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GOD IS EXCITED About M

by Ron Quick

hat is what the students at Mt. Pisgah Academy are hearing. GEM, as it is known at Pisgah Academy, is a new program created by the student association. Through this program, students will experience Christianity in action. Students can discuss questions and problems that affect their lives, and can receive help and support. The program is designed so students can meet new friends and have the opportunity to reach out to others. Most im-portant, however, **GEM** gives students the opportunity to really get to know God.

With programs such as GEM, is it any wonder that enrollment is at an all-time high? Mt. Pisgah Academy is experiencing a unique problem. They cannot accept any more students. "There simply isn't any more room," states Arne Nielsen, principal.

With increased enrollment and 75 percent of the students living in the dorms, the residence halls are now crowded. "We must use every room," exclaims boys' dean John Sager. "We are even using the quest rooms.

With a dorm full of young ladies,



The work/study program at Pisgah is popular with parents. Not only are students able to learn responsibility, they are also able to earn a good portion of their tuition. A favorite place to work is Pisgah Manor, a closeby nursing home facility.

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girls' dean Sandee Wright looks at the situation from the positive aspect. Having a full dorm teaches the girls how to work through their problems and concentrate more on getting along."

When asked the reason for the success at Pisgah, Nielsen doesn't hesitate, "We've made enrollment a matter of prayer." Prayer without a plan, however, isn't as effective as prayer with a plan. Success at Pisgah is a direct result of a very effective plan.

Over the past couple of years Pisgah Academy has focused on making the school as visible as possible. In the corporate world you would call this a "marketing plan"; at Pisgah it's simply getting on the road and letting everyone take a



Mount Pisgah Academy is nestled in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The peaceful countryside allow students to focus on the spiritual and academic goals set by the curriculum.

look at the positive programs Pisgah Academy is implementing. Holly Greer, chorale/marketing director, coordinates the travel itinerary of the various organizations. Included in these traveling organizations are: chorale, gymnastics, band, and the Circuit-Riders. Circuit-Riders are student preachers. These groups help increase the school's visibility to people who normally have no contact with the academy.

The alumni of Mount Pisgah have also played a large role in influencing young people to attend. "It's easy to promote Pisgah Academy," states an alumnus. "One can un-derstand why it is easy to promote. The national A.C.T. testing scores are decreasing across the state, while at Pisgah Academy the testing scores are progressively increasing.

Mount Pisgah Academy has played an active roll in foreign missions. Several students have traveled to various parts of the world to assist in mission work. As a direct result of their mission outreach, young people from five different nations attend the academy in the mountains of North Carolina.

Mount Pisgah Academy offers a program designed to enrich the life of any young person—spiritu-ally, intellectually, physically and socially. This blend has produced well-prepared college students since 1914.

Cover: "Christmas in Berrien Springs, Michigan." Pioneer Memorial church on the Andrews University campus has been chosen by ABC television as the site for its annual one-hour Christmas Eve service. See Action story on page 15. Photographer: Olson Perry.

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Because of the mission trips students have participated in, Pisgah Academy has become an international place of learning. Students from five different countries are represented: Alla Yakubchik from Moscow, Russia; and Lla Kiik, Helen Kohjus, and Johannes Lohmus from Estonia.



Tim Schroeder represents Germany, Chris Yang and Jung Guen are natives of Korea. Two other students are from Bagladesh where their parents are missionaries.

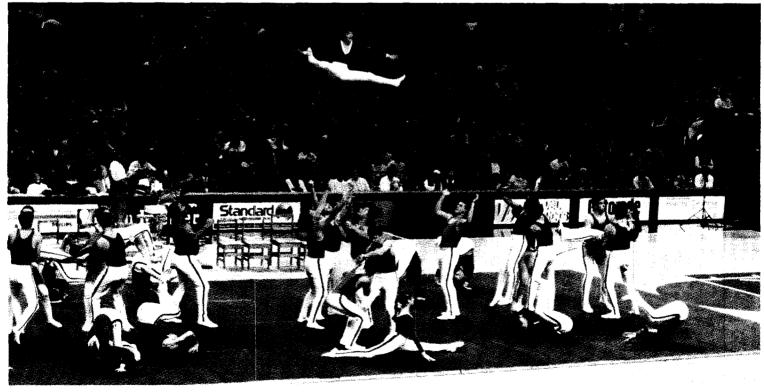


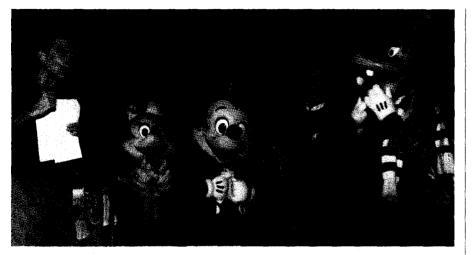
Discussing future activities with students Dawna Curren, Sukari Hooley, and Michael Baker are Arne Nielsen, principal, and Holly Greer, chorale director.



Advanced classes are available to prepare for college and careers in research and medicine.

The gymnastics team, one of the many traveling groups at Pisgah Academy, has been invited back again this year to perform at halftime during a Charlotte Hornets game. Last Christmas they were invited to perform in the Walt Disney Christmas parade in Orlando, Florida.





Disney characters and local television personalities are on hand to light the Lovelight trees at Florida Hospital Altamonte. Each light represents a love gift of \$10 to honor someone special. Over the past three years these trees have helped raise more than \$100,000 for the hospital's cancer institute.

canned food to help fill the shelves of the Second Harvest Food Bank. During the month-long campaign, departments vie with one another to donate the greatest number of cans per full-time employee. Department rewards for participation and enthusiasm are \$100 to spend for their Adopt-A-Family Christmas give money instead of food are encouraged to sign up for a payroll deduction at the checkout counter in the cafeteria of each Florida Hospital campus.

The 50 employees at the corporate office also select individuals to personally help each holiday season. Their projects have included outfitting triplets born to an unemployed couple, buying household items for a family whose home had burned, and getting a new wheelchair battery for a man

hristmas Comes

by Pat Benton



live nativity scene, hundreds of food baskets, gifts for children who would otherwise have no presents, caroling for hospital patients-the people of Adventist Health System Sunbelt (AHS, Sunbelt) celebrate the birth of Christ in many meaningful ways.

The Christmas season provides numerous opportunities for Adventist hospitals to publicly express our Christian mission," says Jane Allen, director of corporate communications. "As we share our belief in the first Advent, we also point to our hope of the Second Advent.

Manger Scene Recreated

Florida Hospital Waterman, Eustis, Florida, presents a "lively nativity" for its community. Against the backdrop of the hospital lighted with Christmas tree lights, the manger scene is recreated with live people and animals. The "Baby Jesus" lies in a manger authentic to the period-fastened together with wooden pegs. The hospital's engineering staff sculpted Wise Men and the Holy Family that are spotlighted on nights when the live nativity is not in place.

Waterman employees have also taken the spirit of Christmas into their hospital and into their hearts. Home health nurses select patients who need "adopting" and display their names on the "angel tree" in the main lobby. Employees add one of these to their own Christmas list. The gifts are delivered to homebound patients by home health nurses.

The psychiatric units are an important part of Park Ridge Hospital, Fletcher, North Carolina. Many of their young patients come from foster care and are admitted with only the clothing they are wearing. Psych staff enjoy buying and wrapping clothes and toys for these children, who would otherwise be overlooked at Christmas. Funding comes from an endowment, as well as donations from employees and the hospital.

"Joy in the Morning" Features Harpist

The December Joy in the Morning chapel service at Park Ridge traditionally features award-winning harpist Judy Wolter Bailey presenting Christmas music. Last year's worship service was particularly moving because Judy's husband, Royce Bailey, MD, had recently recovered from a serious illness. The Baileys shared their testimony and expressed gratitude for their Christian associates.

lt's not necessary to have snow drifts and frosty window panes to get into the spirit of giving. Staff at the AHS/Sunbelt office in Orlando participate in Florida Hospital's annual food drive.

The holiday season begins when the SHARE barrel is placed in the lobby," says one corporate employee.

This year's goal for Florida Hospital and the corporate office-1,000 pounds more than last year's total-is to collect six tons of



A Christmas tree in Kitty Seto Leon's Chinese restaurant has generated more than \$10.000 for Gordon Hospital. Ever since she came from Mainland China to Calhoun, Georgia, she has supported her local hospital.

with a disability.

Sunbelt Helps Students

For the past two years Sunbelt has assisted selected students at nearby Orlando Junior Academy. Last year after Christmas a mother shared how their gifts had been multiplied:

"Right before Christmas my daughter Kelly was given certificates for Toys R Us and the uniform shop. We were both thrilled with your gifts. She especially needed a few more uniform pieces to wear to school.

We went to Toys R Us to spend her gift certificate shortly before Christmas. Kelly decided there

wasn't anything at the moment that she needed. As we were heading out of the store, my two-year-old spotted a tricycle she liked and proceeded to ride it through the aisles crowded with shoppers. Kelly began grinning as she tugged on my sweater and proclaimed that she was going to buy that bike for her sissy.

"Your gift has doubled the joy of both my children. I wish you could have seen the smiles on both their faces as we left the toy store that day. Never had we had so much fun shopping. Thank you for making our special memories possible."





Set on a hill near Interstate 35, this Sunbelt hospital's Christmas message is clearly visible to passersby as well as to residents of the community of San Marcos, Texas.

ing, and riding on the floats. Last year Walker took first place in the commercial division for its initial entry in the Wauchula parade.

This year Walker employees are increasing their Christmas outreach. In addition to giving food baskets, Winn Dixie gift certificates, and decorated Christmas trees to families who would otherwise not have them, they've also set a goal of raising \$2,700 to help open a new women's shelter called God's Garden. Addicted mothers who commit to a year-long program of rehabilitation and education are allowed to keep their children with them at the shelter.

Decorations and Donations Combined

Several facilities combine decorations and donations into special

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holiday programs. Walker sponsors three Lovelight trees each year. People honor loved ones with lights on the tree—and donations to Lifeline. Last year's Lovelight Tree program raised \$25,000 for Lifeline, an around-the-clock personal response service for persons who might need special assistance in an emergency. Walker's Lifeline program helps nearly 300 persons.

The annual Lovelight Festival at Florida Hospital Altamonte features holiday music and entertainment, tons of man-made snow for children who may never have seen it, and Disney characters and refreshments. Huge outdoor trees covered with lights—each bulb representing a gift of \$10 to honor or remember someone special-are turned on for the first time of the season. During the past three years, the proceeds of the Love Light Festival have netted more than \$100,000 for the Walt Disney Memorial Cancer Institute (WDMCI) at Florida Hospital.

Another aspect of holiday lighting is Florida Hospital's fundraiser, Love Light Luminaries . . . Candles for a Cure. Individuals and neighborhoods throughout central Florida are invited to purchase luminaries from the Florida Hospital Foundation and light them on a specified night. Streets and yards throughout Orlando glow with candlelight that night. Since its inception three years ago, more than 50,000 candles have been lit and more than \$25,000 has been raised for WDMCI.

Tennessee Christian Medical Center (TCMC) in Madison, Tennessee, involves employees in decorating public areas for the holidays. The hospital provides bare trees and employees supply the creativity and decor. Trees are judged in three categories: religious, novelty, and traditional. Winning departments are honored with ribbons and a pizza party.

Helping Needy Children, Families

TCMC personnel also adopt needy children from nearby Neely's Bend Middle School. Departments provide food, clothes, and presents for their special children.

After years of presenting food baskets and gifts to needy neighbors, employees at Smyrna Hospital, located in a suburb of Atlanta, Georgia, discovered that within their employee family were people needing a boost at Christmas. They continue to give food baskets, clothing and toys, but also look within their own ranks for worthy recipients.

The Sights and Sounds of Christ-

mas is a project that involves the whole city of San Marcos, Texas. The first weekend of December the community participates in a threeday event featuring performances, displays, games, food, crafts, and music. The annual event is kicked off at Central Texas Medical Center, which is decorated with hundreds of tiny lights.

Hospital Receives Love Gift

Occasionally the tables are turned and a hospital is the recipient of a special Christmas love gift. Ever since she came from Mainland China to Calhoun, Georgia, Kitty Seto Leung has been raising money for Gordon Hospital.

"I supported my hospital in China," she says, "and I want to do the same in America."

Throughout the month of November the proprietor talks to each customer leaving The Great Wall restaurant. She invites them to put a gift for Gordon Hospital into an envelope on the tiny Christmas tree—or leave the change after paying their bill. She promises to match each dollar donated.

Over the years Gordon Hospital has received more than \$10,000 from the fund. With money from Miss. Kitty's tree, the hospital has furnished a special area in the emergency department where families can have peace and privacy during times of great stress.

Although she does not come from a Christian background, Miss. Kitty shows us that the key to celebrating Christmas is giving ... from a heart overflowing with love.

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As Adventist hospitals share their belief in the first Advent, they point to their hope of the Second Advent. Nativity scenes such as this one express the hospital's Christian heritage and mission.



"Pursuing His Presence"

by Gail McKenzie

omen's Ministry is a title that has become familiar to many people across the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. This was especially true the weekend of September 30 to October 2, when more than 250 women found their way to Indian Creek Camp for the annual Women's Ministry retreat.

Words cannot describe the many spiritual blessings that were gained, the new acquaintances made, and the genuine joy found in fellowshiping with one another. Even the men in some churches found a way to be involved. When the 25 ladies of the Louisville St. Matthews church left for the retreat, their pastor, Jack Nash, surprised them with a picture-taking session amidst flowers and music. He even sent with them buckets of flowers to display on the front porch of their cabins at Indian Creek. Now, that's a send-off.



Dorothy Eaton Watts, the guest speaker for the weekend, made four presentations under the title, "Pursuing His Presence." Teresa Thompson, from the Nashville First church, expressed Watts's

expressed Watts's powerul influence: "She opened our hearts and our minds to God's Word through stories of personal experience, written exercises, and humor."

Her ability to communicate and involve everyone in small groups was evident as the weekend progressed. There was even an opportunity to choose a rock that we thought resembled ourselves. The discussion that followed was interesting.

Sabbath vespers was a special ceremony at the campfire bowl. Every woman was given a piece of incense. After a reflection on the meaning of the Altar of Incense, each woman came forward in prayer and placed her incense in the fire. Then, a circle was formed joining hands, watching the smoke rise as each woman prayed audibly. After a song a "grug" was shared, which in camp language means "group hug."

A fashion show was conducted Saturday night after sundown. Local talent participated in the show, under the direction of Diana Schindler of J. C. Penney's. Before the show, Diana illustrated that fashion is the frame that enhances the picture, but the picture is still the most precious and important thing.

Good-bye's were hard to say on Sunday morning, and most ladies added: "See you next year."

One husband confided that he had encouraged his wife to attend the retreat because she was hesitant to attend. She returned home declaring that she would never miss another one. Many first-timers commented that they hadn't known what to expect, but were not going to miss attending another retreat.

Besides the annual retreat, there are many other women's ministry activities sponsored and provided locally by individual churches. Some of these include a one-day area retreat at the Memphis First church. With a variety of topics and speakers they have not only been witnessing to the women of their church, but the men are also invited to many of the activities. St. Matthews recently held an apartment warming for a new teacher that had come to their school. Louisville First church has had a grief seminar, a divorce decision video, and strengthening your grip video series by Charles Swindoll.



A Christmas theme was used for decorating Indian Creek Camp facilities.

At the Ridgetop church a marriage seminar is planned for March. In Manchester, Kentucky, there is a Bible study group with four nonmembers attending and two nonmembers attending the women's Sabbath school class. Whitehouse has reclaimed one woman as a result of their prayer breakfasts. And at the Boulevard church one member has been reclaimed and is attending a ladies' Sabbath school class.

This is only a sample of how the Holy Spirit is using women to claim and reclaim souls, and the building up of the body of Christ. Truly we can all say "How Beautiful Is the Body of Christ."

Gail McKenzie is a member of the Madison, Tennessee, Campus church.



A group of the ladies at the Campfire Bowl vesper service.



Brenda Burney reading the Scripture. Eddie Baker delivered some words of encouragement.

by Lester Rennard

n Sabbath afternoons the parking lot of the Atlanta Metro church becomes the rendezvous for a group of members. They join hands and pray for God's protection as they go into the city to share both temporal "bread" and the "Bread of Life" with some of Atlanta's displaced residents.

This project started July 1989 by Pearl Driver, Tonia Hosey, and Leonard Lumpford. Originally only sandwiches were served from the trunk of a car, and Christian literature was given to several homeless people within the heart of downtown Atlanta. Dubbed The Sandwich Outreach, the program attracted more helpers who shared their time and limited resources.

The program is now officially the Inner City Ministry of the Atlanta Metro church. Financial support includes church funds for literature and a \$2,500 cash grant from the North American Division for purchasing food. Local grocery stores contribute to the menu needs which has expanded from sandwiches to a full meal for 300-400 people each Sabbath afternoon. Facilities for serving the food are provided by the Atlanta Union Mission, a social service organization that serves many homeless.

The purpose is more than just serving food to those in need. The Atlanta Metro members also desire to share the love of Jesus Christ with men and women who are in desperate need of hope. Music, testimonies, and a message from God's Word is shared with the group of homeless people as they gather for the meal.

When the Los Angeles riots spilled over to Atlanta, the Inner City team was serving meals and conducting Bible studies. The team was told

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"I Was Hungry and You Gave Me..."

by some of those served that they would not allow the riot to upset the program because "people like you show us so much love we don't need to join in the riot." These individuals of the Atlanta streets have seen love in action from the representatives of the Atlanta Metro church, that has long been a multiracial and multicultural fellowship, and they are impressed.

Many of the homeless and unemployed being helped have indicated that for the first time in their lives they are experiencing the warmth of genuine Christian love in action. Recently, a man in a suit approached Lumpford. He did not recognize the man. The man told him that on the weekend of Mother's Day he came to get some food. He had given his mother a bad time, had left her and was homeless, drunk and destitute. Leonard gave him a hug and encouraged him to contact his mother. Because of that encouragement he reunited with his mother and started a turn around in his life. He has quit drinking and now has a job.

Several are enrolled in a weekly Bible study class to learn of the Gospel which brings freedom from sin and the joy that only a personal relationship with Christ can offer. Eight individuals



Atlanta Metro Inner City Team preparing the table.

have now been baptized.

Several challenges include needed facilities for Bible studies after each Sabbath meal and a van to transport food and staff to feeding locations. Even with all the rewards and challenges, the Atlanta Metro church members still receive a blessing as they minister to others.

Lester Rennard is a member of the Atlanta Metro church.

Leonard Lumpford preparing to start the serving line from back of the car.





CAROLINA

Willow Koerber is a 16-year-old junior at Mount Pisgah Academy. She lives in Hendersonville, N.C., with her family. Willow recently competed at the World Championship for mountain biking



in Vale, Colo. This was a 15mile race at the Vale Ski Resort over rough, steep, mountainous terrain. The high elevation was as much of a challenge as the terrain. Willow raced in the Junior Division and finished seventh overall. She was the first American to finish the competition. With her excellent placing, Willow drew much attention from the media. She was interviewed for an article in Insight magazine and Velo-News, a mountain-biking magazine. She is also hoping to receive some endorsements in the future. Willow started biking approximately one year ago. After entering several national racing events, she quickly gained the respect of the biking coaches, even though she did not have a coach of her own. She was encouraged by them to enter the qualifying race for the World Championship races, but she politely declined since the competition would be held on Sabbath. However, the coaches for the International team were able to pick one competitor to enter the race without qualifying and Willow was their choice. She did not disappoint them. Willow now has a sponsor and coach to help her train for the International competition to be held in Germany next year. Willow's training routine includes riding her bike five times a week for 15-40 miles at a time and running five miles once or twice per week. Willow plans to continue to share her faith and is thankful the Lord has blessed her and given her this opportunity to witness for Him.

FLORIDA

Teale Schier, six, of St. Petersburg, was crowned Gulf-



A Utopian **Society**

Nancy Raymond has a dream of a utopian society in which everyone loves everyone, regardless of race, nationality, handicaps or other factors. But taking a good, long look at the way Nancy of Portland, Tenn., lives her life, makes this impossible scenario possible.

A real "jack-of-all trades," Raymond centers her life around helping and giving to others. She belongs to several organizations that center around of Portland (of which she is the direc-tor), United Way, the Portland CARES Board, and a Red Cross volunteer. Along with these organizations, Raymond is a certified swimming instructor, a nurse, and a First Aid and CPR teacher.

But the list does not end there. She also takes in injured and abandoned animals, nurses them back to health and raises them. She further houses physically and mentally challenged children and cares for them

With quite a list of outstanding ser-vices, Raymond remains humble. "When you are busy doing for someone else, you don't have time to think of your-self and be selfish," she said.

Raymond graduated from Highland Academy, then went to Southern College where she received a degree in special education and nursing. Raymond next attended Madison College. After college, in 1963, she moved back to Portland. Later, she left for 10 more years-spending time in Guam doing service work and taking in children as a foster parent. During a 30-year span, she has had about 50 foster children, some in the United States.

In 1983, Nancy started a summer day camp for physically and mentally challenged young people. The special camp-ing program began with 17 campers. By 1990, there were 50 campers coming every summer. Nancy serves as the director of this special camp program. As an individual who devotes her

time to helping others, Raymond said it can be a challenge.

Everything I do is a challenge," she said, "but nothing ever stops me from getting what I want. I will go over it,



port Junior Princess. Teale truly believes she won the contest because of her answer to the question of who she admired most. Teale promptly answered, "Jesus."

Judging was based on poise, personality, attire, natural beauty, and the way each contestant answered questions. Participating with 75 other children ages five to seven, Teale walked the runway and waved to the crowd, while the master of ceremonies read her biographical sketch.

Rowena



Rogers, a member of the Clermont church, was recently recognized as one of Adventist Laymen Services and Industries' (ASI) special

honorees for their first Women's Achievement Awards. ASI, in cooperation with the General Conference and North American Division offices of women's ministries, honored an ASI woman from each of the nine unions in North America. An awards luncheon, held in Dallas August 12, featured women from around the country who excelled in their profession, community, church, and family. Rogers is assistant director of nursing at Lake Highlands Retirement and Nursing Center in Clermont. She has received several honors and awards from the Florida Health Care Association and the American Nurses Association. A 30year member of ASI, Rogers has most recently designed and created a new ministry for patients in hospitals and nursing homes throughout the nation, a tape ministry through music, and the spoken word.

Lillian Hagen is one of a select five percent of the nation's teachers to be selected for inclusion in Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 1994. Hagen developed the first kindergarten for Orlando Junior



Academy and also taught at Tampa Junior Academy. Presently she is teaching second grade at Forest Lake Elementary Educational Center (FLEEC). Teacher selection for Who's



Who was based on student recommendations. The only students eligible to make a nomination are those who themselves have been cited for academic excellence in Who's Who Among High School Students or The National Dean's List. Former FLEEC student Rhilma Villanueva made the nomination.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

The Board of Directors of White Oak Mountain Broadcasting Association (WOMBA) invited Blake Hauge to become its station manager effective in October. This is a full time position



with the responsibilities for operation of the station's television equipment in accordance with the FCC licenses; and for securing, developing, and presenting programming in accordance with the directives provided by the Board of Directors. Blake received his Bachelor of Science degree in mass communication (Major in journalism/radio/TV) from Murray State University in Murray, Ky. He is a member of the Ooltewah church.

GULF STATES

Don Harvey, a teacher at Bass Memorial Academy, has been awarded national teacher certification in biology from the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA). Harvey was one of



18 teachers recognized this year for his dedication to and experience in science education. Since the inception

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around it, and up it. If the door closes,

then I find an open window." Even with an attitude of pure spunk, Raymond said she has to give credit to her family for their support and love, especially her husband.

"He is real laid back and always at my side," she said. "I really appreciate him for that.

Raymond teased that her husband has threatened to leave her several times because of the constant new members which have become a welcomed addition to their household.

"He has told me that if I bring one more dog here, I'm leaving home," Raymond laughed. "But he is only joking, because he never does."

Family is not the only thing that keeps Raymond going. She also takes good care of her health. Raymond, who is a nutritionist, works with herbs and other natural elements rather than exploiting her body with lots of medicines. It has been a 35-year streak of service and volunteering work for Raymond.

She said she gets a great deal of satisfaction out of everything she does.

"I have a great husband, children, and grandchildren," she said. "The and grandchildren," she said. "The reward is at the end of each day, and being alive the next day. I also find a hug at the end of each day is reward enough.

R. Dawn Rutledge



Miracle in Montgomery

In April, it looked like Johanne Kittle of the Montgomery First, Ala., church would have to issue 60-day layoff notices to about 30 employees (about 1/3 of her staff). The prayer ministry at church was praying for God to work. Kittle listened to the Bible on the way to work and Il Kings 7 really had meaning for her. The miracle that God worked for Israel seemed like what was needed. Kittle told one of her co-workers, Ben, this is what was needed and that a solution was being prayed for. Another company told Kittle that they

could use all the people that were employed and that the work could be

of the certification program in 1987, NSTA has granted certification to more than 435 highly qualified science teachers across the country. Harvey is one of six teachers in Mississippi to receive NSTA certification during the past seven vears.

SOUTH CENTRAL



Angela Henry has been named senior internal auditor of Oak Ridge Associated Universities. In this position, Henry will plan and conduct financial and

compliance, performance, and internal control audits of ORAU's operations. From 1991 until joining ORAU, Henry was a legislative auditor with the comptroller of the treasury, Department of Audit, for the State of Tennessee. Before that, from 1984 to 1986, Henry was a medical records manager at Florida Living Nursing Center in Apopka, Fla. Established in 1946, Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) is a private, not-for-profit corporation and a consortium of 82 doctoralgranting colleges and universities. Henry is a member of the College Hill church in Knoxville, Tenn.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE



Juliatte Phillips, chairperson in the social work department, has been invited to serve on the Masters of Social Work Advisor Board for the newly established

Graduate Social Work Program at Alabama A&M University. Phillips, a very active and involved member of the Huntsville and Northern Alabama community, was highly recommended as an excellent prospective board member.

PROFILES



Robert F. Edwards, M.Div., enrollment management director, has replaced Trevor Fraser, now vice president for student services. Edwards received a BA in

1982 from Oakwood College, and the M.Div. from Andrews University in 1987.



The new director of the Counseling and Development Center at Alabama A&M University is **Mavis (Braxton) Bailey,** an Oakwood College social work graduate who com-

pleted graduate work at San Diego State University. The licensed clinical social worker believes her small three-person staff can help students overcome their personal problems, especially when hardships pose problems to study. Bailey said the Center is an important link in the chain that helps students to become wellrounded individuals.

SOUTHERN COLLEGE

Lorella Crago Howard

has rejoined Southern College faculty this fall as an associate professor of nursing. She served as an instructor and assistant professor of nursing from 1970 to 1984. In 1984, Howard went to East Tennessee State University as an assistant professor of nursing. Seven years later, she put her skills into action as the senior primary nurse at Johnson City Medical Hospital in Johnson City, Tenn. After three years, the educational system won the tug-of-war for Howard, and she became an assistant professor of nursing at Milligan College in Milligan, Tenn., in the spring of 1994. Howard's husband, Larry, is a physician, and they have three children, ages 10, 12, and 16.

done in Montgomery. Kittle had an "allhands" meeting and told the entire team about the offer. She told them about listening to the Bible and praying for a miracle and that God had answered the prayer. Kittle gave them the option to leave since she did not want to impose her beliefs on anyone; that she believes in freedom of religion and since she was going to tell a Bible story, Kittle wanted them to have the option to leave. No one left.

This is the story she told. The famine in Israel was so severe that food was selling for a fortune, but Elisha predicted the next day a seah of flour would sell for a shekel. There was no way anyone could see how this could happen, just like Kittle could see no way to keep the staff in place. Four lepers went to the enemy camp because they figured anything was better than just hanging around to die. But when they got there, the enemy was gone. God made it seem like chariots were coming and the enemy ran away in fear, leaving all their food. The lepers brought the news back to Israel and Elisha's prediction came true. Just like God providing for Israel, He had provided a solution for Kittle.

One of the persons told the story to his Sunday school class. He told the class how he felt about working for someone who was a Christian that would stand up and tell what she believes. Another person said her mother's prayer group was also praying for a new contract for the company. Kittle's experience has opened doors to witness on her job.

However, the new work has NOT materialized. It got delayed. In the meantime, another option has opened and it appears the current work will be extended for a year. There is still one authorization necessary and she is praying for a resolution on it. Kittle still believes what happened was a miracle. It enabled management to take the risk and not issue the notices. If the notices had been issued, there would have been a mass exodus and the current work could not have been completed. The second option would not have been a possibility. Kittle praises the Holy Spirit for giv-

Kittle praises the Holy Spirit for giving her the power to witness for God. She never would have been able to stand up before 90 people and tell of God without the Holy Spirit. She only recently has been strong enough in the Lord to do this, having been a Christian for less than five years. She thanks her pastor, Jerry Arnold, for helping her to grow strong enough to witness for God in public and to learn to praise God in her trials. Kittle thanks God for letting her know that He can be with her no matter what happens. She also thanks God for her friend, Brigette Bartells in Melbourne, Fla., who prayed Kittle and her husband into the church.

Johanne and her husband, Bill, are actively teaching an adult Sabbath school class besides directing an outreach ministry to inactive members. Sharryn Mahorney

Jeanette Stepanske

presented "When Children Learn, Instructional Strategies that Improve Thinking and Learning" at the Trans-European Teachers' Convention at Vejlefjordskolan, Denmark, July 27-31. The conference, held every five years, is for elementary teachers at Seventh-day Adventist schools in the Trans-European Division.

Dan Rozell has been appointed to a two-year term with the Education Committee of the National Association of Nursing Home Administrators. Dan will be helping coordinate the onsite visits to accredit more than 100 long-term health care programs across the United States.

David Gerstle assumed the duties of assistant professor of nursing July 1. Gerstle, who was born in Houston, Texas, received his master's degree from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1993. His clinical background is in orthopedics and general pediatrics. From 1989 to 1994, he was the director of medical-surgical services at Huguley Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas.

Carolyn Achata is the new assistant professor in public and community health nursing. Achata received her bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Miami in 1967. She spent nearly 20 years working in the Communicable Disease Program of the Tennessee Department of Health.

Assistant Professor of Business **Lisa Gano** is one of six new faculty members at Southern this year. Gano graduated from Southern in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in business administration, accounting. She went on to earn her master's degree in accounting, financial/ auditing, from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in August 1992.

DIRECTIONS

Carolina

THE FAYETTEVILLE, N.C., CHURCH HAS BEEN EXPERIENCING GROWTH THROUGH FAMILY WITNESSING. Lorna King and Ray Hymbaugh were added to the church family as a direct result of the witness of a family member. Hymbaugh, in a similar way, came to know Jesus by the effective witness of his wife, Christina. The family began attending the Fayetteville church and became actively involved. As Hymbaugh experienced the love and nurture of the members and the pastors, he began Bible studies and is now a baptized member.

Students at the Waynesville, N.C., school have created a new student called GEORGE. George is a skeleton they created from homemade playdough during their science class. Students also traced themselves on paper, filling in their bones and labeling them accordinaly

The Columbia, S.C., church found the importance of group involvement during the **ELDER'S CRUSADE** held in October. Besides the four individuals who were studying for baptism, the church mem-bers became excited. The elders presented a crusade which encompassed 13

Thirty individuals are taking Bible studies because of a GREAT CONTROVERSY PROJECT conducted by the Interlachen company. Members sent 3,000 postcards to area homes offering a free copy of the book along with a complimentary Bible study. The Port Charlotte church community ser-

vices department recently joined forces with postal service of Charlotte County, in a FOOD DRIVE FOR THE HUNGRY. People were asked to leave nonperishable food items by their mailboxes to be picked up by local postmen. Nearly 50 tons of food was col-lected and distributed to churches and food banks throughout the Port Charlotte area.

The St. Petersburg church recently held a COMMUNITY SERVICES VOLUNTEERISM PRO-**GRAM** to foster greater community commit-ment among members. Representatives from area St. Petersburg organizations, including Hospice Florida Suncoast, Bayfront Medical Center Hospital, and Majestic Towers Health Center, attended and spoke on their need for volunteer help. As a result, church members are now involved in these and other commu-

nity organizations. The Brandon church kindergarten class is sponsoring two children in the FREE AFRI-AN CHILDREN THROUGH EDUCATION (FACE) PROGRAM as a missionary project. FACE is an organization which uses sponsorship monies to provide better educational opportunities for African youth. The class has collected more than half towards their goal of \$60. They've also given their adoptees a subscrip-tion to Our Little Friend.

The issue of SPOUSE ABUSE drew 40 people to a special vesper program at the South Orlando church, October 15. Terri Sullivan, volunteer coordinator of Spouse Abuse, Inc., was the featured speaker.

Deltona church members made a difference in their community by participating in a **PAINT YOUR HEART OUT DAY.** The event, orga-

evenings and one Sabbath morning. The Raleigh, N.C., church celebrated its third annual HOMECOMING SABBATH. The special day focused on encouraging former members to return to their church family.

Mount Pisgah Academy held its annual FALL YOUTH RALLY October 14-15. Approximately 400 youth attended the rally which featured LeClare Litchfield from Georgia-Cumberland Academy

Approximately 250 miles east of Mount Pisgah Academy, the Raleigh church also hosted a YOUTH RALLY the weekend of October 14-15 which included 65 youth. The day's events, which were planned primarily by the youth of the church, included skits, choruses, an Agape feast, music by Outrageous Joy, and an evening at the local YMCA for basketball and volley ball

The Carolina Conference health and temperance department hosted its annual **HEALTH** EMPHASIS WEEK OCTOBER 22-29. Emphaaware of a healthy lifestyle; the elementary school temperance poster and essay contest; and the Red Ribbon Campaign as a time to show intolerance to alcohol and drugs.

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nized by the Deltona Municipal Services District, involved area churches and businesses in an effort to spruce up homes of the area's elderly and poor. As a result, 20 houses were

cleaned and painted. The New Port Richey church **COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER**, in a recent two-month period, has served 221 people. Food was distributed to 48 families. More than 421 pieces of clothing and 248 pieces of literature were distributed

THIRTY HOMELESS PEOPLE WERE FED at a recent feeding coordinated by the Clearwater Pathfinder club. Members handed out bags filled with fruit, snacks, and sandwiches. The feeding was part of the church's street ministry program.

wenty-three couples attended a MARRIAGE **COMMITMENT SEMINAR** at Camp Kulaqua, October 7-9. Helping Good Marriages To Be Better was the weekend's theme. The event was sponsored by the conference's family life department.

Ninety-two individuals registered for the an-nual state-wide CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES CON-VENTION at Camp Kulaqua, October 21-23. The meetings were sponsored by the conference's children's ministries department.

Attendance averaged 100 each night at a GOOD NEWS SEMINAR presented by the Melbourne church, October 15-22. Topics included: Who Was Jesus Christ?; Is It Pos-sible to Really Stop Sinning?; and The Second Coming of Christ—Is It For Real?

Immune System Destroyers and Immune System Builders were among the topics disussed at a recent HEALTH EMPHASIS WEEK-**END** conducted by the South Orlando church. Forty-five attended the event which ended with a cooking school. The Markham Woods church is **BUILDING**

BRIDGES TO THE COMMUNITY by being a member of the South Seminole Christian Sharing Center in Longwood, Fla. The center is com

prised of area churches of all faiths that pool their resources to feed and clothe the needy. Markham Woods donates \$100 a month to

Georgia-Cumberland

THE DUNLAP, TENN., CHURCH MEMBERS RENOVATED THEIR CHURCH this past sumdrapes, ceiling fans, and a new P.A. system. system. The church school was also extended to make room for more kindergarten and first grade students. Most of the work was done by church members

The Dunlap church recently sponsored a **SOUP AND SALAD SOCIAL** at the home of Charles Graves. It was a surprise party for J. P. Lewis' 80th birthday.

The Collegedale church ended A MONTH-LONG CELEBRATION OF THE SECOND AD-VENT. Gary Patterson presented the worship service by clarifying the real signs of Christ's coming. In the afternoon a concert was performed by Faith Esham and Larry Blackv

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND ACADEMY HAS ADDED THREE REMEDIAL CLASSES to as-

sist students with specific learning needs. **CONFERENCE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT** for the 94-95 year is 2,598 students in 60 schools. Georgia-Cumberland now has 22 kindergarten programs.

Atlanta Adventist Academy students are participating in a **MONTHLY COMMUNITY SER-VICE PROJECT** which includes cleaning trash from two roads and an exit ramp close to the school, a Big Brother/Big Sister helping younger students with reading, and Meals on Wheels

Gulf States

The Anniston, Ala., Adventurers and Path-finders **DISTRIBUTED PAPER BAGS FOR** CANNED GOODS instead of collecting for candy on Halloween.

Dan Whitlow, pastor of the Anniston, Ala. church, is teaching the **GOSPEL WORKERS**' **BIBLE STUDY.** The students are involved in

90 Bible studies with many nonmembers. Central church in Huntsville WELCOMED THREE NEW CHURCH FAMILY MEMBERS in by baptism on October 1. They were: Rachel Bostic, Sandra Edwards, and Kim Turnage

The Gadsden, Ala., church had a KIDS' FEST **'94** the end of October, inviting church and neighborhood children who attended VBS. There were games, relay races, a hot dog supper, and lots of fun.

The Jackson, Ala., church, with 28 members, recently BAPTIZED NINE PEOPLE. Most of these new converts were contacted through Bible studies.

The Jackson, Ala., church is in the process of **STARTING A PATHFINDER ORGANIZATION.** Jackson, Ala., church is holding a SHARING

101 CLASS FOR GOSPEL WORKERS. Dan Houghtaling, pastor, is leading the class and teaching the students how to give Bible studies. The class is now in its sixth week

Carl Wilkens, ADRA director for Rwanda, and his wife, were guests in the Florence, Ala., church to share their **INCREDIBLE STORY OF** COURAGE AND HEROISM IN THE MIDST OF RWANDA'S CIVIL WAR. Wilkins sent his wife and children out of the country while he stayed on to minister amongst the crossfired nation. The family is now anxious to return to their

the center and twice each year conducts a food drive to help restock the center's food shelves.

for older people in the community. The students also do odd jobs for the individuals in the Meals on Wheels program. Students also help feed the homeless by each bringing food, prepared at home, for approximately six individuals

A TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND SQUARE FOOT BUILDING HAS BEEN APPROVED as an addition for Georgia-Cumberland Academy industry. Currently, there are six industries which employee an average of 80 students.

The October conference committee voted to participate in a 1995 PILOT PROJECT FOR **INGATHERING** that will focus on specific local projects and potentially provide additional options for the traditional lngathering program. YOUTH BAPTISMAL DAY has been set for

March 18, 1995. Churches are encouraged to coordinate evangelism, weeks of prayer, and

baptismal classes to precede this event. The 1994-95 Pathfinder year is following the theme **PATHFINDER FEST—BUILDING MEMORIES FOR ETERNITY.** The bulletin cover was designed by Trudibeth Bennett, a ninth grader who is a teen Pathfinder in the Deer Lodge Pathfinder club.

The Heritage Academy church (the newly relocated Little Creek Academy), and a Marietta Korean church have been authorized by the conference committee to ORGANIZE AS CHURCHES.

Rwandan home.

The women of the University Parkway church, Pensacola, Fla., hosted a **WOMEN'S RETREAT** in the church sanctuary on Sabbath morning, while the men and children had special meetings in the gymnasium. The weekend guest speaker was Ramona Perez Greek with a theme of The Unique Woman. An afternoon seminar on How to Become a Unique Woman was followed by a concert by Ann Shaw of Panama City, Fla.

Lower grade students from Mobile Junior Academy performed A MUSICAL PROGRAM, CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS, for the residents

at Gordan Oaks Retirement Center. The Women's Ministry of the University A CAR CLINIC FOR WOMEN. Nationally known automotive expert and Pensacola's own Bobby Likis was the guest. Likis hosts a nationally syndicated weekly radio broadcast in 12 states answering questions from call-in listeners. He advised the women to know their car, buy and read the manual, only take it to a reputable mechanic and by all means, get a second opinion if not happy with the first. Above all else, regular maintenance should be every car

owner's number one priority. The Montgomery First, Ala., church manned a **BOOTH AT THE SOUTH ALABAMA STATE** FAIR under the direction of Betty Gearhart. Many members were involved with various aspects of the booth, including the Pathfinders. Montgomery First has a positive reputation for giving free blood pressure checks and computerized health age screenings.

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James Mangum of Amazing Facts, joined with Steve Rose, pastor of the Ridgetop church, for an EVANGELISTIC SERIES that started September 16 and ended October 15. Vernon Young, a layman of the Lexington church,

joined with the pastor, Gordon Paxton, in con-ducting an **EVANGELISTIC SERIES** in the Lex-Ington church during August and September. THE CONFERENCE LITERATURE EVANGEL-

IST'S FALL CAMPOUT took place October 7-9. There were new literature evangelists at the retreat who have just recently been added to the staff. There was an excellent spirit and a growing success for the literature work. David Haugsted is the publishing director. THE WOMEN'S MINISTRIES RETREAT took

BAPTISMS FOR THE FIRST THREE QUAR-TERS TOTAL 478. Since 1990, this confer-

JEANE KIRKPATRICK, FORMER U.S. AM-BASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, WAS THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER at a benefit dinner Oct. 25, by the Tennessee Christian Medical Center Foundation, Madison.

THE LARGEST GIFT EVER RECEIVED BY THE FLORIDA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION, \$2.6 MILLION, will be divided equally between the Walt Disney Memorial Cancer Institute and Florida Hospital's AIDS education and research program.

IN HONOR OF FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, Florida Hospital Waterman, Eustis, Fla., matched funds raised by physicians and employees to give fire detectors to households in the community without them

HOSPITAL APPRECIATION DAY gave residents of Wauchula, Fla., a look at services offered at their local hospital, which became a satellite of Walker Memorial Medical Center, Avon Park, in 1993. The event sponsored by the Walker Memorial/Wauchula Foundation helped raise funds for a new emergency entrance

EMPLOYEES OF FLORIDA HOSPITAL'S RES-

Norman Gulley's fourth senior SABBATH SCHOOL QUARTERLY manuscript has been accepted by the General Conference. The quarterly covers five pillar doctrines of the church (Sabbath, Sanctuary, Second Advent, State of the Dead, and Spirit of Prophecy). It is scheduled for the third quarter of 1996

MARVIN ROBERTSON'S ARTICLE ARE MUSIC CHOICES REALLY IMPORTANT? is featured in the latest issue of College and University *Dialogue.* This magazine is published by the General Conference education department. It is printed in English, French, Spanish, and Portuguese and is read by more than 20,000 students.

Bobbie Jane and Leo Van Dolson are putting the final touches on the third edition of the SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST ENCYCLOPE-DIA, VOLUME 10 OF THE COMMENTARY SET. The last revision was 19 years ago, and the Kentucky-Tennessee

place at Indian Creek Camp the weekend of September 30. Dorothy Eaton Watts, lecturer and author from British Columbia, was the guest speaker. The theme was Experiencing the Presence of Christ. The attendance was the largest in the conference, according to Helen Boskind, director.

Connie Jordan, a sixth-grade teacher at the Lexington church, has won the **KENTUCKY TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD.** Four people were **BAPTIZED** July 23 by Chuck Williams, pastor of the Grove/Winches-

ter/Richmond Kentucky district. The baptism was conducted at the annual Grove church youth picnic held at Cumberland Falls river in Kentucky.

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ence has averaged 1,000 plus baptisms per

year.

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PIRATORY CARE DEPARTMENT WALKED. SKATED, AND CYCLED to raise almost \$600 to help finish a nurturing center for homeless families in Orlando. This was one of several events the department's 210 employees participated in during Respiratory Care Week, Oct. 2 - 8

NEARLY 70 PASTORS AND LAITY FROM 21 CHURCHES ATTENDED THE SECOND CON-FERENCE FOR CLERGY, Oct. 20, sponsored by Florida Hospital Waterman, Eustis, Fla. Chet Damron, chaplain at Volusia Medical Center, Orange City, spoke on Pastoral Care in Times of Crisis. All participants in the conference, which was held at the Mount Dora Church, are

involved in ministry to the sick at Waterman. MORE THAN 800 WOMEN ATTENDED THE EIGHTH ANNUAL WOMEN'S PRAYER CEL-EBRATION sponsored by the Center for Women's Medicine at Florida Hospital. The event focused on the art of listening and the theme, Open Our Minds to Listen; Open our Hearts to Hear. Each woman received a tape of music and readings as a memento of the evening.

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growth and changes in the church are more than impressive—they are miraculous. One small but typical example: In 1973, Mozambique had 44 churches and 44,000 members. In 1993, there were 473 churches and 79,000 members

George Babcock gave the keynote address at the beginning of the **FLORIDA CONFER**-ENCE TEACHERS CONVENTION held at Camp Kulaqua, September 25 to 28. Approximately 325 teachers, principals, and school board chairs attended. His address was entitled Put Up Your Periscope and encouraged teachers to look beyond the walls of their classrooms into the lives of their students.

Wilma McClarty has been asked permission by the Illinois Speech and Theater Association to reproduce her article AUDIENCE ANALY-SIS: GO AND TELL, which originally appeared in the fall 1993 issue of Speech Communication Teacher.

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"Adopted" Southeast Asia Union Gets Three Churches

Southern Union— Harbert Hills Academy and the Seventh-day Adventist church in Savannah, Tenn., recently coordinated the Southern Union ASI Chapter's mission project to construct churches in northeast Thailand.

In addition to ASI funds, many private donors and several area churches helped to finance this project. These included the Adamsville, Paris, and Lawrenceburg, Tenn., churches, as well as the Shoals church in Florence, Ala. Academy students earned money by cutting firewood and building ramps for the handicapped. The original plan was to build one church; however, the end result was the construction of three new churches.

For the past six years, the juniorsenior class at Harbert Hills Academy has participated in a mission project for their class trip. This time the students, along with their sponsors and several other individuals, headed for the opposite side of the world.

In Na Pong Pone the group worked in 100-degree temperatures and high humidity to complete church number one. Some in the group held clinics during the day, where approximately 230 people were treated. In the evenings, a series of evangelistic meetings were conducted by Gilbert Floyd and his translator, Pairote Phookchit. The meetings were first held outside; then they met inside the church as it neared completion. At the closing meeting more than 80 people were present to hear the gospel message.

Meanwhile, a second church was being built by local, hired labor in Pak Choom, a rough twohour drive away. On the Sabbath before the group's departure they witnessed the dedication of the two churches.

After completing these two churches, money was left over. The remaining monies, combined with an additional donation from Marvin and Faye McColpin, ASI members who were along with the group, was enough for the Thailand Mission to build one more church.

Thailand is currently wide open to the gospel. The Thailand Mission has very limited resources, but they do have a new college operating, though only partially completed, where ministers, teachers, and administrators are being trained. These workers are desperately needed.

During the Southern Union ASI Chapter Convention at Cohutta Springs Adventist Center earlier this year, Louie Dickman, president of the ASI Chapter, gave a glowing report at Sabbath school of this special mission trip. All of the ASI members present caught a renewed vision of the mission of the church. Excitement became so high that during the convention \$13,483.33 was raised to continue to build additional churches. Steve and

Brenda Dickman

Women's Ministries Donates Furniture

South Atlantic— During the 1990 General Conference Session held in Indianapolis, the South Atlantic Conference office of women's ministries, under the direction of Deborah M. Harris, Ph.D., hosted Hands Across the Waters, an international initiative to enhance communication among women of African origin.

This event was underwritten by several significant donors including the Lilly Endowment, Vanessa Bartley, and Clarence Hodges. It was during this event that the South Atlantic women's ministries made a donation commitment of \$1,000 to furnish the lobby in the new

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girl's dormitory at the University of Eastern Africa. In August of 1991, after a year of active fund raising, the donation was made to the university.

In February of this year, 1994, Harris received a letter of appreciation from Millicent Ojwan'g, dean of women at the University of Eastern Africa, Baraton. Along with the letter, Ojwan'g sent two pages of thank-you notes from the students as well as pictures of some of them enjoying the new lounge. The students wrote, "Our lobby is great, looks great, you are great people and above all, God is great. Thanks a lot. God bless you." "Thank you very much for making it possible for us to have such a beautiful, impressive, and presentable lounge."

Evelyn VandeVere

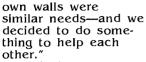
Smyrna Employees Share With HEART

AHS/Sunbelt—To make the holiday season special for several families in their community, employees of Smyrna Hospital in Smyrna, Ga., pooled resources and prepared food baskets and gifts. "After Christmas the planning committee discussed that project," remembers Sharon Lee, executive director of the hospital foundation. "We realized that within our



Employees display "Twenty Years of Caring" shirts.

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Gradually a new program was developed, and Hospital **Employees** Achieving Resources Together-HEART-was launched last Valentine's Day. While HEART committee members presented the plan on all shifts, senior managers expressed their support by serving employees strawberry pie. From that day of initial sign-ups, the program has succeeded beyond anyone's dreams.

The idea is simple: through payroll deductions employees give to the fund. With more than half of Smyrna's staffers participating, money accumulated quickly. When an employee has an unusual financial need, he or she can apply for HEART help.

Two types of assistance are available outright gifts and loans. During the first eight months of this year, 40 employees accepted HEART money; \$7,196 was given and \$4,933 was loaned. If requested by the employee, HEART also pays for medical insurance while he or she is on disability leave.

HEART's largest donation to date paid for the funeral of an employee's four-year-old daughter. Loans are frequently requested for unexpected car repairs or other minor personal crises. Over the next few pay periods the money is paid back.

While the accomplishments of HEART are impressive, the atmosphere of genuine caring that the program fosters is even more vital. Program committee member Merri

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Sheffield explains, "HEART is possible because of the mission of this institution. I see that mission lived out in the hospital halls every day."

Employees are becoming more aware of their coworkers' needs. "Frequently we learn of an emergency from a fellow employee," Lee says. "Then I—or another of the HEART leaders—go directly to the person. We offer not only financial assistance, but also emotional and spiritual support."

Lee remembers one emotional experience. "I was delivering a food basket last Christmas when the recipient threw her arms around me. 'How did you know my cupboard was bare?' she sobbed." Lee admitted that a coworker had shared the need.

"Employees here are unusually supportive of one another," says Sheffield. "It's part of Smyrna Hospital's corporate culture. HEART gives us a specific, confidential way to help others."

Those pledging \$2 or more per pay period receive a T-shirt saying, "Have a HEART. Lend a hand." The last Friday of each month employees are encouraged to wear these shirts to work.

HEART reaches beyond the hospital. Requests for charitable contributions are channeled through the program's committee and most receive some kind of help—employee participation, gifts-inkind, or cash. For example, donations of food and cleaning supplies were made to Georgia flood victims earlier this year.

"HEART breathes life into the spirit of Smyrna," Sheffield says. "This is a great place to work." Jane Marie Allen

Lay Preacher Yields Baptisms

South Atlantic—The laymen are leading the way as South Atlantic launches a program of lay preaching throughout the conference. Calvin Watkins, South Atlantic's personal ministries director, is encouraging and training laymen to help finish the work.

Griffin, Ga., was blessed with a man preaching the same intensity and impact of John the Baptist. He was a voice crying out in the wilderness and at the same time the wilderness was crying out for a voice. For three weeks, Willie Copeland, a local church elder at the Dickerson Memorial Chapel church,

ABC Broadcasts From Andrews University

Andrews University—Pioneer Memorial church at Berrien Springs, Mich., has been chosen by ABC television as the site for its annual one-hour Christmas Eve service. The program will be filmed against a background of organ pipes and modern banners and will feature musical groups, choirs, and Scripture reading crafted around a Christmas sermon designed especially to reach "Generation X," commonly known as a Baby Buster generation. Music will be coordinated by Stephen Zork of the Andrews University music department.

Senior Pastor Dwight Nelson, 42, has done a special study of techniques for reaching the generation that followed the Baby Boomer generation. He will also present a story designed especially for the chil-



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preached a message that inspired 12 people to give their lives to Christ.

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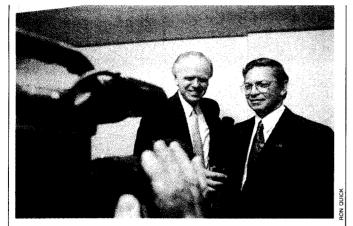
Michael Miller

dren in the audience. According to Skip Mac-Carty, administrative pastor of the Pioneer Memorial church, "the service will portray a contemporary classical Christmas, featuring a unique blend of modern and traditional Christian expressions celebrating the divine gift to bring peace on earth and good will among all peoples."

This special service, designed especially for the television audience, will be videotaped on the evening of December 4.

A one-half page ad for the program will appear in the December 24 issue of *TV Guide*, near the listing for the program. Please consult your TV listings for the specific time for the showing in your area.

The American Broadcasting Company donates this time to the National Council of Churches which invited the Pioneer Memorial church to prepare this year's broadcast. Richard Dower



John Lortz, pastor of the 870-member Fletcher, N.C., church, interviewed Daniel Fontaine.

Cuban Union President Visits Fletcher

Carolina—Daniel Fontaine, president of the Cuban Union, visited the Fletcher, N.C., church October 22 where he shared the urgent needs in his communist country, Cuba. The Fletcher church has started a relationship with a sister church in Cuba.

John Lorntz, pastor of the Fletcher church, is assembling a 35-40 member missionary team to join with ADRA Canada, the Quiet Hour, Worthington Foods, and Our Story Hour for a missionary trip to Cuba. The Cuban mission trip will take place March 12-18, 1995. In addition to building a church, the group will provide medical and dental assistance to the Cuban people and break ground for a water project for a new youth camp.

Approximately 250 Hispanic church members from surrounding areas came to hear the Cuban Union president. Ron Quick

Revelation Seminar Shared With Prisoners

Georgia-Cumberland—"This is my first Revelation Seminar as a teacher, and my first time working as a volunteer in a prison. The combination of these two presented quite a challenge at first, but I soon realized that in



Left to right front row: Alice Cox, Roy Weeden, and David Zackrison (squatting); second row: Tina Pony, Inmate John Baugh, Judy Stockdale, Inmates John Parish, and Donald Crumsey: third row: Peggy Douglass, Inmate Loyd Baker, Gene Stockdale, Gwen Aird, and Ulyssis Stockdale.

God's eyes, these men in prison were no different than I was."

These were the comments of David Zackrison who instructed a Revelation Seminar on Sabbath afternoons March 19-October 1, at the Morgan County Regional Correctional Facility in Wartberg, Tenn.

Eight inmates attended the first seminar. Three inmates attended every meeting and a total of six received diplomas for finishing every lesson. Other inmates have mailed their lessons on a regular basis and will receive a diploma by mail.

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Ten members of the Oak Ridge congregation have become certified prison volunteers after attending a prison orientation seminar.

On Sabbath, October 22, a fellowship meal and graduation at the prison picnic grounds was prepared for the five men who completed the seminar. David Zackrison



Rudy Deering (left), Janie Deering, B. J. Boles, pastor, and Bill and Katie Erwin.

Halls Crossroads Seminar Results in Baptisms

Georgia-Cumberland—The Halls Crossroads church wanted to share their faith with the community. Two lay members, Larry Kelley and John Stempa, were asked to glve a Revelation Seminar. They graciously accepted, even though it meant an 84mile round trip for John from his home in Kingston, Tenn. The meetings were held three evenings a week during April and May.

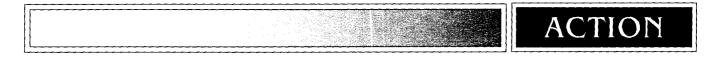
Colorful, attractive posters were sent to members, prospective members, friends, neighbors, relatives, employers, employees, and anyone who had shown any interest in the new congregation.

The fellowship hall was decorated, and light refreshments were served since some people would have to attend directly from work.

Because Larry and John objected to asking for an offering at the meetings, an envelope was passed out with each lesson and if anyone wished to contribute they could slip it in the envelope. Several people made contributions.

Forty-two people attended the opening meeting, a considerable number since the

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average church attendance was in the 30's. At the end of the series a graduation ceremony

was held at the church. Twenty certificates were passed out to those who had attended most



to the Fine Kidge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. The results were a miracle in more ways than one. Friends from feeding the homeless outreach program while members at Miami Temple church, Steve and Lili Hanner, of the meetings. Three people requested baptism and one member requested rebaptism. Another prospective member is still studying once a week. B. J. Boles

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now of Virginia, were making a mission trip to the reservation in South Dakota. They asked Clark and her church for help.

The Hanners had adopted an Indian grandmother from the reservation and learned of the severe needs of its residents. Last winter, elderly members died in the cold due to lack of proper clothing.

By mid-August, when the Hanners picked up the material, 80 of 150 High Springs church members had responded with total donations exceeding \$2,000. Donations also came from community service stock and local residents. Among the items collected were 246 boxes and 191 bags of clothes, 33 cases of dishes, 15 cases of food, 13 pieces of furniture, a wheel chair, and a refrigerator donated by the person who rented them the 24-foot Ryder truck.

Once at Pine Ridge, they spent three days distributing the 5¹/₂ tons of material goods. After the Hanners packed their van and went back to their room they found two new \$100 bills. The Hanners tried in vain to find the money's owner. "Nobody claimed it because an angel dropped it," said Hanner. Arthur Chamberlain, Heike Clark

Bereavement Ministry Serves More Than 3,000

South Central— Reather James, of the New Life church bereavement ministry, reports they have served more than 3,000 families in the greater Nashville area. This ministry that was started in 1988 distributes God Understands booklets to bereaved families through 19 funeral homes in greater Nashville and Murfreesboro.

Each month James, along with Brenda James and Dorothy Bowers, carry the books to the funeral homes that now look forward to their coming since so many families they serve have been helped.

One lady whose mother has been dead for several years, said, "I have kept the book next to my bed ever since my mother died two years ago. Every time I miss her or get depressed I reach over and read it. It is really good."

Another woman who received the booklet told one of the members of New Life's bereavement team that the book they gave her was the most helpful

Nine-Year-Old Collects for Homeless

Florida—When nineyear-old Gabriel Hovatter suggested collecting canned goods for the homeless in April, he hadn't misread his calendar. He merely borrowed the idea from past Halloween experiences.

Hovatter, a member of the Jacksonville Mandarin Pathfinder Club, collected nearly 150 cans for the Jacksonville City Rescue Mission as part of a special project for Pathfinders.

He went to the Publix grocery store with his father, Clyde, and obtained more than 50

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Word of Life's Project Faith Becomes Reality

South Central—The Word of Life church in Memphis celebrated the purchase of its new of the many books and cards that she received after her mother's death.

Beyond distributing the book God Understands, the New Life church provides members with Funeral Planners that they can share with bereaved neighbors and realties. Recently, a Memphis physician stopped through Nashville to pick up a Funeral Planner to share with a bereaved employee in her office.

Steven Norman, pastor, who has used this ministry in Selma, Ala., as well as in Meridian, Hattiesburg, and Columbia, Miss., says that eight persons have been baptized as a result of church members comforting the bereaved.

R. S. Norman, III

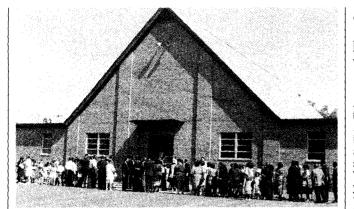
bags. Clyde typed a slip explaining what Gabriel was doing, and where the canned goods collected would go. The note was stapled to each grocery sack. Later, Clyde took his son door-to-door leav-ing the sacks. "They were happy to help me when I explained why I was collecting food," said Gabriel. "The people at the Rescue Mission were very grateful and invited us to come back for one of the gospel services that is offered every day.

As a result of his efforts, Hovatter received the Florida Conference Pathfinder of the Year award. He enjoyed the project and says it had a profound effect on his life. Arthur Chamberlain

church located at 1215 Floyd Avenue August 6. The seven-year-old congregation needed a new church building because it had grown from approximately 93 members at its organization to 251 members by mid-1994. The

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The new Word of Life church in Memphis.

church's outreach ministry had also caused it to outgrow its former structure purchased by Donald Gwin.

Pinched for space and motivated by the opportunity to purchase a new church in the Frazier area, Alonzo Wagner III, and his congregation launched "Project Faith." By faith they sought to secure the building for an acceptable price, raised the necessary funds, and sold their church. God rewarded their faith by helping them to accomplish the first two goals in ways that made it clear God was in the plan. On Friday evening, August 5, Wagner preached the consecration service at the former location. Then on Sabbath morning with the theme: We've Come This Far By Faith, Joseph McCoy, South Central conference president; Benjamin P. Browne, conference secretary, with guests C. E. Dudley and Alonzo Wagner II, cut the ribbon and entered the church. The new 20,000 square-foot church sits on four acres and has a seating capacity of 800.

Claudette Jones Shephard

Pensacola Opens Renovated Church

South Central—The Jordan Street church in Pensacola celebrated the grand opening of its newly renovated church August 20th. This was not your regular renovation. Almost everything is totally new. Carpet, furniture, air conditioning, heating, walls, and many other changes were made costing nearly \$180,000. Caesar Monroe,

pastor, and the congre-

gation laid plans to renovate after the church was vandalized. After the plans were implemented, Roy Gaiter, elder, was transferred to the church to lead them to the dream of worshiping again in the sanctuary. Gaiter, William Freeman, building coordinator for the conference, and the members worked together to raise money and complete the job. Joseph McCoy,

president of the South Central Conference, preached the sermon for the opening services at which eight persons were baptized. Roy Gaiter

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Berean Hosts Women's Day

South Atlantic—The Annual Women's Day at the Berean church in Atlanta celebrated the importance of women as God's vehicles for spreading the gospel. The theme was "If not you, who? If not now, when?" The entire service was sponsored and planned by the women's ministry department.

Rosa Banks, director of human services for the North American Division, delivered the sermon for divine worship. The theme of her message was the strength of women not

Women Fellowship at Nosoca Pines

Carolina—The 294 women from all over the Carolinas who gathered at Nosoca Pines Ranch the weekend of September 23-25, 1994, enjoyed an occasion filled with good food, both spiritual and physical.

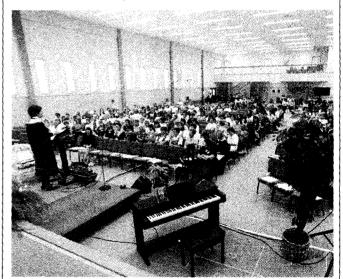
Linda McGinn spoke

only in the church but in every day life. She said that if God could use a burning bush, a dove, and donkey, surely He can use women to proclaim His prophetic message. She went on to say that women have always overcome obstacles, dlscrimination, and adversity.

After divine worship, the congregation was invited to fellowship together at a special lunch. Later that evening, three strong and active women from the local churches were honored, and Ceola Jones was recognized as the South Atlantic Conference woman of the year.

Jada Palmer

on how God desires fellowship with us and how to maintain fellowship with God, our "Abba," in the midst of life's demands. Two women gave their hearts to Christ in response to Linda's invitation. Ramona Greek was a special workshop speaker for the Hispanic women, as well as a speaker on Sunday morning, sharing how women can



More than 200 women gathered for friendship and inspiration.



balance all the roles of their life.

The weekend was a nurturing experience for those who usually are the nurturers in the family, through the beautiful table decorations and special treats on the pillows as they came back to their rooms, the jacuzzi on Saturday night, a marketplace to browse through as well as a variety of workshops that were offered.

Evelyn VandeVere spoke on "Being the Best You Can Be"; Marge Schutte presented "Communicating with Love"; and Patricia Markoff, M.D., covered the subject of "Nutrition Sense and Nonsense." Adding yet another varied presentation, Dr. Joyce Lorntz had an open and active discussion on subjects of interest to women. Nancy Jones gave two inspiring early morning devotionals which bonded the women who attended.

An extra added attraction were the new friendships formed. Those who attended obviously enjoyed the fellowship, warmth, and caring that were present at this convocation.

This was a time for spiritual refreshment for the church members who attended along with the approximately 10 non-church members who came with friends. The 1995 retreat will be held on September 22-24 with Ruthie Jacobson and Barbara Folkenberg as two of the speakers.

Carla Butcher



Choir rehearses for outdoor concert.

Morganton Forms New Choir

Carolina—Morganton, N.C., church has been steadily growing over the last few years. As a result, church member Angela Veness is now directing the new Morganton church choir. Besides the blessing of beautiful music created by voices lifted in song, the choir uses the space on the podium during the church service, leaving much needed space in the sanctuary pews for all the visitors who come.

On a Sunday in September, the choir members had a fundraising social for the purchase of choir robes. Many from the church came out for the fellowship and fundraising events. More than \$1,000 was raised to purchase the robes and start a choir music library of materials.

As a reward to all who came out, the choir presented an outdoor sacred concert. The choir loft was made from a large stack of lumber. The listeners sat under the shade

Health Fair Offered in Lawrenceburg

Kentucky-Tennessee-A family physician, a practicing nurse, and a health conscious homemaker, teamed up to offer a low fat, low cholesterol cooking seminar, Oct. 11-13 at the Ethridge City Hall in Lawrenceburg, Ky. Norman Henderson, M.D., and Ray Barger explained the effects of excessive fat and cholesterol on the human system, and its impact on one's health and lifestyle. Judith Kimbley, RN, and Dorothy Salhany demonstrated how to

trees on the lawn and enjoyed the music. Helen Self



Norman Henderson, M.D.

prepare simple and healthy meals.

Opportunity was given to observe preparation, and taste several new dishes. Recipes were available to the people. The class focused on entrees and soups and how to adapt traditional recipes for a palatable cuisine. The audience was given opportunity for questions.

John Fowler

Waynesboro Company Organized and Dedicates New Church

Kentucky-Tennessee-In 1984 Glen and Nevo Barlow moved from California to Waynesboro, Tenn. Shortly after arriving they were invited on a river cruise with Bill Palmer. A discussion came up about starting a church in Wayne County. The Barlows thought this was a good idea and decided to invite all the Adventists in the area to their home for Sabbath services. The

orodate was September14, 1984, and 14be andands New

services were moved to Tom and Preble Harvey's home. That same month, property was purchased and a church building was started.

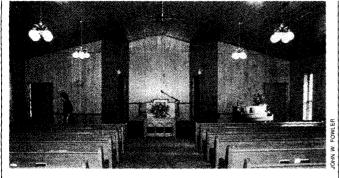
In April, 1988, services were conducted in the unfinished building.

On October 8, the new church was dedicated free of debt and the Waynesboro Company was organized into a full-fledged church. Gill Floyd is the current pastor. This is the second church he has built and dedicated since he has been pastor in that district. John W. Fowler and Preble Harvey



Waynesboro members.

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Wavnesboro church interior.



Dorothy Jean Salhany (left), and Krista Salhany, granddaughter of Dorothy Jean.

original banner after

Harvey Kellogg. It is

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it in size, color, etc.

now in a museum in Michigan. Robert Nix of

1844. In August, 1894, it was given to John

the E. G. White Estates in Washington gathered

details from the museum.

Dorothy Jean replicated

celebration October 22 at the William Miller

farm in White Hall, N.Y.

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Kentucky-Tennessee's

John W. Fowier

The banner was flown over the tent in the 1844

Conference Influence **Reaches Beyond** Boundaries

Kentucky-Tennessee-A reproduction of the original banner that flew over William Miller's tent during his preaching in 1843-44 was made by Dorothy Jean Salhany. The banner is red/white/ blue with large letters in red against a white background reading: "Thy Kingdom Come."

Joshua Himes was given possession of the

Conference **Team Evangelizes** Debrecen, Hungary

Kentucky-Tennessee-A conference evangelistic team conducted meetings in Debrecen, Hungary, during the month of September. Approximately 200 people made decisions to accept Christ and 100 made a decision to be baptized and unite with the Seventhday Adventist church. Twenty-eight were baptized in the first baptism, and the others are preparing for baptism January 14, 1995

The leadership in the

conference in Hungary says it was one of the largest responses they have ever had to evangelistic meetings.

The team was led by John W. Fowler and Eugene Johnson. Others who participated in the evangelistic crusade were: Crystal Watt, and Kay Fowler who helped in the children's program; Ben and Merle Parrish who pro-vided music; Vern Biloff who made several presentations to the field school of evangelism students (a field school was also conducted in conjunction with the evangelistic series); and Richard Hallock who gave his support and worked as an integral member of the team by participat-ing in the field school, visitation, and preaching on Sabbath morning.

The Tisza Conference in Hungary, the Hungarian Union, and the Trans-European Division

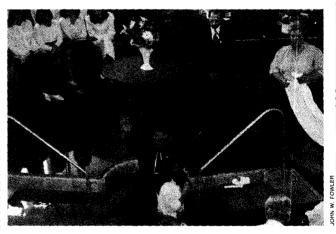


Ben Parrish provided vocal music in Debrecen, Hungary.

have urged the team to come back in the future and conduct a major evangelistic series in Budapest.

Kentucky-Tennessee is making an impact, not only in its own field, but in other areas as well-and all at no expense to the conference.

John W. Fowler



Eugene Johnson, coordinator of evangelistic meetings in Debrecen, baptizing one of the first 28 candidates.

Ribbon of Dimes Donates \$1,000 **Towards School** Debt

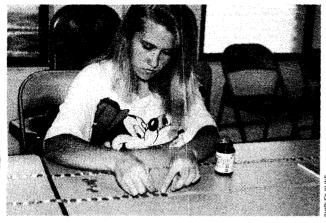
Florida--How do you get your church school out of debt? West Coast Junior Academy (WCJA) in Bradenton did it one

dime at a time. Beth Miller, a member of the Bradenton church, called WCJA principal Eugene Schermerhorn with an idea to help lower the school debt and create public awareness of the school. Miller proposed gluing dimes on a 200-yard cloth ribbon about an inch

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Gina Nerrow demonstrates the careful process of gluing dimes to the ribbon.

wide and wrapping it around the school building.

Information about the project was disseminated through bulletin inserts of the constituent churches in Bradenton and Palmetto. Then, students in grades 1-8 collected the dimes from members. All funds collected, other than dimes, were converted at the bank until the

ribbon was fully covered. More than \$640 worth of dimes ended up on the ribbon, and the campaign also raised another \$300-\$400. A Bradenton Herald photographer took a picture of the ribbon and students at the school. A partial story ran in conjunction with the school's open house.

Arthur Chamberlain, Cindy Kurtzhals

VBS Success In Avon Park

Florida---When Garla Johnson undertook the task of directing a vacation Bible school (VBS) at Walker Memorial church in Avon Park she had hopes of attracting 125 children.

Attendance far exceeded her goal. The last VBS held at Walker Memorial in 1990 brought modest results. This year, an enthusiastic Johnson recruited 80 volunteers, and attendance rose to 162. "The closing program was well attended," said



The creation Tunnel was a hit with young and old alike.

Nora Strawn. "Even though it had stormed all day, all the parking spaces were full." The "Creation Tunnel"

produced by Florida Conference children's ministries director Donna Williams was by far the most popular attraction. The exhibit featured each day of the creation week. It was left in the church during the Sabbath so adults could also take a walk through creation week.

The "Good Life Drama Team" presented a skit revolved around nature talks, animals, rocks and small things in nature each night.

As with any VBS program, the crafts were especially popu-lar. They included making seed wreaths, suncatchers, T-shirts with an Earthmaker logo, visors, a whale notebook, and magazine racks.

Nora Strawn



Catching the public's eye. Church member Ernest Norris faithfully updates Forest Lake's church sign every Monday afternoon.

Radio Station Discusses **Church Sign**

Florida---What does the Forest Lake church sign, Elvis Presley, and a local rock'n'roll radio station have in common? Just ask Terry Pooler, Forest Lake's senior pastor. It all started when

Doc and Johnny, morning drive deejays for WXXL-XL 106.7, noticed Pooler's Sep-tember 24 sermon title on the church's outdoor marquee—Is Elvis In Heaven?

"Their on-air discussion was that we were using the title to pull people into church," said Pooler. "They'd heard Adventists were just a cult and one of them said, 'Maybe I should visit to check it out."

Pooler's response was

the following FAX: "Just a note to thank you for highlighting my September 24 sermon entitled, Is Elvis In Heaven? Yes, you are welcome to join us as we explore one of the five most often asked questions, Is there life after death? Also, 1 extend to you my unsolicited forgiveness for confusing our church with a cult. Many who are uninformed about our church's teachings have this misconception. If I can be of further assistance, FAX me a line.

It didn't take long for a reaction. A few days later, as Pooler attended his Friday morning Rotary Club meeting, fellow members excitedly informed him that his letter had just been read on the air.

"Evidently the letter prompted a number of reactions," says Pooler,

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"including a former Adventist who called in to say our church services began at 6:30 a.m."

Once again, Pooler saw a chance to turn a negative into a positive and responded with another FAX: "I tip my hat to you guys for reading my last FAX on the air. Thank you for that consideration. Misconceptions that are fed with misinformation can become bigger than life. Of course, you guys are welcome to come anytime and check it out for yourself. It sounded like one of your callers, who claimed to be a former Adventist, was also confused as to our teaching and worship times. Thus, I have enclosed a service schedule for this Saturday."

As for the church sign that started it all, Pooler believes one of its primary functions is to reach out to an unchurched audience, to catch their attention, and make them curious. Sermon titles appearing on it are written with that in mind.

And what about Doc and Johnny? No one's seen them yet, but Pooler says, "The invitation to 'check it out for yourself' still stands." Terry Hall

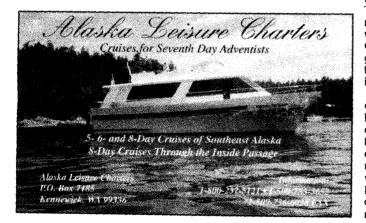
Chaplain Accepts Methodist Invitation

AffS/Sunbelt—It is not unusual for Adventist chaplains to conduct weddings or funerals for individuals of other faiths, but it is not every Sunday they are found preaching at churches of other faiths.

As a result of friendships developed through his work with ministers in the community, Merlin Starr at Florida Hospital Waterman, Eustis, sometimes finds himself in the pulpit on Sunday mornings. He recently spoke for the 1,000-member Tavares United Methodist church. Previously, as chaplain at Central Texas Medical Center, San Marcos, he was interim speaker for a few weeks when ill health forced the pastor of a nearby church to resign.

all three services at

Starr and his associate, Bob Burns, are active in four local ministerial associations. They view their role as resources for all ministers in the community. Starr calls it "a great privilege to work with the dedicated ministers of other faiths" he has befriended through his work.



Ronald McDonald House to be Built at FH

AHS/Sunbelt— Florida Hospital donated land for the first Ronald McDonald House in Orlando. When completed in 1995, the house will be a home away from home for families of critically ill children receiving treatment at Orlando hospitals.

"When a child becomes seriously ill, the whole family is affected," says Darrell Kelley, president of the governing board of Ronald McDonald House of Orlando. "The hardship is even worse when a child is far from home and has to receive outpatient treatment after hospitalization."

The home will offer families low-cost or free accommodations depending on their ability to pay. The Florida Cracker-

The Florida Crackerstyle house will be built on the corner of Princeton Avenue and Bedford Road, just a short walk from Florida Hospital Orlando.

Jane Allen



Charter members and guests at the Halls Crossroads church organization. Halls Crossroads together as a

Organized

Georgia-Cumberland—The Conference now has 125 churches. The newest, Halls Crossroads in north Knoxville, was organized officially October 22. It was a great event when more than 115 people crowded into the little church.

The Halls Crossroads congregation had long looked forward to this day and although it was the 150th anniversary of the Great Disappointment of 1844, there was no disappointment here. It was a day of celebration. After 14 months of meeting together as a company, the Halls Crossroads group is now a church.

Former Georgia-Cumberland President Bill Geary was the guest speaker. Several conference officials were present as well as many visitors and friends. One of the most enjoyable things throughout the day was the singing of the Southern Aires Quartet from Southern College.

The official organization was conducted in the afternoon by Conference Secretary Al Long. Approximately 40 charter members are at the new church.

B. J. Boles





Members of the A. W. Spalding Elementary Orchestra are: Austin Brooks (front, left), Brian Lauritzen, Nathan Smith, Sonja Lopez, Joseph Song, Peter Song (second row, left), Christopher Morris, Emily McArthur, Joya Henning, Esther Aviles, Laura Lui, Stella Kim, Bekki Griffin, Orlo Gilbert, director, Jeanne Dickinson (back). Not pictured: Lella Ashton, Peter Park.

Elementary School Orchestra Provides Basic Training

Georgia-Cumber-land—The A. W. Spalding Elementary Chamber Orchestra was founded in 1967 as a high level ensemble for outstanding string players in grades four to eight. The Chamber Orchestra has become an organization which provides basic training for potential membership in the Southern College Symphony, and ultimately many members progress into community and civic symphonies.

The young people are introduced to the best musical literature available and are additionally nurtured toward high Christian, social, and moral character incorporated into each rehearsal time. Each student must audition to gain entrance into the Chamber Orchestra and when accepted, practice faithfully to maintain his or her privilege of membership.

The orchestra has performed at two General Conference Sessions, traveled to Puerto Rico, the Cayman Islands, Washington, D.C., and to many schools and churches in the southeast. Many alumnus of this group have become professional musicians and both teach and perform. The A. W. Spalding Elementary Chamber Orchestra is again planning to tour during the spring of '95 under the direction of Orlo Gilbert.

Orlo Gilbert

Hixson Receives New School

Georgia-Cumberland—Virginia Ann Achata was an active member of the Hixson, Tenn., church and a

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sacrificing mother of nine children.

Concerns for the welfare of her children and church led Virginia to acquire a life insurance policy. Several months later she was diagnosed with a terminal form of cancer and was given only a few months to live. She was an inspiration during the final days of her life and during an anointing service, which was conducted at her request. Her testimony was an inspiration to everyone present. "Such bravery and

calmness I have never seen before," said Robert Fancher, pastor. Virginia died May 18,

Virginia died May 18 1993, at her home, filled with assurance

of a wonderful reunion at the coming of Jesus. The Hixson church learned several months later that Virginia had designated \$25,000 in her will to be given to her beloved church in Hixson. She requested the church receive new hymnals, a few minor improvements, and the rest to be used for a new school facility. The Hixson church now has new hymnals and a new school is under construction.

Robert H. Fancher



Linda Spangler, daughter of Virginia Ann Achata, receives a new hymnal that was presented to the Hixson church through the will of her mother.

Small Group Conference Held at Cohutta

Georgia-Cumberland—The third annual Prayer and Small Group Conference was held at Cohutta Springs Adventist Center October 26-29. Featured speakers included Don and Ruthie Jacobsen of the General Conference; Ron Clouzet, Southern College; LeClare Litchfield, Collegedale Academy; Kathy Curzon, a pastor's wife from Babylon, N.Y.; Mike Chappel, pastor of the Jacksonville, Fla., Mandarin church; Ed Reid, North American Division; and Don

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and Ruth James, NAD Evangelism Institute.

More than 20 different workshops dealt with topics on personal spiritual growth, prayer, and developing small groups within the church. Highlights of the conference included daily small group meetings where individuals could share spiritual agendas and pray together. A special anointing service on Sabbath, where delegates came forward requesting spiritual healing, was conducted. Three delegates especially asked for physical healing. Iris Cave from Rogersville, Tenn., commented, "Of all the different conferences and meetings I've ever attended this was one of the most spiritual. I could sense the Lord's

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presence."

The next Prayer and Small Group Conference is scheduled for October 25-28, 1995. Tom Baez

Academy Students Conduct Week of Prayer

Carolina—Project Destiny was the theme for the fall week of prayer conducted by the Circuit-Riders from Mount Pisgah Academy at the Silver Creek School in Morganton, N.C. The Circuit-Riders, consisting of students from the academy, were willing to get up early and travel by van from Asheville to Morganton each morning to share their faith in Jesus with the elementary school children. Each day the Circuit-Riders gave song service, special music,



Mount Pisgah Academy's Circuit-Riders.

drama skits, and a devotional message by Jeremy Arnall, an MPA senior. After their meeting, the students played baseball or kickball with the children.

The Circuit-Riders were able to witness to the rest of the Morganton church by conducting their Wednesday evening prayer meeting and the worship service on

Youth Attend Retreat

Carolina—If you like music, fellowship, drama, and preaching from the Word of God, you should have been at the Young Adult Retreat September 30-October 2 at Nosoca Pines Ranch.

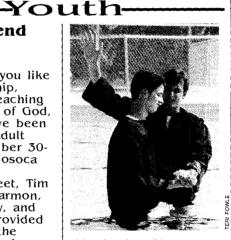
One Way Street, Tim Gordon, Tag Garmon, Outrageous Joy, and Betsy Torres provided the music for the weekend. Several sketches on Christian life were presented by a few of the members of Horizons, a drama team from the Asheville Foster Memorial church. Dr. Bill **Richardson** from Andrews University was the featured speaker. The weekend reached

The weekend reached its zenith Sabbath afternoon with the baptism of Damon Skirm from the Kernersville church. Of course, it wouldn't be a young adult retreat without a midnight trip

Collegiate Retreat Invigorates Youth

Florida—All week, students improved their mental abilities. On Friday they came to Camp Kulaqua to strengthen their faith. Sabbath morning. The whole group felt very enthusiastic and humbled for their efforts when several of the Silver Creek students expressed a desire to study for baptism at the conclusion of the week of prayer. The Circuit-Riders are eager for other opportunities to share Jesus love with others.

Ron Quick



A baptismal candidate at retreat.

to the Waffle House on Saturday night.

If you happened to miss this spiritually uplifting retreat, be sure to watch for information coming out about the young adult mission trip to Chile and the third annual Spring Thing retreat in April. The Spring Thing retreat will move from Heritage USA this year in an effort to keep the cost down for young adults.

Teri Fowle

Nearly 100 students from college and university campuses across Florida converged on Camp Kulaqua, September 16-18, for the annual Collegiate/Young Adult retreat. It brought spiritual renewal for those who attended. Three workshops challenged participants.

Students enjoy canoeing down Kulaqua's river as a break from the weekend's programs and workshops.

John Bennett, youth pastor at the Markham Woods church, shared a spiritual plan for a more fulfilling devotional life. Ken and Helen Bryant, Florida Conference family life directors, introduced audiences to the basic personality traits and how differences affect relationships. Rick Swartzwelder, a graduate film student at Florida State University, used role-playing techniques during his presentation entitled How to Witness in a Hostile Environment.

The workshop leaders encouraged many in attendance. "I enjoy the program because "I enjoyed the speakers really got your attention, said Carmen Perez.

The talk John (Bennett) gave on the importance of daily devotions was great," added senior social work major Marilyn Hernandez. "It's hard to start the day with God, but hopefully I can do it.

The social aspect of the conference endeared many in attendance. Ϋон see people in a similar situation and it's encouraging," said Alexis Cruz from the University of Miami.

However, most students probably shared the assessment of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University student Felisa Preciado: "I really needed the time to think spiritually and be away from school.'

Arthur Chamberlain

for the weekend were Andy Strong and Sam Morris, young adults from Greeneville, Tenn., who were program directors for the Dare to Care International Camporee in Denver, Colo.,

this past summer. "The Challenge' was the weekend theme. Sabbath afternoon activities focused on eight team building stations designed to help teen Pathfinders work together as a coordinated body of individuals.

Young Adults Retreat at Cohutta

Carolina-One hundred forty-five young adults attended the Young Adult Retreat at Cohutta Springs Adventist Center September 30-October 2. Richard Garey, principal of the Tri-City Junior Academy in the Carolina Conference, was the featured speaker. He presented a one-man drama entitled The Gospel of Mark. Steve and Judy Evenson of Gentry, Ark., were the featured musicians. Seminars included Financial and Estate Planning for Young Adults by Jim

South Georgia **Pathfinders** Fellowship

Gerogia-Cumberland-The south Georgia Pathfinder Fellowship came together at the Laura S. Walker State Park, September 30-October 2, for a fellowship campout.

Sabbath programming concluded with a special lakeside communion service directed by Jim Erwin. Saturday night activities centered around a special cable crossing over the creek and an infiltration game which divided the entire group into a red team and blue team.

25 teens participated in an obstacle course canoe race on the Cohutta Springs lake. Don Livesay

Sunday morning

Mark.

Albertson, and How to **Begin a Young Adult** Small Group Fellowship by Tom Baez. A variety of recreational activities were made available to complement the total program. Dave Cress

One hundred twentytwo Pathfinders and staff representing six clubs listened to speaker Darren Brisco, and participated in a variety of activities

and worked on camping skills 1-4 honors. Classes were taught by Glenn and Diane Marshall from Waycross, Gary Johnson from Macon, David and Linda

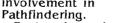
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325 Participate in Pathfinder **Evasion**

Georgia-Cumberland-Three hundred twenty-five teen Pathfinders and staff, 27 clubs, converged on Cohutta Springs Camp for the weekend of

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October 28-30 for the 11th annual Teen Evasion weekend. This weekend is part of a series of teen activities sponsored by the Georgia-Cumberland Pathfinder program especially designed to maintain teen involvement in Featured speakers



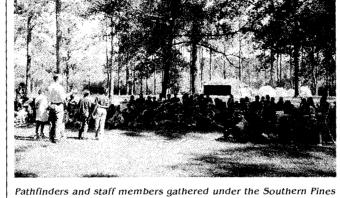


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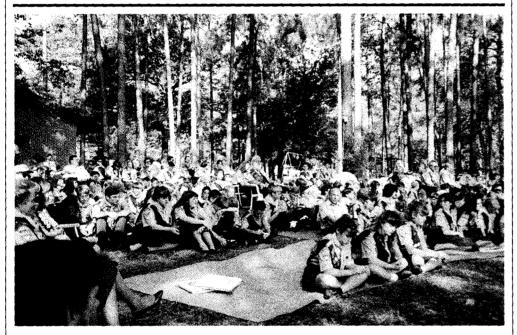
Blackwell from Lakeland, and Michael Brown from Savannah.

The winners of the personal and camp site inspection were: Lakeland, Savannah, and Macon.

Georgia-Cumberland fellowship campouts are planned by area coordinators, and are designed to bring clubs together for a weekend of dynamic fellowship and programming. The south Georgia campout was planned by Lucile Mann.



Lucile Mann A Laura S. Walker State Park.



The 300-member Pathfinder family attending the camporee.

300 Attend Pathfinder Camporee

Gulf States—Three hundred members of the Pathfinder family of the Gulf States Conference attended the annual Pathfinder Camporee October 13-16 at Paul B. Johnston State Park near Hattiesburg, Miss.

The theme for the weekend was "We Are Family." Malcolm Allen, General Confer-



Investiture participants: (I-r) Malcolm Allen, Arlene and Bob Kimbro, Toby Beale, and Bill Wood.

ence of Seventh-day Adventists Pathfinder leader, was the guest speaker and, keeping with the theme, told the Pathfinders about the great Pathfinder family around the world. He challenged the young people to do great things for the Lord as Pathfinders are doing in countries where it might not be easy to be a Pathfinder.

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Various field events were held throughout the day on Friday. One event that emphasized family was called, "The Diminishing Load." A "family unit" (Pathfinder club) working together had to take each member across a field with only one member of the family actually walking the distance. Many various ways were used to get the family across the field. Other events included first aid, orienteering, pancake-making/fire building, and the traditional camporee event-Marching and Drilling.

A special investiture service was held for two leaders. Bob Kimbro, Pathfinder coordinator for the Gulf Coast area, had the privilege of investing his wife, Arlene. Toby Beale, a counselor in training, was also invested as a Master Guide. Bill Wood, conference Pathfinder director, had baptized Toby at the Friendship Camporee in Pennsylvania.

The drama team and the brass group from Bass Memorial Academy participated in church, Sabbath school, and the Sabbath afternoon program.



"Saturday Night Alive" was the theme of the evening's program. Entertainment was provided by Pathfinders demonstrating various skills and talents. The highlight of the evening was the juggling show put on by Paul

Christian Talent Search Winners Announced

NAD-Turning Point Studios and Chapel/Bridge Records recently announced the winners of the Second Annual Christian Talent Search for amateur Adventist musicians. The grand prize winner received a one-album recording contract with distribution by Chapel/Bridge Records. Category winners received \$1,000 worth of studio time at **Turning Point** Studios

Grand prize winner Jocelyn Smith was born in Washington, D.C., into a musical family. She began singing at the age of seven with her brother, two sisters, and mother who also plays the piano. Jocelyn has done a variety of background work and vocalizing for various local artists. She performed recently at the **Rivertown Jamboree** in Antioch, Calif. Currently Jocelyn is living in Pittsburg, Calif., where she is completing her nursing degree.

Winner Solo Category Tamara Chatham "began singing in the crib" says her mother and joined her choir

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Martin and David Smith. After the program, awards were given out for the weekend. Yearly trophies were distributed honoring each club for its efforts throughout the year.

Bill Wood, Youth Director



Jocelyn Smith, musical talent grand prize winner.

at the age of five. As a teenager she became even more active in singing and was very involved in music during college. After college she began to seriously concentrate on her musical career. With her strong Christian background, Tamara is leaving the future of her solo ministry in the hands of the Lord.

Winner Duo/Group Category was won by Marc Judd, Shani Judd, Andrea Videla, and Scott Reed. Marc and Shani are siblings from Sydney, Australia, and are now students at Loma Linda University. Andrea is from Southern California and is currently a pre-school teacher in Loma Linda, Calif.

Scott was born in Charlotte, N.C., plays the guitar and trumpet and is currently a student at PUC with a physical education and religion major. Winner Instrumental Category Shane

Kelley began whistling to the classical music his mom

SSAC Retreats at New Heritage

Southern Union— Members of the Southern Society of Adventist Communicators retreated to New Heritage, U.S.A., in Fort Mill, S.C., September 23-25.

During the retreat communicators and communication teachers and students came together for networking, fellowship, worship, recreation, encouragement, and inspiration.

Guests included Mark Bond, graphic artist at Florida Hospital, Orlando; Gail Hamilton, president of Choice Management, Nashville; Bob Nixon, attorney and former communication director, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; played as he ran around the house when he was four years old. He is studying for the ministry at Southern College in Tennessee. His immediate plans call for a trip to Russia as a student missionary.

Willa Sandmeyer, freelance television news reporter, KTLA-TV, Los Angeles; and Bill Young recording artist

Young, recording artist. During the business meeting the following were elected as officers of the society: Kevin Edgerton, president; Mark Rumsey, president elect; Alicia Goree, newsletter editor; Brenda Lowe, marketing; Elfrida Rose, print media; Bryan Hall, graphic arts; Stephen Ruff, broadcasting; Pam Harris, education; and Cindy Kurtzhals, membership.

bership. SSAC is composed of Adventist professionals who work in television, radio, publishing, public relations, advertising, photography, graphic arts, writing, marketing, and other communication fields.

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Newly elected president Kevin Edgerton and newsletter editor Alicia Goree dialogue briefly at the conclusion of the annual Southern Society of Adventist Communicators conference. Edgerton works at Florida Hospital and Goree is a junior at Southern College.

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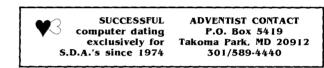
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On the Move

Florida

Redistricting has taken place in the Venice-Nokomis/North Port district. **Pavle Borovic** is the new pastor of the Venice-Nokomis church and continues as pastor of the Venice-Yugosla-vian and Englewood companies. **Ray West**, who pastored the Venice-Nokomis/North Port district, will now carry the North Port church only. **Frank Goldenberg** comes to Florida from the Potomac Conference to serve as pastor of the Winter Haven church, replacing **Robert Beck**, who has retired. **Jim Coffin**, current senior pastor of the Markham Woods church, replaced Doug Foley who now serves as a chaplain at Florida Hospital.



Georgia-Cumberland

Joel Neil has been assigned to the Americus/ Oglethorpe district. Jim Teel is the new youth pastor of the Marietta church. Paul Hoover has accepted the pastorate of the Calhoun church replacing Stan Patterson who has become the ministerial director for the Greater New York Con-

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ference.

Gulf States

Guil States Robert Rose is now pastoring the Troy/Andalusia, Ala., district, replacing Walt Marshall who retired. Dale Martin, formerly pastoring in Pennsylvania, is the new pastor of the Water Valley/Greenwood/ Tupelo, Miss., district replacing Lew Norwood who is now pastoring in Georgia-Cumberland. Eric Bray has come to Camp Alamisco as the new camp ranger to fill the vacancy of Jim Nephew who has moved to the Carolina Conference. Mark Thomas, formerly an ABC intern in the Gulf States, is now the ABC manager.

South Central

TRANSITIONS

Carlton Byrd, who is going to the seminary from the Columbia/Soso/Laurel district, will be replaced in that district by newly hired **Derrick Lane. Leslie Pollard** replaces **Eric C. Ward** at the Oakwood College church.

Weddings

PETERSON - SUMPTER

Shernanda Cenette Sumpter and Berry Lawrence Peterson, **Jr.**, were married September 4 at the Berean church in Atlanta. Dr. W. J. Lewis of Columbus, Ohio, officiated, assisted by Elder M. D. Gordon, Elder L. A. Stout, Dr. R. L. Woodfork, and her father. The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ward Sumpter. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Berry L. Peterson, Sr. The couple will reside in Stone Mountain, Ga.

DEMAREE - RAINES

Christa Lynn Raines and **Edward Matthew Demaree** were married on July 3 at Highland church in Portland, Tenn. Mike Pettingill performed the service. Christa is the daughter of Jim and Arlene Raines, and Matt is the son of Ed and Cathy Demaree. The couple, both graduates of Southern College, is residing in Collegedale.

ROGERS - HAUGSTED

Lorrie Ann Haugsted and Kirk David Rogers were united in marriage in Hendersonville. Tenn., July 24. The marriage ceremony was conducted by Richard Halversen and David Haugsted. The bride is the daughter of Elder and Mrs. David Haugsted of Greenbrier, Tenn. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Metcalfe of Mt. Airy, Md., and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Rogers of Hillsville, Va. The couple will reside in Tullahoma, Tenn.

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- Stress Training Seminar—Jan. 8. Nosoca Pines Ranch. Speaker: Mike Ortel.
- Freshman-Senior Bible Conference-Jan. 13-15. Nosoca Pines Ranch. Speaker: Gamon Carter.
- Elders' Meeting-Jan. 20-22. Nosoca Pines Ranch. Speaker: Raoul Dederen.
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- **Evangelistic Crusades**
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- **Adventist Singles Ministries National Convention**—Dec. 29–Jan. 1. Camp Ku-laqua. Details: (404) 434–5111.
- Adventist Singles Ministries Fellowship Dinners
- Jan. 7. Florida Hospital.
- Jan. 14. West Palm Beach First and Forest Lake.
- Jan. 21. University.
- Jan. 28. Kress Memorial.
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 - Hernando. Charlie Gall.
 - St. Petersburg. Richard Pollard.
 - New Port Richey. Doug Jacobs.
 - Carrollwood. Harmon Brownlow.
 - Brandon, Don Johnson,
 - Palmetto Spanish. Rolando de los Rios.
- Spring Hill. Art and Margo Swaningson. Revelation Seminar—Jan. 7–Feb. 11. Lakeland. Haskell Williams.

- Practical Wellness Retreat-Jan. 25-29. Camp Kulaqua
- Women's Ministries Retreats (English)-Feb. 3-5 and Feb. 10-12. Camp Kulaqua. Speaker: Carla Gober.
- The Heralds Quartet Winter Tour Feb. 11. Kress Memorial, Forest Lake. Feb. 14. Mt. Dora
- Feb. 15. Walker Memorial. Hispanic Women's Retreat—March 3– 5. Camp Kulaqua.

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Bookmobile Schedule

- Dec. 7. Knoxville. Dec. 10. Augusta.
- Dec. 11. Macon, Gainesville.
- Jan. 2-5. Ministers' Meeting.
- Jan. 13-15. Pathfinder Teen Discovery.
- Jan. 22-29. ABC inventory Sale. acred Concert-Dec. 10. Vonda Sacred Concert-Dec.
- Beerman, soprano. Duluth, Ga., church, 4:30 p.m.

Gulf States

- Elders' and Deacons' Meeting-Dec. 2-3. Camp Alamisco.
- Conference Executive Committee-Dec. Camp Alamisco.
- Ministers' Meeting-Dec. 4-7. Camp Alamisco.
- ABC Christmas Sale--Dec. 18-23. ABC "White Sale"--January.

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- Officers' Training Seminar- Nov. 19.
- Memphis, Tenn. Conference Executive Committee Association Board-Nov. 22.

South Central

SCC Pathfinder Service Weekend-Dec. 2 - 4

- Evangelism Council-Dec. 5-7. Oakwood College.
- SCC Year-End Workers' Meeting-Dec. 7. Oakwood College.

Executive Committee Meeting-Dec. 18. Church Officers' Meeting-Jan. 8. Nashville.

- Workers' Meeting—Jan. 8–11. Nashville. Church Officers' Meetings
 - Jan. 15. Jackson. Jan. 22. Montgomery.
- South Mississippi Youth Federation-Jan. 28.

Southern College

Semester Exams-Dec. 12-15. Christmas Vacation-Dec. 16-Jan. 7.

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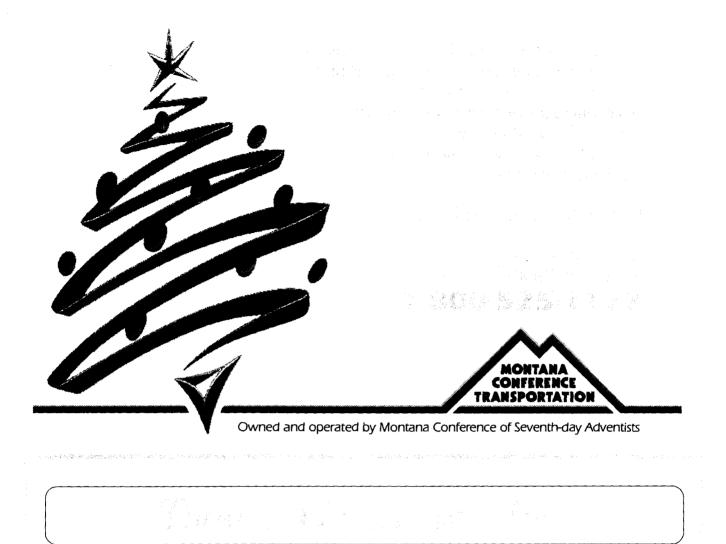
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Announcements

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Square Up With God

by George I. Pearson

onor the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of thine increase" (Prov. 3:9). There are many admonitions in the Word of God which prescribe the way in which we are to honor God. The Lord is to be honored in a special way when it comes to the control which we exercise over the treasures He places in our hands. Simply stated, our text burdens us with the responsibility of remembering to put God at the top of our agenda.

When trials come to tempt us to focus our attention on our own well-being, God would rather that we maintain our sights on Him who

showers His blessings upon us from day to day has no personal need of our bounty. What He needs is an acknowledgment from us that He is Lord. If He is Lord, He is to be honored as Lord. If He is Lord, He is worthy of being placed first and above all other. If He is Lord, nothing should be held back from Him.

God has allowed us to be stew-

ards of His goods in this world. Everything belongs to Him. As stewards, we are to faithfully return the holy tithe, and bring an offering of love in accordance with the blessings we have received. Anything that falls short of this takes us out of synchronization with Heaven's demand to honor the Lord, and should be rejected as a financial lifestyle for the Christian. All should seek to "square up with God," that is, we should assure that God's claims are met before dealing further with the Lord's goods.

"Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of thine increase." (Proverbs 5:9)

Great and precious promises are made by God to His people, all predicated upon their faithfulness to Him. He would be Lord of all. None are beyond the reach of His omnipotent hand. A rejection of His Lordship, however, places a barrier between man and God, and dulls the edge of both man's witness and God's blessing. We can be partakers of the full

We can be partakers of the full benefits of God's blessing only as we allow Him to be Lord of all we have and all we are. Let us examine our stewardship profile, and "square up with God."

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The Athens, Ga., Pathfinder club has accepted the project of cleaning up the highway in front of the church as part of a community services outreach. Pathfinders have become aware of the destructiveness of littering and are involved in cleaning six times a year.



Noel Shanko, Florida Conference ministerial secretary, presents a flag which was flown over the U.S. Capitol, to Birgitta Schutte Mathew in honor of her uncle Desmond T Doss. Doss was the first non-combatant to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor. This distinction was presented to him by President Harry S. Truman for his heroism in saving the lives of more than 70 American infantrymen while under heavy enemy fire.





One hundred-thirty people of the Knoxville church and community shared a 50th anniversary celebration with Geraldine and Roger Neidigh and Claudine and John Boyle, Jr. Both couples were acquaintances but did not know their weddings would be on the same day, September 17, 1944. They met during their honeymoon in Gatlinburg, Tenn., where they were staying in the same

motel. Because 50 years ago Gatlinburg closed down early in the evening, the two couples ate their first honeymoon supper together which included two bottles of pop, a banana, and a small package of crackers. They have remained friends throughout the years and have attended the Knoxville First church.



Georgia-Cumberland Academy has received new roof systems on the administration, class buildings, chapel, and the gymnasium. Softball field lights are in place and dorm rooms are receiving phone lines.

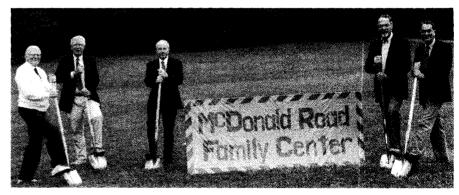
The 615-member McDonald Road, Tenn., church broke ground for a family center with 150 people attending the groundbreaking. The estimated \$250,000 building will include an 85 x 60 gymnasium with stage, two classrooms, a kitchen, and restrooms. The facility will house a variety of functions such as social activities, wedding receptions, Pathfinder activities, storage, vacation Bible School, church fellowship meals, and recreation. The church had \$68,000 before the building project was started.



Charlotte Sharon church members celebrated their recent 75th anniversary homecoming service. Pastors from the past and present gathered for a rare photo to celebrate the event. Pictured are David Dobias (left, back), M. Donovan Oswald, and Kenneth Harding, Sr.; Mitch Tyner (left, front), Kenneth Harding, Jr., Noel Shanko, and Herman Davis.



Twelve new believers were baptized in Lietchfield from a Revelation Seminar conducted by Lynn and Peggy Spangler of Amazing Facts. Ralph Reedy, pastor of the Lietchfield/Ohio County/Powderly churches, assisted as well as the faithful church members.



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Thirteen-year-old Wesley Colson isn't just another youth from the Jennings Lake, Fla., church. When he was baptized on August 31, he became the fifth generation of his family to become a member of Jennings Lake. Colson was adamant about becoming a member of the Adventist Church because if it was good enough for his great-great grandparents, it was good enough for his great-great grandparents, it was good enough for him. Pictured with Colson are his aunt, Denice Troyer (left); mother, Windy Luzader; grandmother, Jeanette Cannon; and great grandparents, Wesley Isabelle, and R. L. Martin.



Bill Beckworth (center), publishing director for the Southern Union, spent two weeks with the literature evangelists in Hungary. Bill demonstrated that people will very readily buy Adventist literature in far greater amounts than previously conceived or understood. He also taught them that they can work in the evenings.



Constructed in 1964, the G. E. Peters Hall initially housed the department of music and home economics (now human environmental sciences). In 1988 the latter was relocated in the E. A. Cooper Complex, leaving more room for music and art. The flat roof on Peters Hall has required constant repairs due to leaks. Now the administration has decided to replace the old with a pitched roof. This significant job being done to Peters Hall continues the trend by the administration over the past few years to remodel and upgrade all buildings in need of similar repairs.



A joint 50th anniversary wedding reception was held at Tyson's Chapel in Farmville, N.C., by the children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, for Robert and Elsie Tyson (left), and Louise and Lawrence Tyson. Robert and Lawrence are brothers. They both attended Southern Missionary College. Bob went on to become a pastor, principal, and conference educational director. Lawrence became a dairy farmer and lay preacher. The brothers grew up in North Carolina and were married within two months of each other.

Roscoe and Joy McFadden present Spirit of Prophecy books to David Clemence at the Mt. Dora, Fla., church. The McFaddens. who recently married, both owned a large library of Ellen G. White's books and thought that it would be wonderful to share their duplicates with others. McFadden's late wife was Elizabeth Spalding, a prolific Adventist author. Her most recognized book, Some Rain Must Fall, was one of 12 she wrote. Clemence was the worldwide presiding bishop of the United Assembly of Jesus Christ, Inc., and recently joined the Church through an Adventist friend, Betty Shrouder, and a video evangelistic series held by Mt. Dora pastor, Bill Waters.





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Oscar and Laura Torkelson celebrated their 50th anniversary at the Ridgetop school gym. The Torkelsons worked in denominational education for many years.

The Newstart Health Retreat, hosted by Pat and Willard Kaufmann, was held at Nosoca Pines Ranch October 2-9. Doctors Charles Knapp and Phill Collins were the featured speakers for the week-long event.

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by Terry Hall

hree generations of one family are baptized in a single day. Two nonAdventist children travel 100 miles each day to attend camp meeting. New churches are raised. What do they all have in common? They're the result of children's ministries in the Florida Conference.

"The mind of a child is very impressionable," says Donna Williams, conference children's ministries director. "Children have a great capacity to build faith and trust in Jesus. Our department's mission is to make Jesus real to them."

Williams is assisted in that mission by Grace Carlos, assistant director. Their responsibilities include conference-wide English and Hispanic children's ministries conventions, and vacation Bible school (VBS) workshops. They've also conducted children's evangelistic meetings and oversee the children's divisions at camp meeting.

The department also helped guide children's ministries programs at the local level. "We want to see a strong children's outreach in each church," says Williams. "We've created a number of programs designed to reach that goal. They include: Only One Way Home, a presentation about Jesus on the cross; The Armor of God VBS program; Children Under Attack, a

Children sit in rapt attention as Zlata Sabo teaches them about musical instruments used in Christ's day. The class was part of Belleview's VBS program.



seminar about occult influences in children's television programming and toys; Children's Day Sabbaths; and *My Bible Friends*, an evangelistic series for children."

And the results? In July of 1993, Richard and Cheryl White, their son, Kevin, and Richard's parents, Rufus and Edna White. all joined the High Springs church because of ongoing VBS programs conducted there. ″Our family would never



The smile on Crystal Rodriquez's face says it all—she knows Jesus is her friend.



have come to the Seventh-day Adventist Church," says Cheryl White, "if it hadn't been for the vacation Bible school at High Springs church ministering to our children."

"Over 2,800 children attended our local church VBS programs this year," says Carlos. "Approximately 980 were nonAdventists. Add the parents to that number and you see why VBS is one of our most important evangelistic tools. It's exciting." That excitement also extends to the department's *My Bible Friends Evangelistic Meetings* for children, ages 4–9. The program, built around famous Bible characters, includes songs, scriptures, object lessons, activity sheets, and crafts.

"The five-week series is designed to run concurrently with adult evangelistic campaigns," says Williams. "The Bethel-Eatonville church in Eatonville, Florida, was organized because of a *My Bible Friends* series. Forty children attended the

Camp meeting can be fun. Williams and children from the junior division dodge a gauntlet of water during a field trip to Sea World in Orlando.



meetings and took home what they'd learned. Families were influenced and the end result was a new 77-member church."

One of the department's busiest and most rewarding times happens at camp meeting. "Jesus Is My King was our kindergarten division's theme this year," says Williams. "Costumes and props were used to create learning centers where children listened to Bible stories and made crafts. Two nonAdventist children traveled 100 miles each day to attend."

"You should have seen them," laughs Williams. "They were so charged up. They were literally pulling their mother through the learning centers yelling, 'Mommy, you've got to see this,' or 'Mommy, this is what we did here and this is what this means.' Jesus had become real to them—Someone who cared about them."

The success of children's minis-



tries in Florida has caught national attention. Conferences and unions in the North American Division are using the *My Bible Friends* evangelistic seminars. Materials have been requested by Adventist churches in Jamaica, Japan, Peru, the Philippines, and the West Indies.

The department's Only One Way Home series about Jesus and the cross has been translated into Spanish by children's ministries workers in Venezuela. Six hundred children have been prepared to present the series there and are very enthusiastic about it.

"What excites me about this ministry is seeing God work," says Carlos. "Many times Donna and I both feel, why us? You know, who are we? Are we making a difference? Then you see a child reach out to Jesus and you have your answer."

"It's not our success, it's God's," says Williams, her voice filled with emotion. "I've been in children's ministries in Florida for eight years now, and there's no better place to see the Lord work and move. To see a child reach out to God with joy—that's the greatest reward."

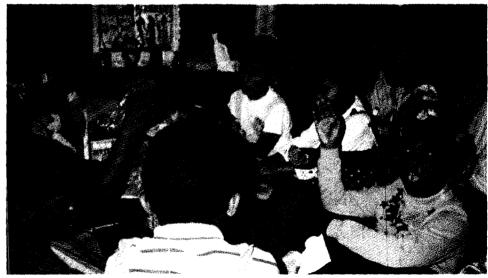
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Jesus is their King. Kindergarten division children pay homage to Christ at Florida's 1994 camp meeting.



Donna Williams conducts a VBS workshop at the Miami Temple church for local children's ministries leaders.



Children go back in time to visit a potter's shop as it might have been in Christ's day. The learning center was part of North Miami VBS.



Carrie Young has a prayer story to tell her students when she begins her teaching career.

by Tami Burch

y grandmother used to say, "Tami, when someone's name enters your mind, it's because they need you to pray for them right then." Only recently have I learned how true this statement is.

On Wednesday, September 22, 1993, at 8 p.m., a small group at Southern College knelt in earnest prayer for their friend Carrie Young who was a student missionary in Russia. Her sister, Kristi Young, was in the group and remembers,

"Each person prayed a sincere prayer for Carrie's protection."

Senior Ron Lizardo was also present. He said, "I felt impressed that it was time to claim the power of Jesus to take care of Carrie." So they prayed.

On the other side of the world, in Moscow, Russia, Carrie Young and her roommate had come home from work. They walked in, locked the door, then locked the dead bolt. No one could come in, only go out. After locking the door, they retired to their bedrooms to write letters. They finished around 2 a.m. double-checked the doors, and headed for bed. Normally, Carrie would check her balcony, but that night she felt too tired.

While lying in bed, she heard noises from the balcony. Though frightened, she made herself believe it was just a rat, and rolled back over. The noise came again, this time much louder. Carrie knew it wasn't a rat and became ex-tremely scared. She knew if she didn't check it out, she wouldn't sleep the rest of the night. As she was about to get up, a clear dis-tinct thought struck her, "No, Carrie, trust God and go to sleep." Carrie trusted God and fell into a peaceful sleep.

Around 4 a.m., the phone rang. It was Steve Nyirady, Jr., calling to see if she was all right and to share with her that a group of friends felt impressed to pray for her. Carrie thanked him and went back to bed. Carrie's phone rang again; this time it was Donna Denton. She too had called to say they were praying for Carrie. Carrie hung up the phone, but this time on her way back to bed, she noticed the front door wide open. Neither of the girls had left and they had double-checked the lock before going to bed. Therefore, the intruder had been hiding in their house since the girls had come home from work. To leave, the intruder had to have walked right past Carrie and the dresser where her passport and money lay. Yet, when she was awakened by the phone, she nor any of her belongings had been touched.

God called us to pray for Carrie. We heard His call and prayed. God answered our prayers. The intruder must have seen angels standing guard and fled.

Prayer Power

Carrie said that once she realized the danger she could have been in, she remembered the phone calls saying her friends felt impressed to pray for her. She said, "I praise God for the power of intercessory prayer." What I once thought to be just

another one of Grandma's sayings, I now believe to be a way our God works through us to help our brothers and sisters in their time of need.

Note: Both Tami Burch and Carrie Young are back on the Southern College campus as juniors and future elementary teachers after a year as student missionaries. While Carrie was in Russia, Tami was teaching on the Pacific island of Ebeye. Tami is from Michigan and Carrie from California. Carrie is the student director of Destiny Drama Company. Originally in the student newspaper, Southern Accent, this story is reprinted with permission.

SAPP GRADY

Prayer is an integral part of campus life for most students at Southern College-whether it's in Pierson Chapel (shown), in student residences, in a classroom or teacher's office-or even when two flagball teams cluster on the playing field after a game.



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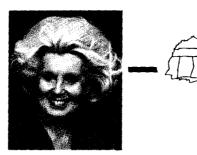
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WE'RE ALMOST TO GRANDMA'S HOUSE

When our little darlings, Melodee Dawn and Merilee Delight were tots, the holidays were especially meaningful. For months we talked and planned for the trip home to our folks. Though we served churches hundreds of miles away, fortunately for us they only lived 25 miles apart thus enabling us to divide our visit more or less equally between the two sets of grandparents.

Because of pastoral responsibilities, namely Ingathering, often our first opportunity to join our loved ones was Christmas Eve. Once while serving in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan we even had to dutifully solicit house-to-house on Christmas Eve. So anxious we were to get home, we left late that night driving through a raging snow storm and drifts that nearly obliterated the highways. We arrived in the wee morning hours exhausted, but thrilled to be home at last.

In the following years as the girls grew we started a family tradition. As we traveled toward home we would drink in the beauty of the snowcovered hills and vales dotted with the bright twinkling Christmas lights and manger scenes. From time to time a plaintive little voice from the back of the car would ask the perennial child's question, "When will we be there, Mommie?" "How far is it, Daddy?"

When at last as the long hours of travel were coming to an end and we would finally be approaching our destination, we would all start singing a happy little melody of "We're Almost to Grandma's house, Grandma's house, Grandma's house, we're almost to Grandma's house, we're almost to Grandma's house, Goody-Goody Gander!" As we rounded the last turn, glimpsed at last the little Cape Cod house on 16th Street or the big white house at the end of the winding driveway, the more vigorous our rendition of our unique little song.

You see, going to Grandma's house meant many things to our little family. First and foremost it was a haven of love, complete acceptance, and unconditional love. It was luscious meals of a variety not often enjoyed by a young ministerial family on a very tight budget. It meant a few days of shared responsibility and the care of two precious, but lively, and often, rambunctious little girls. It was a chance for them to play with their cousins and to explore the then safe neighborhoods. The highlight, however, was the holiday dinner, a wonderful combination of succulent food and family fun creating most precious lifetime memories. Of course, for the children, it was the mounds of Christmas gifts lovingly selected and wrapped to the delight of everyone.

Somehow Grandma and Grandpa seemed to know just what each child needed. I think angels must have helped them pick out the much needed clothes and toys alike. Both Grandmas and Grandpas believed and practiced the old axiom that "Charity begins at home." Their practical gifts were indeed a godsend.

I guess you can see how that our simple little, "We're almost to Grandma's House" song had profound implications and meaning to our family, a melodic prelude ushering into our lives a little taste of heaven. Truly our hearts beat just a bit faster when we would see their house, pull into the drive, and moments later rush into welcoming arms of love.

Recently we celebrated the 150th anniversary of a keen disappointment. The pioneers had such hope, faith, and belief in the soon coming of Jesus. In their mind's eye they could already picture themselves rushing towards heaven's gates and into the arms of their precious Savior, where there would be gifts galore, love, peace and joy evermore.

Today we are still eagerly and longingly looking forward to that "Christmas yet to come." I can imagine us now, all of God's children, as we travel towards the kingdom. When at last we come within sight of our heavenly destination, when we see glorious splendor shining through the gates of heaven, our Heavenly Father welcoming us with outstretched arms, perhaps we'll all be singing, yes, maybe even shouting in happy unison, "We're almost to Jesus' house, Jesus' house, Jesus' house, we're almost to Jesus' house, Praise His holy name."

Hazel Marie Gordon

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