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William A. Geary, former president of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, kisses the trophy, "I've waited a long time for this" he exclaimed. This past year the Georgia-Cumberland Conference broke all sales records and took the coveted trophy. In the last ten years both Carolina and Florida have held the "cup."

Requests by the Thousands

by Ron Quick

What happens when a person sits in a waiting room and picks up a beautifully illustrated Bible Story book? Charles Sperr, an aerospace engineer for NASA, can tell you what happens. Charles, along with his wife Kathy and their two sons Cory and Alex, attended the Southern Union literature evangelist convention where they shared their thrilling story.

After reading the display copy of the Bible Story book at their doctors office, Charles was impressed to send for additional information. The following Sunday Kathy, who was raised as a Methodist, attended her church while Charles and the boys stayed home. The Adventist program just happened to be on when Charles turned on the television. A couple of days after this,

literature evangelist Rick Matthaeus was following up on the card that Charles had mailed. The family purchased the Bible Story books and the Conflict Set, called the Bible Reference Library.

As a NASA engineer, Charles had to travel to the west coast whenever the shuttle landed there. He explains that it was there, waiting for the landing, that he always had plenty of time to read. Charles read *The Desire of Ages* and *The Great Controversy*. Kathy struggled with the creation story. She said, "All my formal education had taught evolution. I had always believed it, but as I read *The Great Controversy* and *The Desire of Ages*, they made so much sense. I knew that creation had to be true also." They looked up the address of the local church and just walked in. The head elder gave them studies and they were baptized. They are now very involved in the Titusville

church. In the same church are two other aerospace engineers influenced in a large part by literature evangelist David Sigamani.

This past year, in the Southern Union, more than one hundred and five thousand people sent cards requesting information about Seventh-day Adventist literature. Just as a literature evangelist responded to the request of Charles Sperr, it is a literature evangelist, with a song on the heart and a prayer on the lips who will travel the highways and back roads of the Southern Union in search for the one for whom Christ has died.

New Year's weekend, from all across the Southern Union, literature evangelists traveled to Jekyll Island. There they shared their exciting experiences at the year-end convention held on this South Georgia island. On Sabbath morning the LE's heard the thrilling stories about their fellow workers in Southeast Asia. It is there, in the Southeast Asian Union, the sister union of the Southern Union, that there is an urgent need for new carrying cases. The literature evangelists contributed \$1,810 to buy new cases for their fellow workers. Conference presidents along with M. D. Gordon, president

of the Southern Union, were there in support of this vital ministry. During these last four days in December literature evangelists shared their stories, shared their knowledge, and then on banquet night LE's, leaders, and presidents celebrated together the victories won.

Again in 1994 the Southern Union outdistanced all other unions in the North American division. Under the direction of Bill Beckworth, book and video sales reached nearly four million dollars. Michael Courey, from the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, broke sales records for individual sales. He personally sold more than \$125,000. The Georgia-Cumberland Conference reached a record-breaking level in books and literature sold. Their total sales reached almost \$1,222,000.

Literature evangelists are working with new and updated products. A popular new product has been the Bible Adventure Videos.



Bill Beckworth, publishing director of the Southern Union, stands with his wife Connie in front of the 300 literature evangelists and their families at the literature evangelist convention held at Jekyll Island on New Year's weekend.

The familiar *Bible Story* set, by Arthur Maxwell, was recently updated to include an easier to understand language style, new artwork and a new cover design. Literature evangelists will soon be traveling the super information highway when production of the *Bible Story* CD ROM is completed.

Literature evangelists produced the following results in 1994:

- Enrolled 16,560 in Bible studies.
- Prayed in 46,718 homes.
- Contacted 1,548 former Seventh-day Adventists.
- Souls baptized, 255.

"Only God can effectively measure human effort," exclaimed Charles Bradford as he addressed the crowded hall Sabbath morning. "No one knows how many lives have been touched, how many homes are living closer to the Lord, how many people are better parents, or better children, because of the witness of literature evangelists."

Cover: Literature evangelist Rick Matthaeus (left) stands with aerospace engineers Charles and Kathy Sperr and their two boys Cory and Alex as Obed Graham, president of the Florida Conference, interviews the family. Matthaeus was instrumental in bringing the NASA couple to church. Photo Credit: Ron Quick

Union and conference officials proudly stand with Carol and Mike Courey of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. Mike sold a record-breaking \$125,000 in books and videos in 1994.



Assisted Mountain Living

by Ron Quick



Chef Scott Telam, formerly with the Marriott hotel, prepares tasty, eye appealing delights for guests and residents of Pisgah Villa.

Located in a beautiful valley in the Blue Ridge Mountains with its breathtaking views is Pisgah Valley retirement community. This unique community, located next to the Pisgah Academy Church, has just opened the doors to a new assisted living center called Pisgah Villa.

Pisgah Villa Assisted Living Center, which is owned by the Carolina Conference, will give individuals the opportunity to live life to its absolute fullest.

The Villa studio suite is a place where an individual can truly call their own. A place where one can decorate with their own favorite furnishings or mix the Villa's attractive furnishings with their own cherished accessories and memories. Each suite has a private bath, galley kitchen, individual temperature controls, and has been designed with total comfort, privacy, and security in mind for the resident. For example, each studio suite is equipped with: microwave, refrigerator, safety enhanced bath fixtures, security entrances and emergency call system.

At Pisgah Villa an individual can prepare a meal in their own galley kitchen or they can choose to go to the Villa's intimate dining room. Breakfast, lunch and dinner at the Villa's dining room will offer a choice of healthy entrees served with a youthful smile. After lunch one can visit the Villa library, work on crafts, or converse with friends in front of a cheery fire in the sunny, glass enclosed sunroom. The Villa van is always available to drive a resident to meet their appointments, volunteer work or just to go shopping.

Truly, Pisgah Valley retirement community is a unique community. Just across the road from Pisgah Villa is Pisgah Estates Condominiums. The red tiled roof condominiums are nestled on a gentle slope overlooking the community. Their southwestern flavor blends comfortably into the lush countryside of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Between Pisgah Estates Condominiums and Pisgah Villa Assisted Living Center is Pisgah Manor. Pisgah Manor is a long term health care center, and has a reputation as one of the finest facilities in the Southeast. The availability of Pisgah Manor means that Estate or Villa residents do not have to leave the community when increased care is needed.

Pisgah Valley offers independent living, assisted living or extended health care to meet the retirement needs, even as those needs change. This Carolina conference owned retirement community, which is just minutes from the renowned Blue Ridge Parkway near Asheville, North Carolina, is truly a very special place of ministry. □

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Television Ministry

No single church in the Southern Union can seat 101,400 people. Yet that's how many nonAdventists tune in each week in Atlanta alone to watch *It Is Written*. Add to that the tens of thousands who watch *Lifestyle Magazine* and *Breath of Life* and you realize the impact and importance of Adventist television in the Southern Union. They reach more unchurched people each week than visit all the churches in the Union combined in an entire year.

"During 1994, *Breath of Life*, *Faith For Today*, and *It Is Written* mailed 27,181 pieces of Bible-based literature to viewers in the Southern Union," says Glenn Aufderhar, Adventist Media Center president. "This is a vital link to the television audience, and it is only possible because of generous giving on the part of our members."

For many people, the airwaves and the mail are the only way they can contact the Adventist church. Jeff, for example, wrote this letter.

"As I looked out of the bars, *It Is Written* caught my attention. I was filled with anger, bitterness, and disgust. My mother killed herself at age 22 by blowing her brains out. I never had a father figure in my life. I grew up alone on the streets of Naples, Florida. I started to steal simply to get something to eat. . . .

"I've lost everything in my life—my marriage, my children, my freedom—except one thing: my courage to get down on my knees and pray to God in my fear, and ask Him not to let my son or daughter

she said that she "realized for the first time in my life that I have been giving him permission to treat me that way. I am responsible for my life, and with God's help I am going to change."

The annual Television Ministries offering, to be taken division-wide this year on February 18, contributes an important part of the budget for *BOL*, *FFT*, and *IIW*. "With the number of stations airing our programs growing in North America and opportunities exploding abroad," says Aufderhar, "we're looking for the largest television offering ever to help us reach these people."

Among the stations added this year in the Southern Union are WYLE, Tusculum, Alabama; WTMV and WCLF in Tampa, Florida; WTGL, Orlando; WFGC, West Palm Beach; and WRBL, Columbus, Georgia; to name a few.

As they begin a new production year, each of the Adventist television ministries is playing a growing role in the church's Global Mission.

Breath of Life—which in its first 20 years has already led 12,000 persons to Christ and founded a dozen churches—plans crusades in New York, Seattle, St. Louis, and Phoenix.

Faith For Today is already producing original *Lifestyle* programs in Russia with a Russian host and audience. The program is also airing in Greece, where there are only 250 Seventh-day Adventists among the country's 10 million people.

It Is Written's taping days sound like a modern day of Pentecost. Associate speakers join Mark Finley on the set to produce programs in Russian, Spanish, and Portuguese. And on January 1, *It Is Written* began airing in the large Philippine television market.

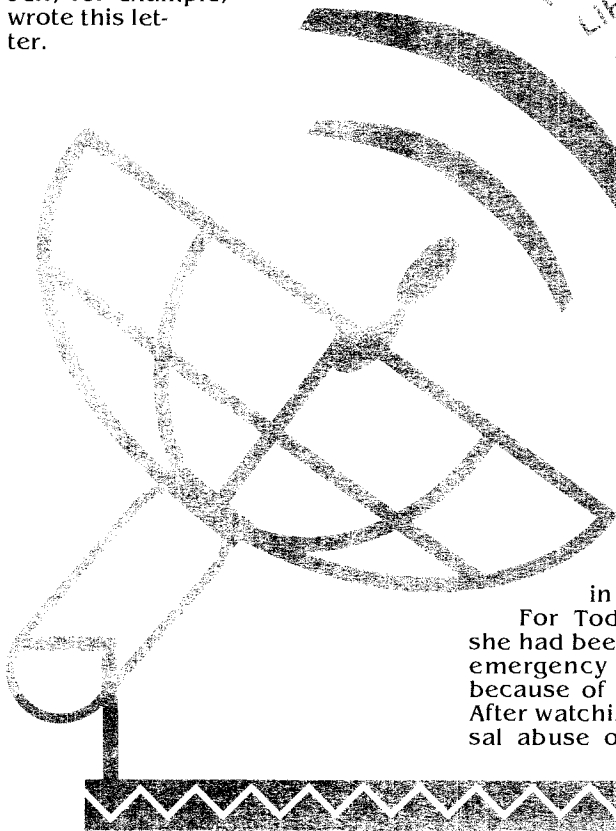
"With so much of the world suddenly open to Adventist evangelism, we must take advantage of these God-given opportunities right now," says Aufderhar. "Please make the largest gift you can on February 18 to that we can harness the airwaves for good." ■

IT IS WRITTEN
FAITH FOR TODAY
LIFESTYLE MAGAZINE
BREATH OF LIFE

see a prison cell. As I watched you on *It Is Written*, I saw a peace and happiness and love. . . . Your teachings are easy to understand and I trust you. I don't trust many people. Please help me."

For some Adventist television viewers, life changes begin as soon as the program is over. One woman

in California told *Faith For Today* that for 23 years she had been going to the hospital emergency room for treatment because of her husband's abuse. After watching a program on spousal abuse on *Lifestyle Magazine*,



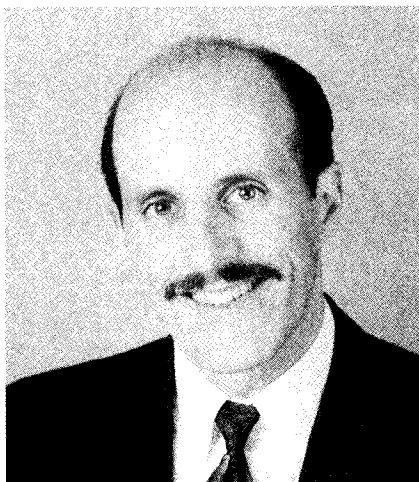
FLORIDA

Vann Patacxil, 16, of the Tallahassee church, and **Tony Cometa**, 16, of the Ocala church, met and earned honors at a piano competition at Florida State University in Tallahassee. An article in the *Tallahasseean* newspaper named Patacxil a piano prodigy. Since then, their musical families became friends. Because stewardship is the Christian life management of time, resources, health, and talents, these two teenage boys, and their families, now share their musical talents across the conference to inspire members, and give glory to God. They feel this is their way of being good stewards of the gifts He has given them. Cometa is a sophomore at Forest Lake Academy in Apopka. Patacxil is a sophomore at the north Florida Baptist Christian School in Tallahassee. Their parents are Fileman and Merlinda Patacxil, and Teofilo and Becky Cometa.



GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

A few years ago, **Peggy Clark** identified a special need. The personal ministry of compassion she launched to meet that need was recognized on December 2 when she was awarded the Columbia/HCA Healthcare Humanitarian Award for East Ridge Hospital. As a full-time labor and delivery nurse, Peggy has helped deliver more than 4,000 babies since she joined the staff at Eastridge 20 years ago. She has also witnessed what happens when tiny babies don't survive the delivery process. "The whole experience was so cold and uncaring," she remembers. "It really bothered me. Either the mother didn't



The Ministry Continues

The greatest days of Amazing Facts are still ahead.

This was the vision **Joe Crews** had for the ministry before his sudden death in October, and it is the vision shared by **Doug Batchelor**, the new director and speaker of Amazing Facts.

Doug Batchelor, who became the ministry's new leader in December, is a man of talent, energy, and a deep love for souls. He is also a highly effective media specialist whose television programs air 12-14 times each week on 3ABN and on cable and public access stations. His Revelation Seminar series was recently voted by viewers as one of the network's most popular preaching programs.

"Doug has an unusual ability to communicate," said Bill May, who has served as interim director of Amazing Facts and will now become assistant director. "He is a Bible-based, Christ-centered speaker whose messages appeal not only to church-oriented people, but also to the millions of secular-minded Americans in North America today."

Doug's extraordinary ability to reach souls with the gospel has been the hallmark of his ministry since he accepted his first pastoral call in 1983. Since then he has pastored four churches, conducted several overseas crusades, and worked as a full-time evangelist in the Northern California Conference. He has also written three books, and has been the featured speaker at weeks of prayer and youth rallies all over the United States.

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see her baby at all, or else she was handed a cold, naked baby." So Peggy started making tiny gowns, caps, booties and blankets for the little ones. "The parents need to say good-bye and be allowed to grieve," she explains. "We dress these precious babies and let the fathers and mothers hold them as long as they need to." Along with the plaque and certificate presented by hospital president and CEO Bill Donohoo, Peggy also received a \$500 check made payable to the charity of her choice, Adventist Community Services. "We are honored that Peggy chose us to receive these funds," said Gail Williams, executive director at Adventist Community Services. The center will earmark the funds to provide for babies whose mothers come to the center for help. "Peggy provides dignity and worth for babies that do not go home with their families," says Williams. "It's only fitting that we use this money to provide for the needs of babies who do go home."



Randy Sauder, a member of the Marietta, Ga., church and son of retired worker Harvey Sauder, Columbia Union stewardship and trust services director, was recently elected to the Georgia State Legislature.



William "Bill" Lyles spent 15 years as a colporteur in the conference. He recently learned about the baptism of one of his customers, bringing the total he is aware of to 40. After his retirement, Bill continues to distribute literature. He is an employee of Food City in Oliver Springs, Tenn., and says he is kept busy filling the *Signs of the Times* literature rack which he placed there in the spring. Bill serves as head elder of the Coalfield church and is active in the

Coalfield Senior Citizens organization where he witnesses about a soon-coming Savior.

Clifford Achata, a 12-year-old member of the Hixson church, was recently featured on WRCB TV3 (NBC Network), as well as on CNN. A local program, *Jed's Journal*, depicts unusual and noteworthy topics of interest each week. Some of the stories are so different they are forwarded to CNN. Such was the case with Cliff. He fashions critters, characters and inanimate objects out of twist ties. It takes but a few minutes for the less complicated figures. One particularly fascinating character was Jesus on the cross. He also makes clothing for the people figures. An employee of the Colonial Baking Company saw the story on CNN and offered to donate all the twist ties Cliff will need to keep him busy for years. He began this hobby when he was four years of age.



KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Lin Powell, the new trust services director, had been spending, along with office secretary, **Silke Albright**, several days with **George Woodruff**, a retired and recognized authority in trust services, developing the plans and programs for the future in the conference. Woodruff has spent almost a week working with Lin and Silke in making sure the records are kept properly and that documents are all being processed in harmony with policy and legal mandates. This help given by Woodruff will ensure an even better program trust services offers the people of the conference.



Hickman Science Center

James W. Hickman, DDS, of Longwood, Florida, was recently honored, along with his family, with the official naming of the science center to be built at Southern College. Trustees voted to name the new instructional building the Hickman Science Center.

Hickman, a generous and loyal alumnus and honorary board member, received recognition from Donald Sahly, president of Southern College, and Al McClure, president of the North American Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

The cornerstone plate presented reads: "Hickman Science Center honoring Dr. and Mrs. James W. Hickman and the James and Evangeline Hickman Family, pioneers and contributors to Southern College scholastically, financially, and spiritually since 1928. May their spirit of service inspire all students who will be educated in this building October 29, 1994."

It is fitting that Hickman's parents, the James and Evangeline Hickman family, be recognized as pioneers. James Hickman was for many years publishing secretary of the Southern Union. In 1929 he purchased land next to Southern's campus so that his family could be closer to a Seventh-day Adventist church and school. Soon after moving, the Hickmans built a home on the property, a house that still stands today above the former fire hall. In 1990, the Hickman family donated their family home to Southern College.

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In the 1930's Elder Hickman pioneered the sales of College Broom Shop products and remained its primary sales representative until his death in 1958. Evangeline Hickman gave much of her free time making a home for a number of students. Those students were then able to attend this college because of the Hickmans' kindness.

James and Evangeline parented five children, all of them students of Southern College. The eldest, Paul, and the youngest, Marvin, have passed away. The three living children are James, Melvin, and Valda Hickman Martz.

Flanking Dr. Hickman for the presentation were his wife, Josiane, and their four children, James Leroy, Candace Hickman-Waters, Andre, and Chantal.

Complexities of a specialized educational building of this type, with its chemistry, physics, and biology laboratories, have required a long planning phase, but construction is expected to begin in 1995. It will also house mathematics and engineering studies, computer science and technology. The new building will replace facilities built 40 to 50 years ago.

Jack McClarty

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Doug is supported in the ministry by his wife, Karen, and four children. The Batchelors join *Amazing Facts* from California, where Doug is senior pastor of the Sacramento Central church. For a time, they will continue to live in Sacramento and Doug will carry dual responsibilities. This will allow him to begin taping new *Amazing Facts* programs immediately, since his church already has a fully operating television production studio. In the meantime, *Amazing Facts* will begin planning to equip a studio that can be up and running by the time the Batchelors arrive at the ministry's Maryland headquarters.

"Sometimes when the prominent leader of a ministry dies, the remaining staff withdraw or slow the pace with uncertainty. However, this has not happened at *Amazing Facts*. Our work will not be finished until the Lord comes. There can be no greater memorial to Joe than to press forward," said Doug.

Debra J. Hicks



Carolina

The Morganton church recently completed their **WORD OF PROPHECY MEETINGS** with evangelist Dale Pollett. On the concluding Sabbath, 12 were baptized. Many more are expected to join the church in the months ahead, not only from the influence of the crusade, but also from the persistent work of the Gospel Workers who have already seen the fruit of their labors in 21 individuals who were baptized after hearing the truths of the gospel.



Florida

As of December 9, Florida Conference churches raised \$103,678.89 for **INGATHERING** in 1994. The monies reverted back to Florida from the General Conference will be used for local conference health and community services expenses which include: building or renting of Community Services Centers; operating community services vans and disaster units; sponsoring underprivileged children to summer camps; and conducting vacation Bible schools, community health classes, Breathe-Free Plans To Stop Smoking, and other programs that benefit the community.

EIGHTY-THREE PEOPLE HAVE JOINED THE EDEN CHURCH AS A RESULT OF EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS recently conducted by the church's pastor, Michel Porcena. Sixty-six were baptized and 17 were accepted by profession of faith.

THE FOREST CITY SPANISH CHURCH CHOIR PRESENTED ITS CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE COMMUNITY with four performances of the cantata, *Christmas For All Time*, December 16-18. The 100-member group performed the work at the Winter Park Mall in Winter Park, as well as area churches including the Inglesia De Dos Pentecostal church in Altamonte Springs, Fla.

MORE THAN 150 SINGLES ATTENDED "A GIFT OF LOVE . . . A LIGHT OF JOY" CHRISTMAS WEEKEND in Orlando, December 9-11. The event was sponsored by the conference's family life department and the Florida chapter of Adventist Singles Ministries (ASM). Featured speakers at the event included Conference President Obed Graham, and national ASM vice president and chaplain Blake Hall.

"Adult Illiteracy—We Can Be Part of the Solution" and "Domestic Violence" were among the subjects covered at a **WOMEN'S MINISTRY DAY** held at the St. Petersburg church, November 5. Fifty-two women, representing women's ministries programs in the con-

ference's Gulf Coast district attended. A special historical drama on women in the Seventh-day Adventist Church was also featured. Campus Advent leaders from Avon Park Community College recently met with Denise Badger, conference youth/young adult ministries task force worker, to organize **SPIRITUAL AND SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVENTIST COLLEGIATES IN THE AVON PARK AREA**. About 20 Adventist students attend Avon Park Community College. The Campus Advent concept was created by the North American Division to build bridges with Adventist students on secular college campuses.

MELBOURNE CHURCH ADVENTURERS SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER by caroling at the Arbors Nursing Home in Melbourne, December 3. The children performed a short program and then sang Christmas carols. Adventurers is a Pathfinder program for children in grades 1-4.

THE CENTRAL FLORIDA MESSIAH CHORAL SOCIETY PRESENTED A PROGRAM OF EXCERPTS FROM HANDEL'S MESSIAH at the Forest Lake church's third worship service, December 3. The 150-member group began in 1973 and is made up of Central Florida residents representing churches of all faiths.

Deltona church Pathfinders conduct a special worship period at weekly club meetings to promote greater **CHURCH AWARENESS** among its seven nonAdventist members. The club currently numbers 30—an increase of 14 compared to last year.

The Forest Lake and Kress churches now hold **MORNING MIDWEEK PRAYER SERVICES FOR ITS SENIOR MEMBERS** unable to attend in the evening. Associate Forest Lake Pastor Dave Prest says many attend the morning service because it's easier to drive and "get around" during daylight hours. Kress church also has a potluck lunch after its morning meeting.

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Georgia-Cumberland

The conference ministerial department has implemented **A PROGRAM TO SHOW THE PASTORS THEY ARE VALUED** and to bring encouragement. The pastoral staff is divided into groups with a pastor assigned to visit each of the pastors in his group once a year. There will also be another time of socializing with the pastors and their spouses in each area. The third part of the program includes time at Cohutta Springs with Conference President Gordon Bletz. The program will provide the pastors more interaction with each other, support from the conference office, and appreciation.

EAGER BEAVERS HAVE BEGUN MEETING ONCE A MONTH AT THE MCDONALD ROAD, TENN., CHURCH. This group consists of 10 preschool and kindergarten aged children.

A SPECIAL DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER was conducted at the Graysville, Tenn., church

December 31. The church doors were open throughout the day and people were encouraged to join in group or solitary prayer as desired. The day culminated with a candlelight Communion and Agape supper and concluded as the New Year began at sunset.

The Collegedale Cradle Roll II through Kindergarten II donned towels, old sheets, old tablecloths, and wings in the **CHILDREN'S LIVE NATIVITY** held at the Collegedale church December 8 and 10.

A ONE-HOUR CHRISTMAS EVE VESPER SERVICE was conducted December 24 at the Collegedale church with special music, stories, responsive reading, and closed with carol singing by candlelight. Participants for this special service were able to close the Sabbath with a spiritual focus to the holiday, and still allowed ample time for families to appreciate their Christmas Eve traditions.

Gulf States



About 40 Pathfinder leaders and staff met together recently for a **PATHFINDER LEADERS HONORS WEEKEND**. The honors taught were first aid, family life, stewardship, mountain lore, origami, fossils, dough art, and ecology.

The first training in **DISASTER RESPONSE** was given to Gulf States Conference Counselors in Training (CIT) at Bass Memorial Academy by Verdi Culpepper, disaster relief consultant for the North American Division.

Twenty young people from the Shoals, Decatur, and Cullman churches met for a midweek **YOUTH MEETING** with Bill Wood, conference youth director. Wood presented the subject of conformity and how to set a positive example before others.

Bill and Janet Wood, conference family life directors, presented a **FAMILY LIFE WEEK-END** in the Brookhaven district recently. Woods jointly presented the Sabbath sermon on the topic of love and then presented a family life workshop in the afternoon.

The Gilbertown church had a booth at the annual **BLADON SPRINGS ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW**. They offered free blood pressure check and health screenings.

The Bonifay church, with a health theme, won second prize of \$50 for the second year in a row with their **FAIR BOOTH**.

Tommy Poole, pastor of the Bonifay district, spoke for the **BONIFAY-HOLMES COUNTY MIN-**

ISTERIAL ASSOCIATION at the Bonifay First Methodist church on Sunday evening, November 20.

Bill and Janet Wood conducted a district-wide **FAMILY LIFE SABBATH AT THE GILBERTOWN, ALA., CHURCH** on December 10. This was the first district meeting that anyone could remember.

Granville and Lucille Davis and Erman and Rhoda Fern Stearns of the Floral Crest, Ala., church traveled to Montemorelos, Mexico, to take part in a **MARANATHA VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL PROJECT**. At the end of nine days the group of 45 workers met with the congregations in worship service in the two churches built.

Women's ministry of Montgomery First, Ala., church had a **BANQUET** recently. The program of inspiration, music, and humor was enjoyed by 54 ladies. Secret sisters were revealed and new ones drawn for the new year.

Montgomery First, Ala., church's health and temperance leaders provided a **TASTY AND HEALTHY ALTERNATIVE** to unhealthy holiday goodies. A dessert demonstration was presented and recipes were shared.

The Eufaula, Ala., church held a **VEGETARIAN COOKING SCHOOL** for five nights. The school was conducted by students from Uchee Pines Institute as well as other church members. Free cookbooks and blood screening were available.

Kentucky-Tennessee



The Madison Campus church is beginning a **TWELVE STEPS TO HAPPINESS SUPPORT GROUP** program that will meet 9:30-10:40 each Sabbath morning. The program is designed for members and nonmembers.

The Lexington church reports that the **FALL WEEK OF PRAYER** played a vital role in nurturing and revitalizing their church. The theme was: "Building Families," and a different aspect was presented each evening in various homes. The members gathered Sunday through Friday evenings in church member's homes, finishing on Friday evening in the home of the local pastor, Gordon

Paxton and his wife, Louise. The service concluded Sabbath morning with the pastor presenting the topic: "Being There for Our Children."

NET '95 is gaining ground in the conference. Fourteen Net '95 evangelistic series are planned for 1995.

A GROWING NUMBER OF GROUPS ARE WANTING TO START NEW COMPANIES AND ORGANIZE NEW CHURCHES IN THEIR TERRITORIES. While this presents some problems, it also indicates a growing desire among our members to advance and finish the work of God.

Southern College



A CARE MINISTRY PROGRAM at Chattanooga's Room in the Inn was featured in a Friday's Heroes segment of the 6 p.m. news on WTVC Channel 9. This special recognition affirmed the on-going student volunteer work coordinated by Debra Carby, a senior biology major.

In November more than 120 **SCREENING PHYSICALS** were performed by the upper division nursing assessment class for children at the Chambliss Home. This yearly project helps underprivileged children receive free medical care, including an eye exam, hemoglobin blood test, and an overall physical checkup.

A NEW 21ST CENTURY CLASSROOM COMPUTER LABORATORY IS BEING DEVELOPED by the department of education and psychology. Partnerships with Microsoft and other corporations will help provide the very latest of technology at greatly reduced cost.

With the goal of a safe and healthy place for work and study, at least one staff member in each major building on the campus was of-

fered **CPR EMERGENCY TRAINING** in January.

Southern is calling its spring College Days **VIEWSOUTHERN**. Dates of this special opportunity for prospective students and their parents (or pastors) to visit the campus are April 2 and 3, 1995. Call 1-800-SOUTHERN for details.

A KEYBOARD FESTIVAL was held in mid-January by the Southern College department of music. It brought together aspiring young pianists and organists from secondary schools in the Southern Union.

Careers in various areas of health care received emphasis in the annual **HEALTH FAIR** held on the campus. The college offers prerequisite courses for entrance not only into medical and dental programs but also entrance into professional programs such as cytotechnology, dental hygiene, nutrition and dietetics, occupational therapy, physical therapy, physician's or surgeon's assistant, and speech pathology and audiology.

—Education—

Concerto Contest Winners Perform

Southern College— Winning soloists for the January Concerto at Southern College were from Collegedale Academy, Southern College, and Bryan College.

Musically talented students in eight grade, high school, or college were invited to participate in the Southern College Concerto Competition for strings, winds, brass, and piano.

Sponsored by the Southern College Symphony Orchestra, the Concerto Competition brought 22 initial entries, from as far away as New York. Of these, ten were se-

lected to come to the campus in December for audition before a panel of judges. Winners announced by Orlo Gilbert, conductor and professor of music at Southern College since 1967, were: Sharlyn Pellington (violin) and Brian Liu (violin), both of Collegedale Academy; Stephanie Kime (violin, Ohio), Chad Carlson (horn, Florida), and Warren Janzen (cello, Tennessee), all of Southern College; and Sara Beth Nordmoe (flute) of Bryan College in Dayton, Tenn.

Winners performed as guest artists with the Southern College Symphony Orchestra and received award stipends.

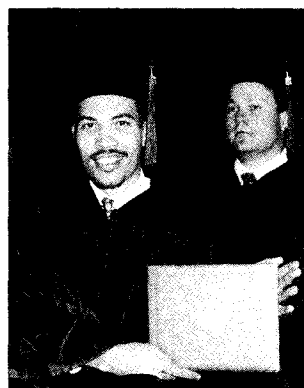
Doris Burdick

Dual Degree Program Yields First Grad

Oakwood College— Oakwood and the University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) offer a cooperative dual degree program in applied mathematics and engineering. Upon successful completion of three years at Oakwood and two years at UAH, the student is awarded the BS in applied mathematics from Oakwood and the BS in engineering from UAH.

On December 18, 1994, Victor L. Harrison became the first graduate from this innovative arrangement.

Two Oakwoodites also received master's degrees. Sherman



Victor L. Harrison

Haywood Cox II, a graduate of Oakwood Academy, was awarded the master of science in computer science.

Anne Winbush, an instructor in history and political science at Oakwood, graduated with a master of arts in public affairs.

Roy E. Malcolm

Adventists Receive NCPSA Approval

Southern Union— During the fall meeting of the National Council

for Private School Accreditation, held in Alexandria, Va., September 26 and 27, the Seventh-day Adventist accreditation program received full approval

and recognition for its organizational structure, standards, and accreditation procedures.

NCPSA Executive Director Charles J. O'Malley commented: "The review process is extremely thorough and we have taken great pains to keep the process fair and impartial. The Commission on Standards and Review not only reviews each organization's written manuals, policies and procedures, it receives a report from an unbiased education professional experienced in the accreditation process who witnessed the organization's accreditation process in action."

Gil Plubell, director of education for the North American Division, and Gerry Thompson, director of education for the Pacific Union Conference, participated in the preparation of the lengthy self-study and represented the Adventist

Accrediting Association at several NCPSA national ratings.

We are very pleased with this process as it now allows SDA accredited schools to enjoy the benefits of national recognition for our school programs. Benefits of NCPSA approval and membership include: national recognition and broad acceptance, collective strength and influence, improvement of private education through peer evaluation, accountability to our church and general publics, validating credibility of our SDA Accrediting Association, articulation agreements for transferability of academic credits, development of state and interstate recognition and acceptance of SDA accreditation; and provides a forum for professional interaction and mutual assistance in strengthening individual associations.

—Health—

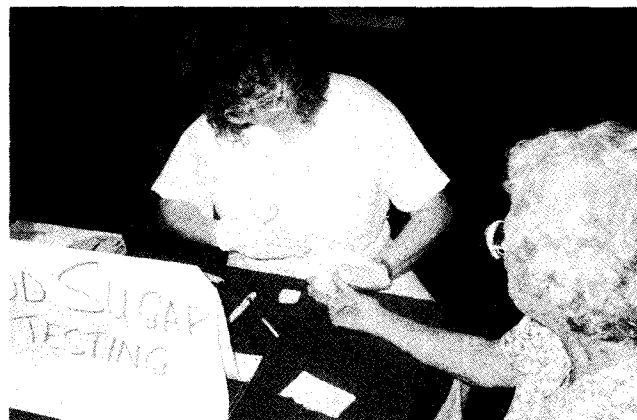
Health Evangelism Emphasized in Winter Garden

Florida—What do "stress bricks," fire trucks, cooking classes, and health screenings have in common? At the Winter Garden church, they all spelled out "Health Fair," an evangelistic outreach

with more than 100 non-members in attendance.

The Orlando Fire Department's "smoke trailer" demonstrated how to safely exit a smoke-filled building and was a big hit with the young people. The Orange County Health Services Department offered health screenings.

Curious visitors had their questions about



Debbie Hidalgo prepares to administer a blood sugar test to Elgie Charles.

Seventh-day Adventists answered. It was a perfect opportunity to build relationships and correct misconceptions.

Many visitors followed their noses and their taste buds to free vegetarian cooking classes. Volunteers staffing the conference community services van conducted body fat composition tests and blood pressure screenings.

A team of doctors offered medical counseling, and blood sugar testing. Other booths

offered information on stress reduction, herbal remedies, nutrition, women's medicine, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and the eight laws of health.

Pathfinders and Adventurers provided an inflatable "Star Jump" fun house for children.

The church sees the fair as an opportunity for evangelism, and plans a follow-up program to continue meeting the health and spiritual needs of the community.

Ron Priest



CINDY KURTZHALS

Conference employees walked around with pencils and pads assigning number values to each temperance poster. From 100 posters, they narrowed their choices to 18. The temperance department picked the grand prize winners.

Students Participate in Poster Contest

Florida—The bare bones of smoking and drinking were depicted by a skeleton with hair and wearing blue jeans. One hand held a lit cigarette and the other a bottle of booze.

Lorena Bentley, an eighth grader at West Coast Junior Academy in Bradenton, illustrated her perception of what drugs and alcohol do to a user. Bentley was the top poster winner for grades 7-10 in the conference-wide Temperance Poster Contest. The contest was part of the National Red Ribbon Week.

"Florida Conference schools have taken advantage of National Red Ribbon Week to turn the minds of our young people toward the importance of clean and healthy living," says Richard O'Fallon, conference health and temperance director.

Fifteen schools caught the vision and accepted the challenge. The contest was held in three grade categories: K-2, 3-6, and 7-10. Each participating school received a \$25 incentive grant for incidental supplies. Posters were to be 12" x 18" drawn in any medium such as crayon or paints. The schools then selected local winners in each category and sent those posters to the confer-

ence where office staff made the final judgements.

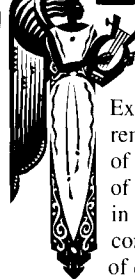
More than 100 posters were received at the temperance department. Bentley's poster won the 7-10 category. Karina Mathi, a third-grader from Orlando Junior Academy, won the 3-6 category. Her poster showed children caught in black maze made of black yarn with their lives turned every which way. It was called "Don't Get Caught In The Drug Web." Megan Jenkins, a second grader at Gold Coast Junior Academy in Boynton Beach, won the K-2. Her poster was a montage of bright red headlines: bladder cancer, smoking kills, heart attacks, substance abuse, lung cancer. Surgeon General's warning labels and pictures of glue tubes, pills, and cocaine surrounded a picture of Jesus Christ in the center. Under it were the words, "Jesus is

the way. Choose Him."

These grand prize winners earned trophies, and their schools received a \$50 award. Each artist of a semi-finalist poster sent to the conference received a reward ribbon.

Cindy Kurtzhals

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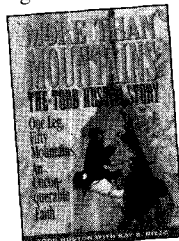
GCA Invades Belize

Georgia-Cumberland—The GCA class of '95 followed the class of '94 in a mission/class trip to the coun-

try of Belize, Central America. The class goal was to assist the Belize Mission in its outreach to the people of Belize. The Mission's ability to provide churches in which the exploding Adventist population

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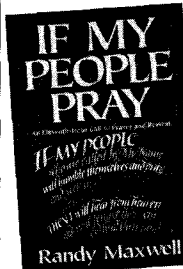
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John Thomas (left), principal, and Keith Byers work on a brick wall of the church.

might worship is basically impossible without help from brothers and sisters "north of the border."

The little town of San Pablo, ten miles north of Orangetown, became the focal point of the senior's efforts. Seniors Keith Byers, Wes Olson, Andrea Christman, Heather Ehlert, Kenny Martin, Dawn Grafe, Gina Cook, John Laddage, Russell Dick and others mixed and hauled "mud," carried and laid block, and worked on their tans. Tracey Sanders, Mario Panebianco, Sherry Summitt, Kerry Tankersley, Paul Reid, Darlene Steele, Josh McRea, Dennis Lee and others, hauled and cut lumber, and pounded nails as they built trusses for the roof.

While the church construction was in progress, other teams worked in the community. A dental team staffed by seniors

Darrell Smith, Diego Poloché, Nathan Brannon, Terry Trecartin, Jessica Petry, and Joy Mashak examined and/or treated as many as 240 patients a day. A medical team with seniors Darwin Heisey, Kathy O'Connell, Julie Howell, and Crystal Candy assisted in meeting the medical needs of as many as 70 patients a day. A story hour team with seniors Anthony Stewart, Tinky Hodgson, Noelle Cappa, Jonas Courey, and Dexter Bartholomew taught the children songs, games, and good hygiene.

There were days off for excursions to various Mayan ruins, jungle preserves, 1000-foot waterfalls, and of course, the famed barrier reef, where the class spent its last two days snorkeling in the underwater preserve and/or shopping in the many quaint little shops.

Lowell Jenks

Humor and Courage Routed to 1,000 Homes

Florida—The book, *Good News For Troubled Times*, made such a hit with Vero Beach members that they wanted to reach out to their community with it.

They mailed the 1994 missionary book of the year to 1,000 residents

surrounding the church, and included a slip of paper with a meaningful, attention-getting message. "We are happy to offer you this resource during these confusing and troubling times in which we live. *Good News For Troubled Times*, in a practical and humorous way, offers courage and hope in the midst of a troubled world. Our desire is that this book will be of value

to you. Sincerely, Pastor David Moench and the Vero Beach Seventh-day Adventist Church Family."

"We've had some response," said Moench. "One member's co-worker said, 'I got a book from your church. What is it?' The member explained it was a book telling about our

church. 'Well, it is interesting,' said the co-worker. 'I'm looking forward to reading it.'"

The pastor hopes the books will illicit a response from the community, and be the kind of outreach that the Holy Spirit can use for evangelism in the community.

Cindy Kurtzhals

More Than 1,000 Served, Again

Gulf States—During the holiday season, Central church in Huntsville served 1,000 people at a vegetarian booth during the Southern Living Cooking School extravaganza sponsored by *Southern Living* magazine.

Each year, thousands of people attend one of two shows at the local civic center, where they watch cooking demonstrations by professional chefs and hear the latest in food preparation and presentation tips. After each cooking show, the throng eagerly descends upon the many exhibitors' booths to sample food delicacies and gather recipes, coupons, and literature of all types.

More than 50 exhibi-

tors were present this year, including a large regional grocery chain, a nationally advertised sausage company, an international cheese and condiment corporation, a nationally known ice cream producer—and Central Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The booth volunteers were ready with vegetarian chili prepared in slow-cookers right on the spot, along with recipes and Bible enrollment cards. Many people asked for more vegetarian recipes or information on cooking classes, or just shared health concerns. And even though the exhibit hall was brimming with goodies too numerous to choose from, many comments were overheard exclaiming the vegetarian chili to be "the best of the show."

Michelle Farr



Sheila Evans (left), takes chili samples out to the crowd.

Jewish Believers Reach Out

Gulf States—Sandy Howard of Thorsby, Ala., is a Jew who has accepted Jesus and is now anxious to bring this wonderful

Messiah to other Jews. He has made several trips to Australia where the outreach to the Jews is going well. However, in North America, where the world's largest population of Jews lives, there is

little work going on. Howard recently had a booth at the ASI convention in Dallas and was able to make further contact with Jews who are now

Adventists. Two books are available for further study: Sabbath House Ministries, P.O. Box 623, Thorsby, AL 35171. Sharryn Mahorney

Net '95 Outreach Begins

Southern Union—Net '95 meetings will be held in an estimated 900 to 1,000 locations across North America in February and March. Some of the participating churches will record the program for viewing at a later time.

The Adventist Media Center reports 520 churches have bought equipment to receive satellite transmissions from the Adventist Communication Network. An estimated 850 churches are satellite downlinked. Most of these will participate in Net '95, some of which already had equipment prior to Net '95 promotion.

More than 3.5 million handbills have been ordered through Seminars Unlimited by churches participating in Net '95.

January has been a busy, crucial month in the overall planning for Net '95. The 10-session Discover Jesus Seminar

which started January 14, is being held twice a week. Mark Finley, speaker on the It Is Written telecast, conducted the first two sessions. Local pastors have been leading out in the last eight sessions which conclude immediately prior to the opening of the evangelistic meetings Saturday evening, February 18.

In addition, five weekly Natural Lifestyle Cooking School classes which began in January will conclude February 12. Each class has featured a three-hour satellite transmission from Chattanooga and one hour for sampling food prepared by local church members, medical/nutrition dialogue with guests and advertising for upcoming events.

Both seminars as well as the Net '95 meetings are being advertised in connection with the It Is Written telecast.

C. Elwyn Platner

Progress

Paris Church Dedicates New Complex

Kentucky-Tennessee—On Sabbath morning, December 10, 1994, the Paris church was packed with members and former pastors to dedicate a new church building debt-free. Roy Thurmon, acting pastor, was assisted in the service by David Lea, Luther May, and Bill Ambler, all former pastors of the Paris church. Ambler spoke for the eleven o'clock worship service,

a time of worship and celebration for the entire congregation. In the afternoon, John Fowler, conference secretary, led out in the service of dedication.

The building of the Paris church was a corporate endeavor involving the dedication of the church members, and past and present pastors. James Ladd, representing the Business and Professional Association, who played a vital role in enabling the congregation to build and pay for this beautiful facility, also participated in the celebration. In



Inside the Paris church sanctuary.

addition to the church, a lovely church school

is a part of the complex. John W. Fowler

Update

Pathfinders Learn About STARS

Georgia-Cumberland—Baby and her master, Willis Hankins, were the special guests at the Collegedale Pathfinder's Lost Creek campout on the weekend of December 3. Baby is a three-year-old German Shepherd and is part of STARS (Special Tactics and Rescue Service). Hankins has given Baby all her training in search and rescue. The Pathfinders did

not know about Baby's special training and her reason for being on the campout until Sabbath morning. They just thought there happened to be this neat dog.

When her harness is buckled on she knows that play time is over and it's time to work. Staff member Eric O'Brien made a circle of the outskirts of camp. Hankins then let Baby smell Eric's truck to pick up his scent and told her to find Eric. The Pathfinders were then able to see Baby follow Eric's path. In a few places she had trouble follow-



Baby led Willis Hankins and the Pathfinders to where Ryan Walls and Brian Sax were hiding.

ing the path since Eric had been in that area earlier, but she backtracked and picked up his scent again.

Several other Pathfinders were sent into the woods for Baby to locate. Each person left a hat or barrette for Baby to get a scent.

Baby and Hankins

have provided help in finding lost people, both children and adults, and tracking criminals. Willis related several of these incidents to the Pathfinders. He also told the Pathfinders what to do if they were to ever get lost.

Sherrie Platt

Church Members Display 100-Year-Old Charts

Georgia-Cumberland—On a recent Sabbath, Albert Dickerson, and Apison Sabbath school teacher James Patterson displayed one of several cloth charts used by Dickerson's aunt, a Bible worker for several years just after 1885.

It was in that year Dickerson's father was baptized. His sister kept urging him to attend a current evangelistic series. In order to avoid further pressure, he agreed to go to just

one meeting, if she would no longer mention the subject to him.

Two young laymen had visited the local conference expressing their desire to conduct some meetings. With approval and without financial assistance they rented a schoolhouse. They spoke on alternate nights, with each giving a review of his subject on the following night.

The night Dickerson's father attended, the ten-minute review was on baptism. This was followed by a two-hour lecture on the Sabbath. That very evening Dickerson's father

made it known he wished to be baptized.

The art on these charts is of professional quality, and although the folds in the cloth are aged, the

renderings are fixed. The charts have been examined closely, but the technique and materials used are still somewhat of a mystery.

Noble B. Vining



Students check food boxes before delivery.

Collegedale Academy Conducts Project 5000

Georgia-Cumberland—Richard Cadavero, Collegedale Academy's religion teacher and coordinator of Project 5000, has many people to thank for making this year's Project 5000 a success.

Project 5000 is a program started by Collegedale Academy to help needy families by distributing canned goods and nonperishable food items. Spalding Elementary School helped by doubling their collection of canned goods to more than 1,227 items this year compared to 600 last year.

Collegedale Academy held a competition to see which class could collect the most food. The winner was the sophomore class. It collected more than 2,700 pieces followed by the junior class which had more than 2,300. The grand total of canned goods and other food was more than 8,500.

The number of needy families also grew this year from 64 to 75. However, there was enough food to feed everyone. Each family received three boxes of food. One decorated box contained ten pounds of potatoes, fruits, a pumpkin pie, and rolls. The other two boxes were made up of a variety of food items.

Abiye Abebe



Dickerson (right), and James Patterson display the 100-year-old cloth which has the evangelistic chart on it.

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Disaster Response Team Conclude Busy Year

Georgia-Cumberland—Last year was a busy time for the Georgia-Cumberland Disaster Response Team. From tornadoes in southeastern Tennessee to record-setting floods in south Georgia, the team has been exercising its skills constantly.

For some reason, the disasters seemed to pick holidays to work their wrath on the humans unfortunate enough to be in their paths. Palm Sunday, March 27, saw flooding in 15 southern Tennessee counties and tornadoes in Jasper, Ga. Three weeks later, April 15, a tornado struck Birchwood, Tenn. July 4, tropical storm Alberto visited south Georgia. On October 12 and 13, Savannah, Ga., was flooded by a torrential rainstorm. The toll of these storms tells the story—43 dead, 27,259 homes damaged or destroyed, and untold millions of dollars in recovery costs.

Seventh-day Adventists were at all of these places. The disaster response team, aided by Adventists from the churches in the affected areas, assessed the damages for the

Red Cross, prepared hot meals, operated truck reception centers and distribution centers, and provided communication assistance with HAM radio. North American Division (NAD) and the Southern Union gave direction and support to the major operations.

Members of the West Broad Street church were filmed by one of the local television stations as they cleaned homes, provided transportation for flood victims, and distributed food, clothing, and cleaning supplies. Mitch Haccamp, pastor of the Savannah First church, was interviewed by all three local stations as well as several national news outlets, when his church was used as a Red Cross shelter for two nights. Later, members of the disaster team were filmed unloading Red Cross cleaning kits. Adventists in Savannah saw their church raised from a position of relative obscurity to one of front-page prominence as their fellow "Savannians" saw what a "caring" church is all about. They now look forward to the upcoming "Net 95" series, as a God-given opportunity to introduce to their neighbors the Savior who motivated such a response.

Terry Haight

Conference Holds Retired Workers Retreat

Florida—A "great weekend" was the response of many who came to the conference's first retired workers retreat at Camp Kulaqua, November 4-6. Ninety denominational retirees took time to enjoy the north Florida countryside and attend practical seminars

designed to enrich their lives.

Delmar Holbrook, president emeritus of Home Study International, spoke on the positive aspects of aging. Don Platt, director of health services for risk management for the North American Division, explained health benefits and how to file claims.

"Dr. Holbrook shared important points on how to keep going in spite of your age," said



RICHARD SHEPARD

Otis Graves, president of the central Florida Retirees Club, and his wife Margaret, lead a Sabbath afternoon singspiration for retirees.

Ebba Lindquist, a retiree and member of the Forest Lake church. "I enjoyed the weekend so much. I look forward to coming here again next year."

A highlight of the retreat was a Sunday morning breakfast hosted by Conference President Obed Graham. He gave a report

on the growth of the conference and showed a special video created for the conference's recent 64th Triennial Session.

The conference plans to hold its next retired workers retreat at Kulaqua the weekend of November 4, 1995.

Terry Hall, Richard Shepard

Fall Festival Examines Jewish Roots

Florida—Jeff and Barbara Zaremsky didn't move from New York to Florida to escape the cold. They came to bring the Three Angels' Messages to Jews and Gentiles living in the Sunshine State.

In September, more than 200 participants attended two programs in Clearwater and New Port Richey. The meetings provided a Christian perspective of such fall Jewish holidays as the Feast of Trumpets (Rosh Hashana), the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur), and the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot). Ten of those in attendance were nonmem-

bers with Jewish backgrounds.

Filled with Judaic and Messianic songs, the gatherings focused on the historical Biblical setting of the feasts along with their prophetic implications. For example, Zaremsky compared the Feast of Trumpets to the work of Jesus in moving the Millerite movement to blow the trumpet of warning to a lost world.

"It's a seed-sowing mission," explains Zaremsky, of this program and other efforts to win Jews. "I know from personal experience that I can't pinpoint the one person responsible for leading me to Christ."

As a conference literature evangelist, Zaremsky believes his ministry will one day

bring many Jews to embrace the Seventh-day Adventist truths. "We are both Jewish," said Jeff, speaking of himself and his wife. "However, we don't

just focus on Jews. We witness to anyone who will listen. Being Jewish just gives us a special burden for them."

Jeff Zaremsky,
Arthur Chamberlain



Always talking with animated facial expressions is Charles Bradford, center, with members of the Vero Beach/South Brevard district. Adventist churches from Cocoa Beach to Fort Pierce were invited to the district's 2-day revival.

Bradford Stimulates Deeper Experience With Christ

Florida—Members came away with a clearer vision of Christ's Second Coming, and a deeper experience with Him, as a result of a two-day weekend revival in the Vero Beach/South Brevard, Fla., district.

Charles Bradford, retired North American Division president, spoke five times during the weekend which brought about the revival David Moench, pastor, was looking for.

Well-known Mt. Dora singer, Charles Haugabrooks, whose music "is enough to bring a crowd in and

of himself," said Moench, also moved members. "People had tears in their eyes."

"Bradford's speaking just really inspired people," added Moench. "His message was modern and to the point," said one member. "I loved the way we closed each meeting holding hands, singing songs, and praising the Lord."

One emphasis of the Florida Conference administration is for churches to encourage nurturing programs, and create an inviting and caring atmosphere. Vero Beach and South Brevard reflect that example, and spirit-filled result.

Cindy Kurtzhals



Jean and Max Longley, who own the Silver Bluff Nursing Home in Canton, N.C., stand with Lia and Vice President Gore.

Pisgah Student Meets Vice President Gore

Carolina—When Lia Kiik, from the country of Estonia, told her classmates at Mt. Pisgah Academy that she was going to meet the Vice President of the United States, they smiled politely and said, "Sure you are." Lia's friends at the academy knew she must be making a mistake.

Lia was not making a mistake. She had the honor of meeting Vice President Gore on November 7, 1994, when he stopped in Asheville to attend a campaign rally for Maggie Lauther for U.S. Congress.

The meeting was made possible by Lia's sponsors to the United States, Max and Jean Longley, who are friends of Maggie Lauther. Max, a member of the Mt. Pisgah Academy church, first met Lia when he traveled to Estonia last February to assist with evangelistic meetings sponsored by the Mt. Pisgah Academy church.

Another project of the Pisgah team was to start a Pathfinder club in Lia's home church in Parnu, Estonia. Sixteen-year-old Lia was elected Pathfinder leader of the first Pathfinder club since Communist rule was cast off this small Baltic nation. This is Lia's second trip to the United States. She represented her country at the Pathfinder Camporee in Colorado last August.

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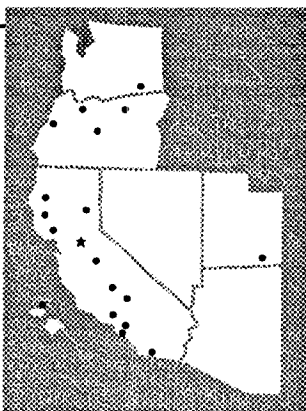
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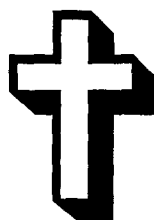
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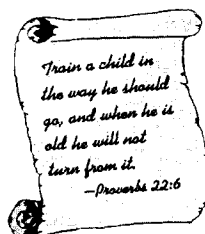
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On the Move

Florida

Redistricting has taken place at the Normandy Spanish company. **Fernando Paulin** is the new pastor of that company and continues as pastor of the Homestead Spanish church. **Emilio Ruiz**, who pastored the Bradmore Spanish church/Normandy Spanish company district, will now carry the Bradmore Spanish church only. **Arthur Swinson** has come out of retirement to pastor the Fort Meade/Wauchula district on an interim basis. **Merlin and Juanita Kretchmar** are the new pastoral team at the Key West/Marathon district. Merlin has recently retired as president of the Greater New York Conference. Juanita was director for community/health services, health/temperance, and inner city. The Kretchmars are widely known for starting Van Ministries in the Greater New York Conference. Orlando Central pastor **Robert Folkenberg, Jr.**, has added the Emmanuel company to his district. **Alexander Pinella** is now associate pastor of the Winter Springs church. Kress Memorial pastor **Steve**

Gallimore, and assistant to the pastor **Chare Gallimore**, have transferred to the Wisconsin Conference. **Lucas Diaz** of the Wimauma Spanish church and **Fred Offenback**, chaplain at Florida Hospital/Altamonte/Apopka, have both retired.

Gulf States

Duane Brown, from Wisconsin Conference, is now pastoring the Mobile First, Ala., church. He replaces **Ken Harding** who is now pastoring in Charlotte, N.C. **Michael Lay** is pastoring the Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., district, moving from Ontario, Canada. He replaces **Evan Valencia** who now pastors the Guntersville, Ala., district.

Kentucky-Tennessee

Tony Torres, physician/minister who has been serving in Bowling Green, Ky., for the past four years, has transferred to the Bordeaux/Ashland City churches. **Jonathan Leach**, former pastor, has moved to the Texas Conference. **Don McLafferty**, who began his ministry in Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, accepted a call to the Michigan Conference.

Carolina

Lifestyle Learning Seminar—Feb. 4, 5. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

Couple's Retreat—Feb. 10-12. Nosoca Pines Ranch. Speakers: Kay and Jan Kuzma.

Chile Mission Trip—Feb. 13-27.

Adventurer Staff Retreat—Feb. 17-19. Nosoca Pines Ranch. Speaker: Mike Ortel.

Caring for You—Feb. 24-26. Charlotte, N.C.

Family Enrichment Training—Feb. 25, 26. Nosoca Pines Ranch. Speaker: Al Matchim.

Divorce Recovery for Men—March 3-5. Charlotte, N.C.

Youth Summit—March 18. Charlotte, N.C.

Pathfinder Workbee—March 24-26. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

Men's Retreat—March 31-April 2. Nosoca Pines Ranch. Speaker: Mike Ortel.

Caring for Marriage—April 7-9. Charleston, S.C.

Adventurer Fun Day—April 8, 9. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

Lay Assistant Pastor Training—April 14-16. Nosoca Pines Ranch. Speaker: Ron Halvorsen.

Church Ministries Convention—April 21-23. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

Pathfinder Council—April 28, 29. Charlotte, N.C.

Spring Thing III—April 28-30. Location to be Announced.

Carolina Camp Meeting—May 28-June 3. Lake Junaluska.

Family of God Festival—June 8-11. New Heritage U.S.A. Speaker: Florence Littauer.

Evangelistic Crusades

Feb. 17-March 25. NET '95.

March 3. Winston Salem, N.C. Dale Pollett.

April 21. Clinton, S.C. Dale Pollett.

Family Seminar—Feb. 20. Hendersonville church. Speakers: Raymond and Dorothy Moore. Details: (704) 684-8483 or 625-1611.

Florida

Evangelistic Crusades

In Progress—March 4. Brooksville. Art and Margo Swaningson.

Feb. 17-April 1. Jupiter. Lester and Zula Pratt and Roy and Amy Pauley.

Feb. 18-April 1. Lake Placid. Bob and Joyce DuBose.

Feb. 18-April 1. South Brevard. Gordon Henderson.

Pathfinder CIT Lock-In—Feb. 25, 26. Tampa Jr. Academy.

Hispanic Women's Retreat—March 3-5. Speaker: Adly Campos. Camp Kulaqua.

Pathfinder Area Camporees—March 10-12. North area—Pine Lake; South area—Okeechobee.

Adventist Ministries Singles Ministries Fellowship Dinners

March 4. Florida Hospital.

March 11. West Palm Beach First and Forest Lake.

March 18. University.

March 25. Kress Memorial.

Georgia-Cumberland

Teen Discovery Bible Conference—Feb. 10-12. Cohutta Springs.

Elders', Deacons' and Deaconess' Retreat—Feb. 10-12. Cohutta Springs.

Area Ministerial Meeting—Feb. 14. Collegedale.

Pathfinder Directors' Council—Feb. 19. Cleveland, Tenn.

Medical/Dental Meeting—Feb. 25. Augusta.

Elementary School Music Festival—Feb. 28. GCA.

Teen Discovery Honors Weekend—March 3-5. Cohutta Springs.

Spring Break—March 8-12.

Orienteering—March 17-19. Cohutta Springs.

Youth Baptismal Sabbath—March 18.

NE Tennessee Convocation—March 18. Greeneville, Tenn.

Northeast Tennessee Youth Rally—April 15. Johnson City.

Camporee—April 20-23. Cohutta Springs.

Georgia-Cumberland Academy Days—April 23, 24.

Collegedale Academy Day—May 3.

Camp Meeting—May 24-27.

ABC Bookmobile Schedule

Feb. 11. Savannah, Ga.

Feb. 12. Baxley, Ga., Waycross, Ga., Lakeland, Ga.,

Feb. 25. Augusta, Ga.

March 4. Jellico, Tenn.

March 11. Cumberland Heights.

March 12. McMinnville, Tenn., Cookeville, Tenn., Deer Lodge, Tenn., Crossville,

March 18. Greeneville, Tenn.

March 19. Bristol, Tenn., Tri-City School, Morristown, Tenn., Knoxville, Tenn.

March 25. Macon, Ga.

March 26. Columbus, Ga., Carrollton, Ga., GCA.

March 29. Murphy, NC.

Pathfinder Fellowship Campout

March 10-12. North Georgia. Cohutta Springs.

March 24-26. North Tennessee. Jellico.

March 24-26. South Tennessee. Cohutta Springs.

Area Church Fellowship

April 8. Brunswick, Ga.

April 29. Crossville, Tenn.

Sept. 9. McMinnville, Tenn.

Gulf States

Executive Committee—Feb. 7. Montgomery.

Lay Pastoral Assistants' Training #2—Feb. 10-12. Camp Alamisco.

Marriage Commitment Weekend—Feb. 17-19. Camp Alamisco.

Elementary Music Festival—Feb. 17, 18. Bass Memorial Academy.

Teen Evasion—Feb. 24, 25. Camp Alamisco.

Executive Committee—March 16. Montgomery.

Southern College

Vespers

Feb. 3. CARE

Feb. 10. Barry Black.

Feb. 17. Business Department.

Feb. 24. CARE.

Concerts

Feb. 4. Pops concert.

Feb. 23. Steve Green concert.

E. A. Anderson Business Lectures

Feb. 6. Dick Semaun.

Feb. 13. BT "Cookie" Byrd.

Feb. 20. JJ Johnson.

Feb. 27. Carla Koeffler.

Week of Spiritual Emphasis—Jan. 30-Feb. 4.

Out of Union

Blue Mountain Academy Alumni Weekend—March 24, 25. Hamburg, Pa.

Enterprise Academy Alumni Weekend—April 13-15. Enterprise, KS.

Centralia Church Centennial Celebration—April 15. Centralia, Wash.

Adelphian Academy Alumni Reunion—June 9, 10. Holly, Mich.

Southern Union

Youth-to-Youth—Feb. 15-18. Camp Kulaqua.



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

But what is a paradox of the world God says makes good sense. He says that when we lose our life in service to God, we will truly find it (Luke 9:24). Paul even asks us to become a sacrifice for God, a living sacrifice. "I appeal to you . . . to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship" (Romans 12:1).

CALENDAR

February

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LEGAL NOTICES

The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Session

Notice is hereby given that the 27th regular session of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Highland Academy auditorium, Highland Academy campus, Portland, Tennessee, Sunday, April 30, 1995. The first meeting is called for 10 a.m. This session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and for transacting any other business that may properly come before the session. Each church in the Conference is entitled to one delegate for the organization and an additional delegate for each twenty-five members or major fraction thereof.

R. R. Hallock, President

John W. Fowler, Secretary

The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that the 27th regular session of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, is called to meet in the Highland Academy auditorium, Portland, Tennessee, Sunday, April 30, 1995. The first meeting is called for 10 a.m. The delegates to the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the constituency of the corporation.

R. R. Hallock, President

Lin Powell, Secretary

The Seventh-day Adventist Conference Association of Kentucky

Notice is hereby given that the 45th regular session of the Seventh-day Adventist Conference Association of Kentucky, a corporation, is called to meet in the Highland Academy auditorium, Portland, Tennessee, Sunday, April 30, 1995. The first meeting is called for 10 a.m. The delegates to the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the constituency of the corporation.

R. R. Hallock, President

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Sunset

	Feb. 3	Feb. 10	Feb. 17	Feb. 24	Mar. 3	Mar. 10
Atlanta, Ga.	6:10	6:17	6:23	6:29	6:35	6:41
Charleston, S.C.	5:53	6:00	6:06	6:12	6:18	6:23
Charlotte, N.C.	5:53	6:00	6:06	6:13	6:19	6:26
Collegedale, Tenn.	6:11	6:18	6:25	6:32	6:38	6:44
Huntsville, Ala.	5:16	5:23	5:30	5:36	5:43	5:49
Jackson, Miss.	5:35	5:41	5:48	5:53	5:59	6:04
Louisville, Ky.	6:07	6:15	6:23	6:30	6:37	6:44
Memphis, Tenn.	5:30	5:37	5:43	5:50	5:56	6:03
Miami, Fla.	6:05	6:11	6:15	6:19	6:23	6:27
Montgomery, Ala.	5:20	5:26	5:32	5:38	5:44	5:49
Nashville, Tenn.	5:15	5:22	5:29	5:36	5:43	5:49
Orlando, Fla.	6:05	6:11	6:16	6:21	6:26	6:30
Wilmington, N.C.	5:43	5:50	5:57	6:03	6:09	6:15

The Rest of Three Stories

by Pat Benton

Probably one of the most dreaded phrases in the American vocabulary is "hospital bill." But sometimes even that difficult term becomes a delightful story reflecting the goodness of ordinary people. Three such experiences come from different hospitals in Adventist Health System/Sunbelt.

The president at Takoma Adventist Hospital, Greeneville, Tennessee, stared at the paper, realizing that it was a "once-in-a-lifetime" letter. Middle-aged truck driver, Rex Driane, was inquiring about his hospital bill from when he was a first-grader.

He'd just discovered in his mother's estate a yellowed statement—nearly 40 years old—that showed that she still owed \$120.70 for treatment of Master Rex's broken arm and subsequent osteomyelitis.

Finding that paper brought back terrible memories for Rex. Details are obscure, but a teacher's unreasonable punishment sent him and several other students to the hospital. The broken bone was bad enough, but the following infection nearly cost the child his life. Rex remembers the word "miracle" being used as he recovered.

He also remembers hearing his mother fret about that bill. She paid on it as she could, a dollar here, two there. But by 1947 she was unable to make any more payments.

That unpaid obligation bothered Mrs. Drane enough that her son remembers hearing her talk about it. So when he found the statement, Rex wanted to settle the bill, as he knew his mother would have wished. He wrote to the hospital to ask if they could document the charges. "If you have no record, please let me know if there is a charitable organization connected with the hospital to whom the check can be made."

Then president Gladys Duran wrote back to Rex, thanking him for sharing his story and explaining that his old bill had been "written off" and forgotten. She also described the hospital foundation and suggested that if he wanted to make

a contribution, the foundation had an emergency-room expansion fund.

Within days she received a second letter from Rex, enclosing a check for \$300 for the ER fund. The story warmed the hearts of hospital personnel, and someone contacted a local newspaper columnist who arranged for him to swing by Takoma Adventist Hospital to meet the president and have his picture taken.

Rex said he wasn't looking for "all that attention." All he wanted was to settle on an old account and to honor the mother he can't forget.

Pat Benton is a free-lance writer in Buena Vista, Colorado.

Nearly three years ago a young mother came to Park Ridge Hospital, Fletcher, North Carolina, because of complications related to her pregnancy. She was treated in both the obstetrics and intensive-care units before being transferred for specialized services to a high-risk obstetrics unit at another hospital. Her Park Ridge bill was \$12,189.

The mother had young children, a husband embarking on a new business venture—and no insurance. The couple was struggling to meet the needs of the family and business. Although they would have easily qualified for government assistance, for them that was out of the question.

The family are devout members of the Mennonite church, whose bylaws restrict a member in good standing from accepting assistance of any kind from the government. The family and their church stretched to pay \$1,200—approximately one-tenth of the total bill. Park Ridge administrators were made aware of the situation and "wrote off" the remainder.

But there's more to the story. Two years later the patient's business office once again heard from the family. The husband called and asked if his church could make a donation to Park Ridge in appreciation of the great care and loving kindness shown to his wife. Their local congregation sent a check for \$1,795 for the surgery-expansion fund.



Shortly before Christmas, Jean Wise, executive director of the Foundation at Gordon Hospital, Calhoun, Georgia, received a phone call from a local resident who wished to remain anonymous. Her request was unusual: she wanted to help a deserving person pay off his hospital bill.

Realizing that so many people have come to depend upon government assistance, the caller asked Jean to do some research and find a former patient who might otherwise "fall between the cracks." The caller wanted to assist someone who had a substantial bill he was paying off slowly but steadily.

The donor, a woman of modest means, plans to pay on the bill each month. "I support many other causes in our community," she said, "but the Lord has impressed me to do this. I plan to continue the project and eventually to help more than one family."

Stories like these emphasize that Adventist hospitals are not in business to enrich shareholders. They exist to meet the needs of all those who come within their doors. That includes treating people who cannot pay for their hospitalization. But sometimes a grateful patient's bill is paid in an unusual way or at an unexpected time.

Pat Benton is a free-lance writer in Buena Vista, Colorado.

A New Academy Is Born



Eugene and Winnie Peek became charter members of the Heritage Academy church which was organized December 3, 1994. The Peeks served Little Creek Academy approximately 40 years before their move to be a part of the new staff.

by Richard Garver

The new Heritage Academy is the newest self-supporting institution in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. The new 1,150-acre property is located between Crossville and Cookeville on Clarkrange Highway in Monterey, Tennessee.

The deep and rich heritage of this academy comes from 54 years of self-supporting work at Little Creek Academy located outside Knoxville. The growth of Knoxville has surrounded the once country 329-acre campus with numerous housing developments.

A relocation proposal was taken to the Little Creek Academy and Layman's Foundation boards. Both boards voted to relocate the school.

The sale of the property took place on February 24, 1994, and the purchase of the property for the new campus was March 24. Little Creek retained 49 acres and continues to operate the nursing home.

The new property has 450 acres of woods and 700 acres of tillable land, with two natural gas wells, streams, many beautiful hiking areas, and an abundance of wildlife. The only structures on the farm were four corn storage bins.

Construction of roads, homes and a shop began in April.

Presently we are completing the last of 18 homes and two duplexes, and have almost completed the multipurpose building which will house the academic area, cafeteria, and bakery until more facilities are built. Ninety-one thousand square feet of buildings are now

under roof in spite of the wettest summer old-timers can remember, and government red-tape. One giant miracle.

Until the multipurpose building is completed, the classes are being held in the daylight basements of some homes. Temporary living space for the 55 students are in homes, with the majority of the girls living in a duplex which was converted into a temporary girls' dorm.

The objectives for Heritage Academy are to provide a conservative academic Seventh-day Adventist school with opportunities in music and in practical work situations. Our prayer is that here among nature, the students will be nurtured spiritually and be able to develop socially.

Work opportunities will include a bakery, a large-scale farm on which we will be adding cold frames/greenhouses. An assisted living home is also under consideration. Some of the students are involved in the literature evangelist Mega Book program.

Please remember Heritage Academy in your prayers and come by for a visit. Heritage Academy, 23100 Clarkrange Highway, Monterey, Tennessee 38574; 615-839-6675.

Richard Garver is the principal of Heritage Academy.



The 22,355 square foot multipurpose building contains a gymnasium, cafeteria, classrooms, administration offices, and will temporarily house the bakery.

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FOCUS ON EVANGELISM

During December 1994 four major evangelism inspirational/training conventions were held in the Southern Union. The NAD Regional Evangelism Council was held at Oakwood College with more than 1,000 in attendance. The annual Southern Union Evangelism Council was held at Daytona Beach with double the normal attendance. In addition to these councils two literature evangelism conventions were held over the New Year's holiday weekend. One of them was the NAD Regional Publishing Convention held at Haynes City, Florida, the other was the Southern Union Literature Evangelism Convention held at Jekyll Island, Georgia.

I wish it were possible to somehow convey to each of the members of our Southern Union family the dedication and enthusiasm that radiated from the pastors, literature evangelists, and lay delegates attending these training sessions. In fact, Charles Bradford, retired president of the North American Division, was one of the speakers

at the Southern Union Literature Evangelism Convention. He indicated he would like to bottle up the dynamic atmosphere that he witnessed at the meeting and spray it over the entire Southern Union.

I am very grateful that public evangelism, literature evangelism, as well as the other vital forms of evangelism are alive and well in the Southern Union. This in no way means that we are satisfied, because there are so many precious souls still in need of a Savior and to learn about a better way of life. Because each member of the Southern Union family is a shareholder in the great work of sharing God's last day message, I am happy to report that the Southern Union Conference leads the North American Division both in baptisms and overall church growth.

Your Southern Union leadership is beginning to make plans for the Union quinquennium which will take place next year.

We hope, of course, to be in the Kingdom before the year 2,000, but we are making faith-oriented plans for the growth of our Union as we face a new millennium.

M. D. Gordon

President, Southern Union Conference

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