed early in 1995. Results will provide focus for future projects.

Takoma Adventist Hospital, Greeneville, Tenn., is in the early survey stages. By joining forces with other health-care providers and the local community college, Takoma leaders anticipate learning how they can best improve the health of the people in their county.

East Pasco Medical Center, Zephyrhills, Fla., is completing a major research undertaking. This project surveyed 300 people in Zephyrhills and 621 in other rural areas to create a data bank which is currently being compared with national studies

by The Healthcare Forum and the federal government.

Preliminary results validate the East Pasco study and further analysis should reveal similarities—and differences—between rural subjects and the primarily urban subjects in The Healthcare Forum survey.

"Seven focus groups within the Pasco community will help us to understand why the community feels the way it does about certain issues and why perceptions do not match reality in some areas," says Roy Naden, project director. "After the focus groups have completed their work, we'll form a community-based board to oversee the development of wellness programs that address the needs identified."

A fitting celebration

The wellness concept is firmly established at East Pasco. Next January—on its tenth anniversary—the hospital officially opens its wellness center in a new wing of the hospital. The area features both a physical fitness center and an auditorium for educational programs.

Memorial Hospital, Manchester, Ky., is concentrating first on its Adventist community. "Our church and hospital—which share the same campus—have focused on traditional Adventist outreach, such as smoking cessation and weight control programs," says

Working toward a wellness center

Jellico Community Hospital wants to help residents of Jellico, Tenn., fight the war on poverty through an expanded health promotion and education program.

As part of President Johnson's "Great Society" program in the 1960s, Jellico was among the Appalachian communities targeted for the government's war on poverty. While some progress has been made, illiteracy and unemployment remain among the highest in the nation. Nearly 75 percent of the population accepts some type of government assistance.

Ken Mattison, hospital president, believes a program of health education and promotion would go a long way to improve the quality of life in Jellico.

A two-story building recently has become available, and the city is willing to purchase it and rent it to the hospital to operate as a community wellness center. Several steps must be taken before a wellness center becomes a reality. But the people who work at the Jellico hospital are optimistic that they will see their dream fulfilled and they will be able to better meet the needs of the community.

Jellico Community Hospital is owned by the community of Jellico and has been operated by Adventist Health System/Sunbelt since 1974.

Henry Scoggins, hospital president. "Sometimes we've been accused of operating in isolation instead of working cooperatively with other groups in the community.

"We must learn to be more flexible," Scoggins says. After completing a self-evaluation and education process, he envisions the local Adventist church and hospital cooperating with such entities as the public school system and county health and police departments.

Although it is currently participating in a broad-based community assess-

ment, Gordon Hospital in Calhoun, Ga., has already launched several ambitious projects.

Free services provided

Working with the Gordon County Health Department, the hospital offers free mammograms to qualifying low-income women. The results and initial follow-up are handled by the health department, but if a biopsy or surgery is indicated, the hospital and its staff physicians provide the necessary services at no cost to the patient. "Testing and follow-up care is saving lives," says Jean Wise, director of

development and public relations.

Two years ago Gordon Hospital sponsored a registered nurse to work in the city school system, and last year added a part-time R.N. for the county system. These nurses circulate among the schools, directing vision and hearing screenings and leading out in health education, among other activities.

Perhaps Gordon's most unusual community alliance is with the Winners Club, a nationally recognized program for disadvantaged children and children with disabilities. Because many of these kids have unusual health problems and depend upon prescription drugs, Gordon staff work with a local pharmacy to insure that they get their medications. A grant pays for the drugs, but Gordon manages these funds.

Community needs vary

A. David Jimenez, president of Huguley Memorial Medical Center, Fort Worth, Texas, is involved in Health Action, a Tarrant County program. A motivating factor for Health Action is that Tarrant County has the nation's highest incidence of pregnancies under the age of 14.

Huguley is also working with the small communities in its area. Each has its own concerns, such as gangs, transportation for seniors or prenatal classes

for teens. In addition to working directly in these communities, Huguley is sponsoring Leland Kaiser, health-care futurist, for several speaking engagements in the Fort Worth area.

Huguley's satellite psychiatric hospital, Willow Creek, is active in several areas. One Sunday each month employees collect trash on a two-mile stretch of Highway 287. Approximately 30 percent of the hospital staff is involved, reports Don Sykes, president.

Willow Creek has also "adopted" an inner-city school where students were not performing well on achievement tests. Among other things, the staff helped establish an alternative school called Weed and Seed.

Breaking down barriers

Traditional telephone methods couldn't adequately survey Bell County, Texas. So employees at Metroplex Hospital in Killeen, Texas, accepted the assignment of traveling to churches and other meeting places to talk with people who don't have telephones.

Results of the survey—which was undertaken by a committee of community leaders—pointed to the need for a free clinic. Metroplex is exploring the possibility of staffing such a clinic.

Metroplex is also eliminating barriers that prevent ethnic groups

from receiving adequate health care. Ernie Sadau, hospital president, is organizing a series of breakfast and lunch meetings with leaders of various ethnic groups.

The Koreans were first to meet with Sadau and voice their concerns. As a result of Sadau's listening to them, Metroplex recruited a Korean physician to locate in the community, which has a population of 10,000 Koreans. And health screenings now have a Korean translator.

More than a year ago Joel Hass, president of Central Texas Medical Center, San Marcos, Texas, initiated healthier communities efforts. Today a number of activities are in process, such as a Healthier Community Forum, a church nurse program, seniors working with

seniors and an immunization clinic in an indigent community.

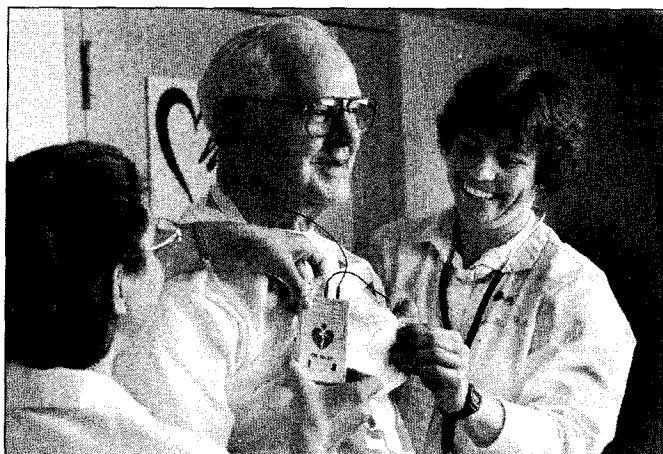
Work has also been done with the state director of health to bring together various social agencies and thereby avoid duplication and improve access to health care.

Long list of concerns

Although Florida Hospital Waterman in Eustis is initiating the Healthier Communities Forum in Lake County, hospital president Royce Thompson says that ultimately the community will assume leadership. Items on the group's agenda cover a wide range of community concerns, including: Neighborhood revitalization, environmental preservation, a safety center at a local shopping mall, child fingerprinting, Healthy Kids for uninsured children, gun



When these children in Calhoun, Ga., need medicines, Gordon Hospital sees that they get them through a local pharmacy. Winners Club members are pictured with leaders Deacon and Inez Balliew.



Health education programs at AHS/Sunbelt hospitals are offered for people of all ages. Many attract senior citizen "snowbirds" who flock to the southern states in winter.

control, physicians to staff a community clinic, quilts for indigent babies, park cleanup and a rape-crisis center at the hospital.

Good for business

One early suggestion from the community was to relocate the hospital's outpatient physical therapy department. After the service was moved to the local YMCA both the physical therapy department and the YMCA report dramatic increase in their business.

Sometimes what seems like a simple community program has a dramatic impact upon an individual. Merri Sheffield relates a recent experience at Smyrna Hospital near Atlanta.

Smyrna was publicizing its first prostate cancer screening. A hospital employee was concerned about her father and urged him to attend the seminar and sign up for the screening. He reluctantly promised to go.

As it turned out, he was one of four men diagnosed with prostate cancer. Although he's not cancer free, he's working closely with his doctor and using a variety of traditional and wholistic treatments.

The daughter believes that screening extended her father's life.

Florida Hospital's engineering department recently demonstrated that all types of talents are needed to build healthier communities.

Members of the department used their building expertise to construct an entrance ramp at the home of a rehabilitation patient who was unable to go home because he could not maneuver his wheelchair in and out of his house. Plans for the ramp were drawn by the hospital's design office.

Here are more examples of the kinds of programs offered by AHS/Sunbelt organizations to help improve the quality of life

for residents of their communities:

- ◆ Takoma Adventist Hospital in Greeneville, Tenn., offers geriatric mental health programs in nursing homes and senior centers.

- ◆ The annual Kids Karnival of Health is a six-year-old project of Tennessee Christian Medical Center-Nashville.

- ◆ Mammography on the Move allows Gordon Hospital to offer testing in the places where women work and socialize around Calhoun, Ga.

- ◆ Health programs at East Pasco Medical Center in Zephyrhills, Fla., make more than 15,000 contacts a year, primarily with senior citizen "snowbirds" who flock to the area during the winter.

- ◆ Physicians at Tennessee Christian Medical Center-Portland present weekly health seminars for the community.

Students learn to take responsibility for their health

What happens when an Adventist hospital enters into partnership with the local middle school? Lots of exciting things!

For several years Smyrna Hospital in a suburb of Atlanta, had formally been a partner with Griffin Middle School. But the hospital's involvement was limited to donating donuts and Band-Aids to the school of 1,050.

That's changing. Now Smyrna and its employees are impacting Griffin's campus and its curriculum.

Last year Smyrna's landscaping department worked with the school to design a courtyard to replace bare dirt between classrooms. Now in the implementation stage, hospital staff and students are working side-by-side to make the courtyard a reality.

But the biggest difference in the current partnership is the way the two staffs are working together to improve the

curriculum. For example, a Griffin coach came up with the idea of a jointly sponsored health fair. After talking with hospital personnel, he decided a more effective approach would be to take health classes across the street to Smyrna's laboratory and radiology departments.

With enthusiastic hospital employees leading out, this hands-on health education captured the attention of the students. To the amazement of the coach, one student — who had never once participated in classroom discussion — asked questions all afternoon.

"We're continuing to work with Griffin teachers to find ways to make curriculum tie-ins with the hospital," says Merri Sheffield of the hospital's marketing and public relations department. "We want these middle school students to realize that health care is an individual responsibility."

—Outreach—



The first group in the team of 20 who went to Kostroma were from the Arden church.

Arden Leads Evangelistic Team

Carolina—From June 26 through August 4, 20 members of the Arden church and two individuals from the Arden community, made a difference in Kostroma, Russia. Kostroma is a town with a population of approximately 350,000, located about 200 miles northeast of Moscow, and has a Seventh-day Adventist church of 70 members with 90 attending.

The church had been requesting funds for the last three years to hold evangelistic meetings. The experience of DeWayne Butcher had included trips to Russia with Mark Finley of It Is Written during the last five years and consequently he was contacted by the General Conference to assemble a team to go back. Butcher offered to go if he could make it a mission project for his home church, the Arden church.

They traveled to Russia with a three-fold purpose: Jim Sawtell, pastor, held six weeks of evangelistic meetings twice daily; a Health Fair for cholesterol screenings and blood pressure tests;

and training in children's ministry.

The meetings began with nearly 200 in attendance and continued to grow to more than 400 by the end of the crusade. At the health fair, medical staff completed 1,000 cholesterol screenings and several people chose to have their blood pressure taken. The group also started a program for alcoholics similar to Alcoholics Anonymous. Many adults were trained in setting up a children's ministry.

Several members worked with more than 300 children. The program was similar to a vacation Bible school where they discussed creation, the life of Christ and talked about His return. The children were also taught about sex abuse and basic hygiene and each received a toothbrush as a gift.

At the conclusion of the evangelistic meetings, the health fair, and the children's program, 35 people were baptized and an additional 78 said they would like to study further in a Revelation Seminar. Several members of the Arden church will return to Kostroma this month for a reaping service and to bring a gift of a communion set to the church.

Teri Fowle

Crusade Results in Baptisms

Carolina—At the conclusion of the Word of Prophecy crusade held by Dale Pollett in the Arden church, three members were added.

Roger and Ellie Ross attended a crusade in the Hagerstown, Md., area before they moved to Asheville and were deeply impressed by what they learned there. While at that crusade, an Adventist doctor gave them a book about the Lord's Day and they were convicted about the Sabbath.

After moving to Asheville, they began looking for an Adventist church to attend and one they found was the Arden church. However, they felt a little timid about just showing up. In the meantime, they had sent in a lead card requesting the Bible Adventure Video set for their four-year-old daughter, Jessica, which the literature evangelists sell. Paul and Jeannette Koliadko

went to their house and they were excited to have Adventists in their home. The Koliadkos told them about the crusade at the Arden church and the Rosses came and were baptized September 24.

Another young couple, Gareth and Karen Watkins, were married June 23. Karen had grown up in the Adventist church. Gareth was attending a Baptist Bible college and was having a difficult time accepting everything presented. He met Karen and began studying his Bible searching for truth. Karen invited him to attend the meetings at the Arden church and Gareth was impressed that the answers to several of his questions were coming directly from the Bible. He felt that the meetings just put everything together for him; he made a decision and was also baptized September 24.

Two stories of the Lord's hand at work.

Teri Fowle



Arden Pastor Jim Sawtell shares with the congregation the exciting details which brought Gareth Watkins to his decision for baptism. Gareth's wife, Karen, and Dale Pollett listen as Sawtell shares the story.

OC Apostolic Team Swats New York

Oakwood College—Six students were recruited, trained, and taken to Brooklyn, N.Y., where they ministered as Bible counselors for

seven weeks in a summer intensive evangelistic crusade directed by Abraham Jules, pastor/evangelist.

The Oakwood team exercised apostolic zeal and commitment in their witnessing. They visited, studied, prayed, and formed friendships with hundreds of

people everyday—contributing immeasurably to the phenomenal success of the evangelistic crusade.

Domestic situations were changed and jobs were found as a result of earnest prayers and the exercise of faith in God. More than 250 were baptized, and a new church is being organized.

The students who participated were Maggie Compton, George Lee, Compton Ross, Israel Jean-Leon, John Scott, and Monique Anderson. Lance Shand, assistant



Lance Shand coordinated the team.

professor of religion, was responsible for coordinating this missionary endeavor.

Lance Shand



Joe and Betty share their joy.

at age ten or eleven.

About three years ago, he attended a Sunday church in Montgomery. The service was a question-and-answer period on several topics, with the correct day for the Sabbath being prominent. As a result of the discussion of the Sabbath, a vote was placed before the entire congregation whether to change the day of worship to Saturday. Out of 500 members, 15 raised their hands to change the day of worship to God's true Sabbath day, Saturday.

The 15 who wanted the change were disappointed, but remained steadfast in communicating their belief. Finally Joe was told by a member that he would be better off leaving the church fellowship if he felt so strongly about the issue.

Three years earlier, Joe's sister, Betty Anderson, had attended a prophecy seminar at the Montgomery First church and was baptized. Betty encouraged Joe to take Bible studies with the pastor. Joe was baptized July 30.

Teresa McFarland



The Bennettsville, S.C., New Life church family.

Bennettsville Revival Nets Baptisms

South Atlantic—Evangelists Samuel Perry and Fred W. Parker, Sr., pitched a tent in Bennettsville. After much praying, fasting, and planning the members of Bennettsville, with the assistance of the sister church in Marion, S.C., held their first meeting.

The gospel was presented nightly by Parker, while Bible workers Betty Perry, Mildred Parker, Betty

Jordan, and Ethel Bell knocked on doors to invite people.

At the end of the three-week revival, 12 individuals made decisions to accept the Third Angel's Message and unite with the church. Bible worker Perry continues to labor for others as more decisions are being made.

Parker, a retired pastor, continues to say "this thing is good," and it is his aim, as long as life shall last, that he will always help spread the gospel wherever he is led and directed.

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Prayer Results in Miracle

Gulf States—Joe Swain is the result of

what some would call a miracle. Even as a child, Joe was spiritually oriented. He accepted Christ and joined the local Baptist church

Update

Macedonia Sabbath School Organizes

Florida—Within a two-week period the Pem-Mar church participated in two memorable

events. On Sabbath, July 16, Pem-Mar leaders journeyed to Boynton Beach to establish and organize the Macedonia Sabbath school company.

Led by Michael Reid, pastor, the team of officers joined in



Pem-Mar members and guests celebrating the church's first year included: Pearl Taylor; John Gilpin; The Hon. John Atkins, Consul General of the island of Jamaica; Michael Reid, pastor; L.V. McMillan, IAD evangelist; Cleveland Shaw; and June Mills.

worship with a group of believers led by Peter Maragh. The group was ready for the formal induction. Reid delivered the charge in a challenging message entitled "Ye Are Witnesses."

A particularly touching scene was the baptism of Iris Williams as the first member baptized into the newly organized Macedonia Sabbath school. Other

foundation members of the group welcomed her enthusiastically. A fellowship meal culminated the morning's activities.

Two weeks later Pembroke members commemorated the church's first year of existence at the regular place of worship, the Walter C. Young Resource Center in Pembroke Pines.

Felix Hyatt

the right choices.

When the sisters meet again, they will develop ideas to make this a productive, beneficial program. After six months the ladies plan to hold a banquet and possibly choose an additional sister to add to the one they have.

Spiritual Sisters may be one way to follow Ellen White's council to "press together." The members pray that the Lord, through this program, will allow South Orlando to be an even more caring church than it already is.

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Ladies Build Bonds

Florida—After successfully developing activities and programs such as a periodic women's prayer breakfast, and *Care and Share*, where women get together monthly and share how God has blessed them, Joan Bova, director of women's ministries at the South Orlando Adventist church, has introduced a new idea.

She and several other ladies in the church had long felt that women have specific needs to build relationships, create spiritual bonds, and draw together in a closer fellowship with each other that would strengthen the unity of the whole church family. So they came up with the *Spiritual Sisters* program, similar to such programs as *Heart to Heart* and *Secret Pal* but with a broader, more spiritual scope. The idea was to have each lady paired with another for prayer and support.

During the first meeting, pairs of sisters were chosen by drawing matching numbers, but only after prayer was offered, asking the Lord to guide with

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The Fayette, Ga., church was opened in September. The 66-member congregation now has a 200-seat sanctuary located on eight acres thanks to PBA.

PBA Finances Church Projects

Georgia-Cumberland—The Professional and Business Association (PBA) of the Conference is a lay organization chartered in 1967 to loan funds to finance church projects within the Conference. Currently it has a net worth of 1.6

million dollars but borrows additional funds as needed to finance these projects.

Currently it has loan requests approved by the Conference officers in excess of the funds on hand and therefore is seeking funds from individuals on which they will receive six percent interest. The notes issued on these borrowed funds are

guaranteed by the conference.

Interest is paid annually, semi-annually, quarterly or even monthly. Should you

be interested in investing in this manner contact John A. Sines, president.

Chick Fleming and
Errol Eder



Juniors led congregation in a hymn of dedication.

Youth Presentations Result in Dedication

Georgia-Cumberland—Sabbath morning, September 10, was especially interesting at the Apison, Tenn., church. Three younger men presented the sermon on Christ's Second Coming. Tim Hustad presented world conditions and New Age information, as signs of Christ's soon coming. About three years ago, Hustad was

baptized and became the 20,000th member of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

Sam Ball and Curtis Phibbs, unknown to each other, presented his individual approach to the record of the Ten Virgins, emphasizing preparedness for Christ's return.

Ball, the third speaker, placed a vial of oil on his right and lantern on the left, bringing realism to his and Phibbs' remarks. Both Phibbs and Ball are students at Southern College.

Noble V. Vining

Students Provide Community Service

Georgia-Cumberland—One hundred ninety-one students and faculty from Georgia-Cumberland Academy spent more than 940 hours in community service jobs on Tuesday, September 27.

The groups were singing for a monthly birthday party in a local nursing home, pruning trails in a state park, picking up trash along local roads, washing windows for senior citizens, filing

books, taking inventory in an adult education facility, sorting clothes for a community service organization, and studying with the mentally challenged. Ron Cook, academy chaplain, was the organizer.

Students reported that many people really appreciated their help. One blind woman thanked the students who washed her windows by playing her harmonica. In working together the students saw that much can be accomplished—a trail cleared, books counted, and a huge pile of used shoes organized.

Patti Speer

Summer Camp Touches Lives

Carolina—Every year, Nosoca Pines Ranch hosts summer camp for young people. The weeks of summer camp include many activities such as water-skiing, sailing, horseback riding, rock climbing, gymnastics, basketball, crafts and much more. However, the area of most importance is the sharing of Jesus Christ.

Many may not think of Nosoca Pines Ranch as a powerful evangelism tool; however, Christian influence through the life of Christ touched 358 young people in the five weeks of summer camp. There were 119 campers who made decisions to study with their pastors at home for baptism. Another 78 campers made a first-time commitment to Jesus and 161 made a rededication of their lives to Christ. These are your sons and daughters making commitments for the Lord.

What makes Nosoca Pines Ranch so successful in evangelistic outreach? It is definitely the staff. The staff at summer camp this year was fantastic and presented Christ in

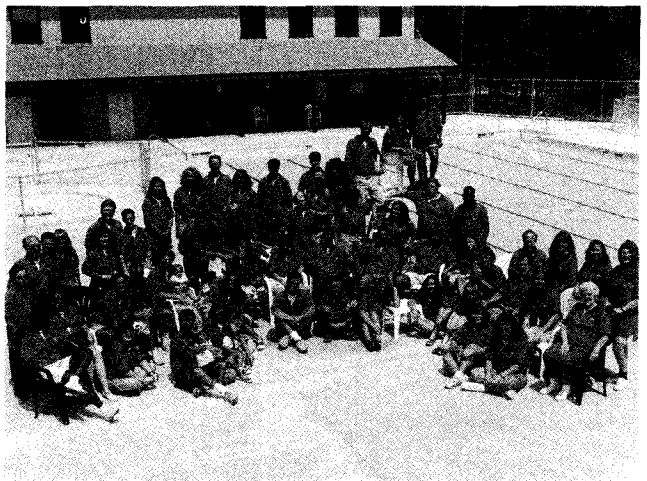
all they did and said. Each Friday evening, the staff presented a Passion Play where the campers were visually shown the life of Christ and given the opportunity to choose to follow Him.

Besides the five busy weeks of summer camp, Nosoca also hosted a very successful Family Camp, Spanish camp meeting, and three other weeks of camp for various groups. Your camp was busy this summer and God blessed the activities there immensely.

One of the highlights of the summer activities was the grand opening of the aquatics center and the heavy involvement of the center in the various programs. Campers, parents, guests, and staff enjoyed the new junior olympic-size pool tremendously.

There are several new additions to the camp. One of the new additions is the new camp management team—Jim and Jeanne Nephew. They've been invited to fill the responsibilities left vacant by Dave and Bonnie Speicher who accepted a call to the Florida Conference. Jim and Jeanne arrived at Nosoca in early October.

Phil Rosburg



Nosoca Pines Ranch summer camp staff.

SC Cleans-Up on Community Services Day

Southern College—Southern cancelled all classes September 21 for the first official Community Services Day.

The program kicked off September 1 at a motivational assembly with Jose Rojas, the youth director of the North American Division. There, participants signed up to volunteer at one of more than 30 Chattanooga-area facilities, including shelters, nursing homes, nurseries, and parks.

A wide variety of activities were "planned so that most everyone (would) have an opportunity to serve in an area of interest to them," said Windy Cockrell, Southern's Student Association president.

At 8 a.m., Wednesday, everyone gathered in the gymnasium for an activities briefing from Cockrell, team organization with group leaders, and worship by Collegedale church pastor Ed Wright. From there, volunteers went to their stations and spent the entire day doing everything from manicures on the

elderly to building houses to rocking babies.

More than 500 students and faculty joined in the effort to shine a little light on the Chattanooga area. Participation was not mandatory, of course, but was encouraged since classes were cancelled for that purpose.

The experience was a blessing to volunteers, as well. "I definitely think Community Services Day was a positive experience for all of us," said senior Stacy Gold. "We've already had several people we visited call and say how much they appreciated our help. I think we should do it at least two times during every school year." Gold was a group leader at First Centenary Children's Enrichment Center.

"I had fun. It was really nice to know that we could help the school out when they needed it," said junior Wendi Loudon. "They were really appreciative, and we should do it at least once each semester."

Cockrell was the initiator and coordinator of the event. Bill Wohlers, vice president for student services, and Ken Rogers, chaplain, were the sponsors.

Alicia Goree

tion is supporting another seven faculty members in advanced studies: Derek Bowe, University of Kentucky; Faye Brathwaite, University of Alabama, Huntsville; Kermit Carter, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa; Ruth Gunn,

University of Alabama, Birmingham; Joseph Jerjes, University of Alabama, Huntsville; Peter Theuri, Mississippi State University; and Anne Smith-Winbush, University of Alabama, Huntsville.

Sandra F. Price

TCMC Accredited by American College of Radiology

AHS/Sunbelt—The mammography facility at Tennessee Christian Medical Center has been reaccredited by the American College of Radiology's Mammography Accreditation Program. The facility has met the necessary requirements, which include a stringent review by a panel of breast cancer detection experts.

The reviewers evaluate the staff qualifications, equipment, quality control, and quality assurance programs at a facility applying for accreditation. The quality of the image and the amount of radiation are measured and must meet rigid standards. Accreditations must be renewed

every three years.

One in nine women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime. Early detection is the key to survival. Mammography, in conjunction with breast physical examinations, provides the most accurate diagnosis of early breast cancer.

Only 6,000 facilities have been accredited nationwide in the six-year history of the program. It was started in response to concerns by radiologists, other medical organizations, and the public that only qualified personnel perform and interpret mammograms and that the only equipment specifically designed for mammography be used. The goal is to ensure women receive the best mammographic examination with the lowest possible risk.

Faculty Pursues Quality Teaching

Oakwood College—Quality teaching is a high priority at Oakwood. Although research on campus is increasing, the emphasis is on the best possible instructional environment. To provide this environment, Oakwood possesses a highly skilled and talented faculty, trained in many of our nation's finest institutions.

A student faculty ratio of 12 to 1 assures that faculty members have

time to focus on the needs of individual students. At present, 54.5 percent of our faculty have earned doctorates, reflecting a commitment to academic excellence. This figure is up from 1993 (52 percent) by 2.5 percent.

Having completed their study leaves, two of our full-time faculty members are returning to the campus this year with earned doctorate degrees: Cecily Daly, Ed.D., English and reading, and Edith Fraser, Ph.D., social work.

In addition, the institu-

TCMC to Offer New Psychiatric Service for Seniors

AHS/Sunbelt—Tennessee Christian Medical Center—Nashville, a recognized regional leader in psychiatric care and behavioral medicine, will soon offer a partial hospitalization program tailored to unique needs of seniors. The program, under the medical direction of Clifford Roberson, M.D., is the first of its kind in the Nash-

ville area and only the second in Tennessee.

Patients in the partial hospitalization program will participate in treatment sessions weekdays and then return home each evening and remain at home on weekends. Tennessee Christian Medical Center will even provide transportation to and from the hospitalization program which includes older persons who are experiencing severe depression or anxiety, alone or in combination with other problems, and who have a safe and sup-

portive living situation. Partial hospitalization is also valuable to patients who are making the transition from inpatient treatment to fully independent living at home. In either case, this treatment option allows patients

to minimize separation from family members while allowing them to return home to familiar and comfortable surroundings each night—a benefit of particular importance to many older patients.

Kim Ziesmer

ASI Names Two Southerners as Women of the Year

NAD—Two Southern Union ladies were among eight named Women of the Year last month in Dallas, at the 47th annual convention of Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (ASI).

Helen Jackson of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Rowena Rogers of Clermont, Fla., were honored in the areas of family and professional life, respectively.

Unable to be present because of injuries sustained in an automobile accident, Jackson was a Johns Hopkins astronautics electronics engineer, promoted on the astronaut ladder to be the first black woman in space.

Sensing her five children's urgent needs, Jackson gave up her hopes of becoming an astronaut, suggesting that the main cause was her absence from "normal mothering privileges and obligations." Thereupon, she took to home schooling her children "out of school."

Today, those children are on full scholarships, achieving dean's lists, or student missionaries—except for two still at home.

The would-be astronaut now makes and markets granola while her husband, John, is an electrical engineer for the U.S. government. They both anticipate another kind of space trip.

Rowena Rogers is a well-published geriatric nurse who has already received seven honors and awards from the Florida Health Care Association and the American Nurses Association.

Rogers was a Task Force member and participant in the White House Conference on Aging, has twice served as secretary of the National Geriatric Society, and is a multi-termed member of the editorial boards of *Journal of Gerontological Nursing* and the magazine on *Aging and Leisure Living* among dozens of distinctions on both the state and national levels. She has been an ASI member about 30 years.

Sensing special needs in her patients, Rogers has designed and created for hospitals and nursing homes throughout the nation, a tape ministry through music and the spoken word. More than 6,500 tapes have been distributed as gifts of love aimed at bringing emotional and spiritual healing by providing comfort and hope in a better day soon to come.

Speaker for the special luncheon honoring the women was Lynne Waihee, First Lady of Hawaii. A Seventh-day Adventist and former teacher at Hawaiian Mission Academy, Waihee was also honored for involvement with Family Literacy Centers through the Office of Children and Youth and the Governor's Council for Literacy.

Youth

Jacksonville Area Offers Mentor Program

Florida—Young people can all use a little help from a friend, and mentors (friendly counselors or guides) really do make a difference in a young person's life.

On February 27, 23 mentors and mentees met at the Mandarin church for a kick-off meeting. Floyd Pichler was inspired to start a mentor program for local churches after being involved last year in the YMCA's mentor program.

In the meeting, the youth and their mentors played games designed to build trust and teamwork by helping each

other. Guest speaker Qwynh Gno gave an inspiring speech concerning direction, discipline, determination, and dedication.

Prior to this kick-off meeting, Mandarin had had the honor of the Y.E.S. Team, *Youth Experiencing Salvation*, from Southern College which spent five days with the Jacksonville Junior Academy. Four very special people, Ray, Garrin, Tom, and Beth, helped the youth realize how important they are to God, the importance of salvation, and what they can do to change schools for the better.

To find out more about the Mentor program, call (904) 268-9403.

Sandra McDaniel

Carolina Youth Attend Rally

Carolina—There are three things every teenager needs to survive: Help, help, and more help. This amazing discovery along with many other gems about teenage decisions and choices were presented by Dave Beamish at the recent Eastern Carolina Youth Rally in Wilmington, N.C. Beamish is the clinical director of SouthLight, a drug and alcohol

rehabilitation center.

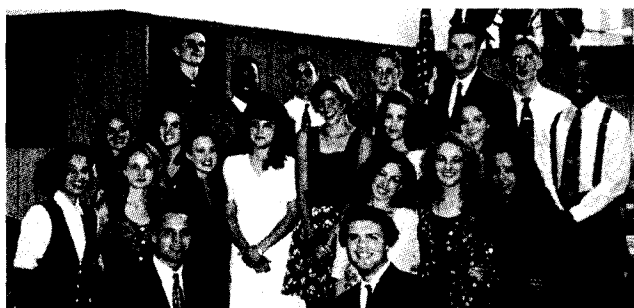
Approximately 105 youth and several youth sponsors traveled to Wilmington the weekend of September 9-10 for the event. The Wilmington church has sponsored the annual event for the last three years and provided dinner before vespers on Friday night, lodging for all the youth and sponsors, lunch on Sabbath, and a fantastic fun-filled evening at Jungle Rapids on Saturday night.

Teri Fowle



Laura Lee and Yolanda Williams were two of the 105 youth at the Eastern Carolina Youth Rally.

RON QUICK



Jeremy Hall and Igor Milosaulievic (kneeling, front) fired up the youth of Brandon church this summer.

Task Force Workers Bring Excitement to Brandon

Florida—What is all the excitement with the youth at the Brandon church? Jeremy Hall and Igor Milosaulievic, that's what. The two 19-year-old men from Andrews University spent this past summer as Task Force workers for Brandon's youth.

There were constant activities planned with youth in mind—basketball, volleyball, self-defense classes, pool parties, and ice skating. Every Friday was spent at the beach with a special sunset worship to welcome the Sabbath. Bible study groups were formed, and twice a week Jeremy and Igor visited both active and inactive area youth.

One special activity consisted of a youth-sponsored vespers program, starting with a Back-to-the-Oldies song service for the adults, who got to sing all the songs they used to sing when they were young, or at least when they were as young as the youth conducting the service. Jeremy, who is a musician and com-

poser, then introduced a drama enacted by the youth.

The youth planned and presented the entire worship service on Sabbath, July 23. Their focus was "Get to know Jesus, for when we **really** know Him, others will want to know Him too."

Jeremy is studying to be an academy history teacher. While he waits to fulfill his ultimate dream, which he says is heaven, he wants to help youth see their potential.

Igor is studying to be a clinical psychologist. Upon graduation, he wants to work with church members as Christ did—helping heal their mental and spiritual problems and leading them to Jesus.

Both men agree that the youth are the church of tomorrow, and that, "If the youth see us, two 19-year-olds, living our lives for Jesus and doing His will, they can't refer to that as being old-fashioned. And maybe they will want to know more." They want to teach young people that when they minister to others, they are also ministering to themselves.

Debbie Hinton

Collegedale Youth Evangelize Poland

Georgia-Cumberland—The LaVie Vocal

Ensemble, Collegedale Academy's a cappella vocal sextet, visited Poland June 29-July 17, to participate in evangelism there. The main assignment was as presenters at a

Polish camp meeting, a ten-day evangelistic endeavor, and concurrently to conduct a one-week evangelistic preparatory campaign in Zlocieniec, a small city 15 kilometers from the camp meeting site.

The young people conducted the entire meeting, singing and presenting the message. Their purpose was to present the simple, pure gospel of a God who loves and cares for His people and to model the love of Jesus to the youth of Poland.

"A lot of junk from the West is flooding eastern Europe today—our people want anything from America," notes Ryszard Jankowski, youth director for the Union. "We want your young people to show us 'something better' from your country." Agnieszka Jaworska, a Southern College student from Poland, who accompanied us as a translator noted, "People in Poland are from an overwhelmingly Catholic background. They need to hear an uncomplicated gospel; they need to hear about the beauty of Jesus and His love."

The people of Poland welcomed the students with open arms, eagerly receiving what they had to share. Two girls walked 15 kilometers just to spend

more time with us. Another girl rode her bicycle 60 kilometers to attend the meeting. They were interviewed by television and radio. They were constantly bombarded with requests for autographs and photo sessions.

At the camp meeting they consistently drew the largest crowds. Success of mission was also evident: Seventy-five percent of the attendees at their evangelistic campaign in Zlocieniec requested follow-up meetings so they could learn more.

Thanks to the generosity of LaVie Vocal Ensemble's financial supporters there was enough money to pay the cost of follow-up meetings, enabling the local literature evangelist and pastor to finish the job Collegedale Academy students had started. The camp meeting evangelism in which the students participated, along with other speakers, yielded 60 baptisms.

Perhaps the success of the trip is best summed up by Ryszard Jankowski, the one who invited the group, at the closing meeting he bade farewell with the following comment: "Thank you so much for coming. Thank you for singing so beautifully. And thank you for showing us what it means to live a joyful, genuine Christian life."

Jeffrey K. Lauritzen



The closing night's crowd for the evangelistic meeting in Zlocieniec. The first night netted only seven people, but each evening it grew, to nearly 60 by the closing meeting.

Edwin and LaVon Shafer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by six of their seven children September 4, at the Pewee Valley church in Louisville, Ky. They pastored churches for nearly 48 years serving in New Jersey, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kentucky-Tennessee, and Michigan.



This year the Panama City Community Services were assisted by the Pathfinder Club in helping the flood victims of Westville, Caryville, and Gritney, in northwest Florida.



Ted Doss (right), with associate leaders and the Graysville Pathfinders are shown with sacks of pennies collected to fund their way to the Dare to Care Camporee. The Pathfinders collected \$890 in pennies toward a total of \$5,000 raised for their expenses to make the trip to Colorado.



Ebenezer church health and temperance department in Augusta, Ga., presented a Breathe-Free seminar recently. The program was directed by Magalene James (left), health and temperance leader. Local medical professionals assisted. Two participants that attended each night were able to break free from the tobacco habit. A funeral service was held to bury smoking supplies and equipment.

The Waycross, Ga., Okees Pathfinders competed in the soapbox derby car race at the Dare to Care Pathinder Camporee. Shown here is Tasha Williams, the driver of the car. The club was awarded first place for speed, beauty, and design.





Several were baptized at the Woodbury, Tenn., church as a result of the joint efforts of the *It is Written* telecast by Evangelist Dale Hoover, Bible studies by Martin and Macie Davis, and Jerry Higgs, Woodbury pastor.



The Ooltewah, Tenn., church hosted a youth summit September 10 with 130 youth from the Tennessee Valley Adventist Youth Fellowship attending. The teenagers enjoyed workshops focusing on personal, peer, and parental communication skills, as well as being challenged to find ways for involvement in mission.

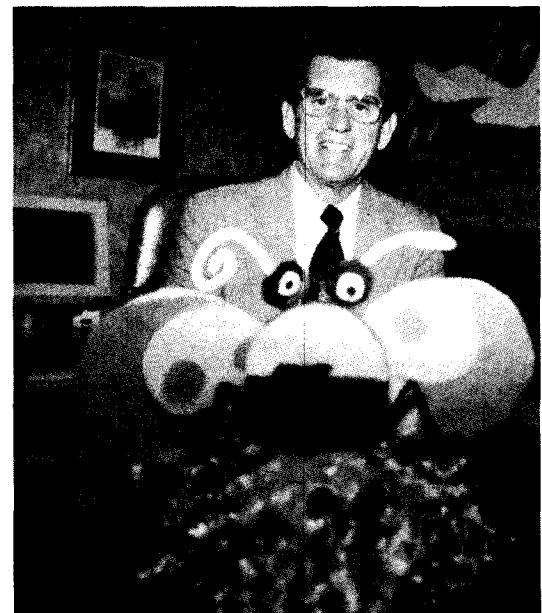


TOM DUNHAM

TERI FOWLE



Gerald Fuentes (right), pastor of the Tallahassee/Crawfordville, Fla., district, with Florida's governor, Lawton Chiles. Fuentes is on a schedule of several Tallahassee area ministers to offer the invocation at the governor's cabinet meetings. On June 28, he attended the cabinet meeting and gave a prayer adapted from one given by former U.S. senate chaplain, Peter Marshal, which says, "Help us to see that it is better to fail in a cause that will ultimately succeed than to succeed in a cause that will ultimately fail."



Students from Silver Creek Junior Academy in Morganton, N.C., surprised Carolina Conference President Kenneth Coonley with a giant candy bug. The gift was received with much gratitude.

One hundred and fifteen Pathfinder and Adventurer leaders gathered at Nosoca Pines Ranch for the annual Pathfinder/Adventurer Leadership Convention. The leaders came to Nosoca to build a fellowship and camaraderie between each other and to learn from the many speakers. Information was shared on everything from how to start a club to developing community relations. In one workshop on communication, leaders were asked to build a tower out of gummy bears and spaghetti without talking to each other. Some of the towers never quite reached the heights originally intended.

CALENDAR

November

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Carolina

Spartanburg Church Centennial Homecoming—Nov. 4, 5 at the Spartanburg, S.C., SDA church. Featured speaker: Roger Coon, White Estates.

Freshman/Sophomore Bible Conference—Nov. 4-6, Nosoca Pines Ranch.

Lay Advisory Meeting—Nov. 18-20, Nosoca Pines Ranch. Speaker: Leo VanDolson.

College Young Adult Retreat—Dec. 2, 3, Durham SDA Church. Speaker: David Banks.

ABC Prayer Crusade—Nov. 4-6, Asheville.

Florida

Youth Leadership Convention—Nov. 18-20, Camp Kulaqua.

Hispanic Family Camp—Nov. 24-27, Camp Kulaqua.

Evangelistic Crusade—Nov. 26-Dec. 17, Altamonte Springs Spanish. Jose Fuentes.

Pathfinder Island Navigators—Dec. 2-4, Molasses Key.

Adventist Singles Ministries Fellowship Dinners

Dec. 3, Florida Hospital.

Dec. 10, West Palm Beach First and Forest Lake.

Dec. 17, University.

Dec. 24, Kress Memorial.

Estate Planning Seminar—Dec. 4, Ft. Meyers.

Adventist Singles Ministries National Convention—Dec. 29-Jan. 1, Camp Kulaqua.

Health Department and Fitness for Witness Retreat—Jan. 25-29, Camp Kulaqua.

Women's Ministries Retreats (English)—Feb. 3-5 and Feb. 10-12, Camp Kulaqua.

Hispanic Women's Retreat—March 3-5, Camp Kulaqua.

Georgia-Cumberland

Junior Honors Weekend—Nov. 11-13, Cohutta Springs Camp.

Pathfinder Teen Discovery—Nov. 24-27, Biking.

Bookmobile Schedule

Nov. 12, Columbus.

Nov. 13, Pine Mountain Valley.

Nov. 13, Carrollton.

Nov. 13, Georgia-Cumberland Academy.

Nov. 13, Calhoun church.

Nov. 16, Murphy, NC.

Nov. 30, Ellijay (Medical Center).

Dec. 3, Greeneville church.

Dec. 4, ABC Christmas Open House. Collegedale and Decatur stores.

Dec. 4, Johnson City.

Dec. 4, Tri-City school.

Dec. 4, Morristown.

Dec. 4, Jellico.

Dec. 7, Knoxville.

Dec. 10, Augusta.

Dec. 11, Macon.

Dec. 11, Gainesville.

ABC Prayer Crusades

Nov. 11-12, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Nov. 18-26, LaGrange, Ga.

Dec. 2-10, McMinnville, Tenn.

Dec. 16-17, Macon, Ga.

Metro Atlanta Music Guild's Annual Christmas Concert—Dec. 3, Belvedere Church, 3567 Covington Highway, Decatur. Featuring: Jubilate Singers performing Vivaldi's Gloria, accompanied by Thomas W. Young, Stewart Crook, director.

Gulf States

Bookmobile Schedule

Nov. 12, Bass Memorial Academy.

Nov. 13, Columbia, Miss.

TRANSITIONS

On the Move

Carolina

Ken Harding Jr. has assumed the duties of pastor at the Charlotte Sharon church replacing **David Doblas** who moved to the Spartanburg, S.C., church. **Gary Moyer**, pastor of the Orangeburg/S. Congaree, S.C., churches left his post to attend the Seminary leaving the district open. Former Military Chaplain **John Borges** has begun serving as pastor in the Beaufort/Hilton Head, S.C., district, replacing **C. C. Varner** who took new duties with the South Atlantic Conference. Moving from the High Point, N.C., church to the Raleigh, N.C., church is Pastor **Jim Rochester** replacing **H. Kenneth Crawley** who left the Raleigh church to take up new duties at the Charleston church. Moving from Charleston to Greenville, S.C., is **Gene Young**. From Andrews University, **Arthur Gibbs** is now working at the Charlotte Sharon church as an intern. **Kevin Morgan** moved from the Aiken/N. Augusta, S.C., church district to be the assistant pastor at the Spartanburg, S.C., church.

Florida

Robert Sparenberg served on an interim basis as pastor of the Key West/Marathon district until the end of October. **Merlin Kretschmar**, former president of the Greater New York Conference, and his wife, Juanita, will take up responsibilities as pastoral team of Key West/Marathon. **Phyllis Peck** was named an assistant on the pastoral staff of the Markham Woods church.



Evan Chesney has moved from Michigan to become the new Minister of Music at the Forest Lake church. **Zell and Heidi Ford** have moved from the Ft. Meade/Wauchula district to the Review Publishing Association, where Heidi will

be employed as an editor for a new women's journal. **Doug Higgins** has transferred from the Jacksonville Mandarin church as pastor, to the East Pasco Medical Center as a chaplain. **Brian Pleasants** was accepted into the chaplaincy training program at Florida Hospital, having previously served as pastor of the High Springs/Lake City district. **Gary Manzella** now joins the Florida Hospital as a chaplain, transferring from the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.

Georgia-Cumberland

Mike Lombardo has returned to Georgia-Cumberland as pastor of the Bristol/Kingsport, Tenn., district.

Weddings

MOORE-KITCHEN

Joy Ann Kitchen and John Christopher Moore were united in marriage June 19 by LeClare Litchfield, chaplain of Collegedale Academy, in the Apison, Tenn., church. Joy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kitchen of Collegedale, Tenn., and Chris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John William Moore, Jr., of Coalfield, Tenn.

Nov. 13, Brookhaven, Miss.

Nov. 13, Laurel, Miss.

Nov. 13, Gilbertown, Ala.

Nov. 19, Meridian.

Nov. 20, Vicksburg.

Nov. 20, Jackson.

Nov. 20, Florence.

Elders' and Deacons' Meeting—Dec. 2-4, Camp Alamisco.

Montgomery Centennial Homecoming—Dec. 2-4. Details: (205) 265-8446.

Conference Executive Committee—Dec. 4, Camp Alamisco.

Ministers' Meeting—Dec. 4-7, Camp Alamisco.

Southern College

Vespers

Nov. 4, Jose Rojas.

Nov. 11, Rodney Payne.

Nov. 18, "Where He Lies" drama.

Church Pulpit Guests

Nov. 12, Brennon Kirstein.

Nov. 19, Mark Finley.

Special Events

Nov. 4, 5, R. H. Pierson Lecture Series, Raul Dederon.

Nov. 6, International Food Fair.

Nov. 6-12, Week of Spiritual Emphasis.

Nov. 29, Christmas tree lighting.

Concerts

Nov. 12, SC Symphony concert.

Nov. 15, Philadelphia Brass.

Dec. 3, SC Band Christmas concert.

Southern Union

SDA Marriage Encounter Weekend—Nov. 11-13, Cohutta Springs Conference Center. Details: (615) 236-4186.

Out of Union

Columbia Union College 90th Anniversary—Nov. 4, 5. Speaker: Leonard Bailey, M.D.

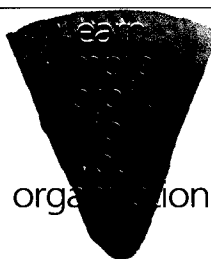
Announcement

Dare to Care, Inc., serves legal notice that the Corporation's books will be officially closing December 31, 1994. All bills submitted after December 1, 1994, will be considered untimely and not legally obligated by D.T.C., Inc. Any questions, call Frank Diehl, (303) 733-3771.

Sunset

	Nov. 4	Nov. 11	Nov. 18	Nov. 25	Dec. 2	Dec. 9
Atlanta, Ga.	5:45	5:40	5:35	5:32	5:30	5:30
Charleston, S.C.	5:28	5:23	5:18	5:15	5:14	5:14
Charlotte, N.C.	5:28	5:22	5:17	5:13	5:11	5:11
Collegedale, Tenn.	5:44	5:38	5:34	5:31	5:29	5:29
Huntsville, Ala.	4:51	4:45	4:40	4:36	4:35	4:34
Jackson, Miss.	5:10	5:04	5:00	4:57	4:56	4:56
Louisville, Ky.	5:43	5:36	5:31	5:26	5:23	5:23
Memphis, Tenn.	5:05	4:59	4:54	4:50	4:48	4:48
Miami, Fla.	5:39	5:35	5:32	5:30	5:29	5:30
Montgomery, Ala.	4:55	4:49	4:45	4:42	4:40	4:40
Nashville, Tenn.	4:51	4:44	4:39	4:35	4:33	4:32
Orlando, Fla.	5:40	5:36	5:32	5:31	5:29	5:30
Wilmington, N.C.	5:19	5:13	5:08	5:05	5:03	5:02

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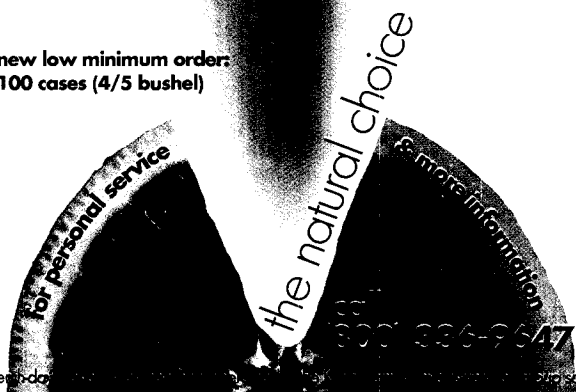
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Loma Linda University is interested in receiving responses to this possibility, particularly from the following:

Pharmacists, pharmaceutical chemists, pharmacologists or other qualified individuals potentially interested in faculty appointments in a School of Pharmacy with this mission.

Individuals who know of pharmacists, pharmaceutical chemists, pharmacologists, or other individuals who are potentially qualified for faculty appointments in a School of Pharmacy with this mission.

Pre-pharmacy students, others interested in a career in pharmacy or individuals who know of pre-pharmacy students or of others interested in a career in pharmacy who would be interested in attending a School of Pharmacy with this mission.

Please contact Ian M. Fraser, Ph.D., Vice President for Academic and Research Affairs, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, California 92350, (909) 824-4542, email ifraser@ccmail.llu.edu (Internet), or FAX (909) 824-4577.

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A Modern Day Noah

by Nathaniel Hollis

The weatherman had not predicted rain. But, for six weeks it rained nonstop, and Calvin Watkins, South Atlantic's personal ministries director, found himself in the middle of a flood preaching the Word of God. For five weeks it rained, and rained and rained. The more it rained the harder he preached. The more it rained the more people kept coming to the meeting.

Many have said it was a meeting like they had never experienced before. With little money, but a supportive church behind the program, many were blessed, many were saved, and many received a second chance. It was an unorthodox meeting. A meeting that started at 7:30 p.m. every night and by 8:30 they were singing the closing song. There were no quizzes, no pictures on the screen, and rarely was an offering taken. The center of the meeting was the presentation of the Word of God. Many left saying they had never heard the Word made so plain.

There were two big tents erected side by side. In the center of the tent there was a large stage, and in the middle of the stage a big cross lying on the ground. Every night as Watkins preached, people came forward and surrendered their hearts to the Lord at the foot of the cross.

For 30 minutes, night after night, Watkins electrified the audience with the Bible, and with the simple way he made the Bible come alive.

It was because of the united efforts of the Maranatha church members and its officers that the Lord was able to pour out His spirit totally upon the meeting despite Watkins' efforts to coordinate the flood relief effort in Albany, Georgia. God was still able to bless both activities at the same time.

There were two interesting stories unfolding under the tent. Mona had been raised in a strict Muslim home. Someone on her job mentioned the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She visited, and as she sat under the tent night after night



Nathaniel Hollis (left), Calvin Watkins, and George Jenkins, Maranatha church first elder, coordinated activities under the tent.

Mona decided that this was it. She had finally found what she had been searching for. She could not find it in the Koran. She could not find it at the Muslim mosque, but she found it listening to the word of God under a tent and at the Maranatha church. She says she wants to get involved in community services.

Then there was a young lady named Tylandia who passed the meeting one night on her way to another tent that was not being conducted by an Adventist. That night she had planned to make her decision to join that church, but on her way, her car broke down in front of the tent and she heard Watkins. She came in and has never looked back.

She is now a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church all because her car broke down by chance, I think not. God stopped her car so that He could give her a new direction.

We thank God for His blessings and despite all of the obstacles, Watkins, Hollis, and the Maranatha church prevailed against the forces of evil and nature. There is no secret to what God can do.



Tylandia Gregory (left), worked closely with Elizabeth Rice, Bible worker, to learn more about Adventist truths.

One will never forget as Watkins made the call to come out of falsehood, and asked who would take up the cross and follow Jesus. The cross was placed on the shoulders of the local pastor, as Watkins instructed those who wanted to be on God's side to follow the cross. A long line of people filed behind the cross as the cross was carried on the shoulders of three men to the baptism sight where 130 souls were added to the church. At the conclusion of the meeting they were no longer calling Watkins by his name. They were calling Him Noah.

Last year during the most disastrous floods that have hit the Southwest in 50 years, St. Louis was literally almost covered by water. However, on a dry spot of land there in the middle of St. Louis, the same Calvin Watkins, on loan to the Central States Conference, preached for six weeks during the flood. At the conclusion, 265 were baptized.

Nathaniel Hollis is pastor of the Maranatha church in Atlanta, Georgia.

The tent was filled each night with eager listeners.



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REPORT FROM GENERAL CONFERENCE ANNUAL COUNCIL AND NAD YEAR-END MEETINGS

Many encouraging reports were shared regarding the progress of God's work around the world.

It is interesting to note that other denominations that grew out of the 1844 emphasis on the Second Coming are either dead or dying. However, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has now reached a membership of over eight million. An average of one person is baptized into the world church every 50 seconds.

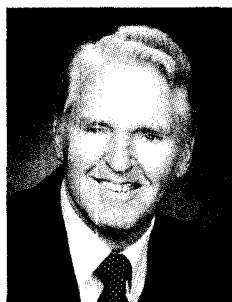
Much time was spent on the recommendations from the church's commission on reorganization. Earnest efforts are being made that will ensure the continued, strong growth of the church in the most effective and efficient manner.

Please look for a complete report of the Annual Council and division meetings in the *Review and Herald*.

Let's renew our determination to do our utmost in supporting God's last day message to a needy world.

AMAZING FACTS LOSES DIRECTOR AND SPEAKER

Joe Crews, director and speaker at Amazing Facts, Inc., passed away Monday, October 10, 1994, from a cerebral hemorrhage. He was 69 years old. He is widely known for his pastoral lead-



ership in the Florida, Texas, and Kentucky-Tennessee conferences, as well as his evangelism in India and Pakistan.

For the past 29 years, he has led Amazing Facts, and has authored 58 books and countless magazine articles. His 15-minute radio spots and half-hour television programs are heard and viewed on many stations across the nation and worldwide.

Under Joe's leadership, the fledgling ministry grew rapidly from a regional radio program to the multi-faceted ministry it is today. Amazing Facts radio and TV programs now air on 120 stations around the world. More than 13,000 students are enrolled in its 14-lesson Bible correspondence course. And 10 of its 33 full-time employees travel across the globe preaching the good news of a soon-coming Savior.

Although Joe's death was sudden and untimely, Amazing Facts will continue to operate at full capacity. Bill May has been named the ministry's interim director until a permanent replacement can be found. Bill May has been closely associated with Amazing Facts since its inception. As ministerial director for the Chesapeake Conference in 1965, he helped plan the program that became Amazing Facts and even helped select Joe Crews to develop that program. May also wrote the *Amazing Facts That Affect You* Bible lessons that have remained a hallmark of the ministry. That series has just been renamed *Amazing Facts Study Guides* and became available in its updated format in October.

In keeping with the wishes of the family, a memorial fund to help fund small church crusades has been set up for those who may wish to contribute.

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