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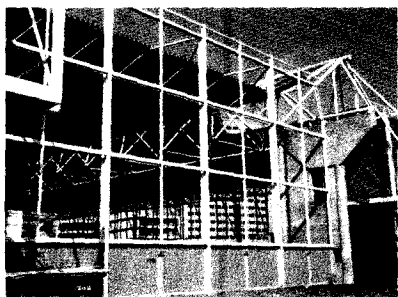
United in Christ— Preview of the 56th GC Session

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THE NETHERLANDS

Tulips, windmills, wooden shoes, and canals. They are symbols which conjure up images of the Netherlands. Within the next 177 days, thousands of Seventh-day Adventists will converge on the 16,163 square miles, twice the size of New Jersey, most people in other countries call Holland.

Adventists will mingle with the more than 15 million Hollanders or Netherlandsers, as they refer to themselves, and perhaps share a glimpse of hope or a friendly smile to the 36 percent Catholic, the 26 percent Protestant, and the 35 percent with no professed religion.



High ceilings in the new Prince Orange Hall, at the site of the 1995 General Conference session, provide for both air circulation and risers for seating. Construction is ahead of schedule.

During the 10 days of the General Conference session, and for several days before and after, delegates and visitors representing Adventists from across the world will take the opportunity to stroll along the Rhein river in the July 64 degree temperature and glimpse the Rotterdam/Europoort, the largest and busiest seaport in the world. Some will sample the butter, and a variety of cheeses such as Leiden, Gouda, and Edam named for Dutch communities. Others will explore some of the surrounding communities of Amsterdam, Utrecht, The Hague, Rotterdam, Eindhoven, Haarlem, Groningen, Tilburg, Nijmegen, Enschede, and Apeldoorn where the population density is the highest in the world. And, many will wish for a casual stroll through the beautiful 70-acre garden of Keukenhof.

THE SESSION

The 56th General Conference session will convene in the Jaarbeurs Convention Center, Utrecht, Netherlands, with the theme United in Christ. A GC session is

like no other gathering in the world. Apart from the belief that the General Conference "is the highest authority that God has upon the earth" (*Testimonies*, Vol. 3, p. 492), the event is unique culturally, linguistically, and in numerous other ways—a spiritual United Nations. Simultaneous translation in numerous languages, via headset, will accompany the use of English. Thousands will witness the event across the world via satellite.

The session officially begins with registration Thursday morning, June 29. The first official meeting starts at 3:00 that afternoon. The final program will conclude July 8, 10:00 p.m.

The session will provide fellowship, inspiration, and an opportunity for many to watch the Church make major decisions.

THE AGENDA

There are many issues to be addressed, and additional items will develop during the next few months; however, there are several major issues with far-reaching consequences already on the agenda.

General Conference Constitution and Bylaws: The most comprehensive, restructuring of church organization since 1902 was developed by the Commission on World Church Organization. It is expected that implementing the recommendations will result in increased accountability; effective decision making; and confirm the four constituent levels which are the foundations for the basic stability for the world Church.

Specific recommendations from the Commission are as follows: The world divisions of the Church ARE the General Conference, operating in defined areas of the world. Divisions, not having constituencies, are not structurally separate like unions or local conferences. Divisions apply policy and general oversight in their respective regions.

The structural basis, the basic building blocks of the General Conference, are the union conferences. They represent constituencies in shaping the world church.

The General Conference Executive Committee must reflect the ethnic backgrounds of the members, reduce its size from 362 members to 240, with the intent that all members attend the annual



Due to the low-lying nature of the land, windmills were used to pump excess water from the polders (a tract of low land), as part of the artificial drainage system. Many small western lakes were transformed into dry land.

council of the committee. This will result in significant increase in total attendance; more balanced representation of world membership; increase in world involvement in General Conference decisions; increased accountability to membership through worldwide union representatives; clearly defined divisions as extensions of the General Conference, and reduction in the number of positions filled by election at a General Conference session.

The General Conference session set a cap on the number of delegates to attend future sessions, based on a recommended formula that will ensure balanced representation from the world divisions. Driving this decision is the need to control exploding costs as the Church continues to grow.

Additional recommendations include: a partial realignment of church ministries which includes youth and children's ministries, family ministries, personal ministries, Sabbath school, and stewardship.

Church Manual Amendments: Changes will be presented in regard to: organization of believers; training and responsibilities of church elders; courtship and marriage; divorce and remarriage; queries concerning status of members; transferring members under censure; church nominating committee work; delegates to the local conference sessions; and disbanding and expelling churches. Most of the recommendations proposed will clarify the language, with few substantive changes.

Women in Ministry: This subject has been debated at General Conference sessions since 1881. During the 1990 General Conference session in Indianapolis, the issue was whether the ordination of women should be a world church



The colorful pageantry of the various divisions is a constant reminder of the global outreach of the Church.

action. In Utrecht, the decision will be whether to leave this decision on the division level. The recommendation from the 1994 Annual Council has referred to the General Conference session, an appeal from the North American Division that divisions be authorized to permit ordination of women to the gospel ministry on a division-by-division basis.

Future Agenda: Delegates will decide which topics will receive emphasis during the next five years. Topics to be presented: use of Scripture in the life of the believer and the church; the authority and historicity of Scripture; evaluating social, cultural, tribal, and gender issues in the context of the Bible; family violence; redefining public affairs and religious liberty from a global perspective; and the appropriate role in opposing the export or import of tobacco. These agenda items are an attempt to shape the future global agenda, and have never before been a part of the General Conference session agenda.

THE DELEGATES

Two-hundred ninety-six delegates will represent North America at the 1995 General Conference session. This is 11.1 percent of the total delegation of 2,669 which represents the church membership of more than eight million. Delegates to a GC session are divided into two categories: regular delegates and delegates-at-large.

Regular delegates represent the building blocks upon which the General Conference is built—union conferences, union missions, and unions of churches. This category does not include local conferences or divisions. Regular delegates include the administrative units not under a union but directly attached to a division or to the General Conference.

In addition to the specific and regular delegates, 1,200 additional

delegates are allotted to the unions, in proportion to their percentage of the church's world membership.

Delegates-at-large exclusively represent the General Conference and its divisions. This category includes all members of the GC Executive Committee, four delegates from each division, one delegate for each 100,000 members, and a selection of employees of the church's general and division institutions and other entities, and general field secretaries, laypersons, and pastors selected by the GC and division committees.

The regular and at-large delegates representing the nine unions in North America, not including the division's delegates, are as follows:

Gender:
200 Men—82 percent
43 Women—18 percent

Employment:
164 Church Employees—67.5 percent
79 Laypersons—32.5 percent

Ethnicity:
157 White—64.6 percent
61 African-American—25.1 percent
21 Hispanic—8.6 percent
4 Asian—1.7 percent

THE SESSION OFFERING

Hands Across the World is the theme and focus of the 1995 General Conference offering. The goal is to establish 2,000 new congregations by the year 2,000.

However, Hands Across the World is not about bricks and mortar. Houses are built by human hands, but homes are built by human hearts.

In the United States and parts of Europe, unique church buildings are awarded special protection from agencies such as a National Register of Historic Places. Historians research these landmark constructions, and visitors travel miles to tour them and learn more about their architectural and cultural significance.

Paul teaches us in Acts 2:19–22 that a "fellowship of believers" is to be regarded in a similar way—

a landmark construction, a unit of cultural significance, and an embassy representing the character of the living God. Apostles and prophets—church leaders, officers, and members—are the foundation of the church. Christ is its cornerstone. Adventists and former Jews, Hindus, Buddhists, Moslems, and Christians of other denominations are chiseled into living bricks and mortar, until the whole group of believers becomes the "dwelling place of God."

This mixed construction is so unique and so full of grace that Paul awards the structure special recognition, "landmark status." Hands Across the World is striving to make "landmark status" among the 2,000 new congregations that will be established. Homes built by human hearts filled with the indwelling presence of Jesus Christ, looking forward to His return.

Hands Across the World will go a long way in meeting the need that our church, workers, and members have to see their church grow, and the mission of the church given priority. Its goal simply put, is to establish 2,000 new congregations by the year 2,000. To do this, the world church must jointly raise \$10 million. Seven million of that amount must come from North America.

Whether you are updating your passport, investigating the purchase of a Eurail pass or arranging for a satellite feed of the sessions in your living room, take the time to share your convictions on the issues coming up for a vote at the 1995 GC session. Now is the time to make a difference. ■

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Cover: Tulips in the Keukenhof Gardens in Lisse. Photo Credit: By Jeanne Lowe.

Southern Union Delegates

(Laypersons are listed in *italics*)

Harold Alexander	Ray Hartwell
Rose Beavers	Charles Hass
Lee Beers	Judy Hawkins
Gordon Bietz	William E. Hulse
Mardian J. Blair	Muriel Indermuehle
Helen Boskind	Eugene Johnson
Roy Brown	D. M. Jones
Richard Center	Benjamin Jones
Ruth Chesire	Coyne Knight
Kenneth R. Coonley	Joseph McCoy
Douglas Foley	James Ray McKlney
Malcolm D. Gordon	Ralph Peay
Obed Graham	Donald R. Sahly
James Greek	Mary Kay Stovall
David Greenlaw	Ward Sumpter
Floyd Greenleaf	Eric C. Ward
Richard Guerrero	Tom Werner
Richard Hallock	Clarence Wright
Deborah Harris	Edward Wright
James Harris	

by Cindy Kurtzhals

A spirit of unity and evangelism prevails amid a variety of cultures in this melting-pot state of Florida. "We have one of the most solid, progressive, and growing conferences in the North American Division," says Ralph Ringer, conference evangelism coordinator. "Working together, pastors, evangelists, laity, with the Lord's blessings, produced 2,387 baptisms and professions of faith in 1994."

By formulating an action plan, and working solidly together on this plan, 37 churches in south Florida fused their talents and gifts of language, and in one fell swoop, brought the soul winning success of 587 baptisms. Over time, Ringer anticipates the number of people making decisions for Christ and being baptized as a result of this



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"High-profile message: End Is near," was the Miami Herald headline to a story about the south Florida meetings. Pictured is Steve Adessa, pastor of the Miami Springs church. Use of the media is effective today as it was 100 years ago. In 1910, the daily Miami Metropolis carried 15 reports of the first evangelistic meetings held in Miami—often on the front page.

Evangelism Is an Attitude

Thirty-seven South Florida Churches Evangelize Simultaneously

unified evangelistic method, will rise to 800.

A north Miami woman, Benis Minnis, and her two daughters, Marlenda and Lynette, belonged to a church in Goulds, Florida. Through their personal Bible study, they found the biblical Sabbath. They asked their pastor about it, but were not satisfied with his answer. So, on their own, they'd meet at Lynette's home in Florida City, south of Homestead. They'd clean the house, cook the food for Sabbath, and spend Saturday reading, praying, and sharing what they were learning in the Bible. Then they began to pray that God would send someone to show them the truth.

At the mailbox one day, Lynette found a pile of torn-up paper on the ground. Piecing it together she discovered it was a handbill for the evangelistic meetings at the Homestead English church. Even though the meetings were in

progress, the three women went. John VanSickle and Robert DuBose, pastor, the conference evangelist holding the meetings, met with the women. "During our studies they would look at each other with tears in their eyes," said VanSickle. "They said, 'We prayed God would send someone to answer our questions. And look, here you are sitting, not one, but two.'" All three have been baptized.

"There are people out there with whom the Holy Spirit is working," says VanSickle. "They are finding the truths—they just don't know where there is a church that keeps them." Adventist members need to create ongoing community awareness, participate in civic organizations, and invite residents to participate in church activities which meet felt needs.

How Did South Florida Get Organized?

South Florida pastors had a desire, and they planned ahead. They'd done a massive crusade before, and wanted to do another. "There are about five million people in Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties, and the pastors, churches, and Florida Conference all wanted to make an impact on this highly populated, multi-cultural area," said Ringer. He was senior pastor at the Miami Temple church at the time, and was called to serve as conference evangelism coordinator where he continued to organize this massive project. The pastors met in the fall of 1993 and scheduled a realistic time for the meetings—October 15-November 19, 1994.

Massive Advertising Paid Off

"Thirty-seven budgets combined together can create an advertising budget that can really make a major impact on the city (Miami), and significantly increase our soul winning," said Obed Graham, conference president. And, it worked. "By pooling their resources in the area, they had an attendance much greater than in the history of any of previous church crusades," said Graham.

• A committee created a handbill.

Eleven people made decisions to find peace, joy, and real happiness through Jesus Christ, and were baptized November 5 at the Royal Palm church in Ft. Lauderdale. This came at the conclusion of the 4-week New World Order Crusade held by Evangelist Daniel Williams.



FERNANDO WILLIAMS



KATHY BLANDFORD

Beverly Smith (right), grew up in the church but drifted away after the death of her parents. Thirty-two years later, and not satisfied with her life, she promised the Lord that with His help she would renew her vows to Him. She was baptized on November 12 by Ft. Lauderdale pastor Gordon Blandford, Jr., as a result of the meetings.

All advertising carried the opening night's title, The New World Order.

- Radio spots were broadcast nine days before the meetings began.
- TV spots started the Sunday before the meetings. \$10,000 purchased 12 spots which drew 400-500 people—the single largest reinforcing source of advertising. It also provided credibility.
- 600,000 English handbills were mailed.
- 116,000 Spanish, French, and Portuguese handbills were given to the respective churches.
- *The Flyer*, a shopper-type newspaper, with a full-page ad, was delivered to every home's mailbox in Dade and Broward Counties.
- One-third page ads were carried in *The Miami Herald*, *Sun Sentinel*, *El Heraldo*, and *Diario Las Americas*.

The Attendance

As a result of this massive and thorough advertising, the opening night hosted 2,500 nonmember guests. "Such an impact was made that *The Miami Herald* did about a one-third page news story in the front section of the newspaper with Miami Springs pastor Steve Adessa," reports Ringer. "Hurricane Gordon caused power outages for more than 500,000 homes and dumped lots of rain and wind on the area the last week of the meetings. While these difficulties kept some away and closed some meetings, at press time, 587 people have been baptized with more planned for later."

Benefits to the Members

They heard. They grew. They applied what they heard. They worked together as a unit. And they asked for copies of the videotaped meetings to share with and draw others to the Lord and the church. This was the experience of the multi-ethnic Miami congregation.

"I discovered that people responded positively to the multi-media meetings in the sense that



Ken Bryant



Obed Graham



Earl Oliphant



John VanSickle

CINDY KURTZHALS

they not only heard, they saw," said Earl Oliphant, a pastor. "The audio-visual effect made a great impression on their minds." The majority of the crusade was done with the messages on slides being projected onto a screen.

A Roman Catholic woman attended and she and Oliphant remain in contact. "She's called me and she'd like me to give lectures to her Catholic friends. Whenever I am ready, she will rent a hall and will invite her friends to hear about the new world order."

Nurturing New Members

"One of the best things you can do for new members is to put them to work for someone else," stresses Graham. "New members who are working for nonmembers strengthen their own experience. Working in children's ministries, Pathfinders, youth/young adult ministries, and lay ministries gets new members involved in outreach. Growth facilitates growth. If a church focuses internally, it usually starts dwindling. It's only as we look outward and seek to win others that the reflex action brings growth and blessing to the church."

Your church facility makes a

difference, too. "To reach baby boomers, your church needs to have a large foyer, clean restrooms, and a good mother's room. Baby boomers tend not to be brand-loyal or church-loyal, but will continue to come if the church is clean, interesting, and meets their needs. One reason many people aren't more involved at church is because they're dealing with problems at home," explains Ken Bryant, conference family life director.

In the North American Division Ministries meetings in St. Louis in January, research was shared about the top 10 needs of the public. The first six needs were in the area of family life, with the #1 listed as parenting. The last four were spiritual. That's why family life evangelism's holistic approach helps sustain the church family.

"We can make a much greater impact on the State of Florida if we could make a significant increase in our evangelism budget," summed up Graham. "One of our greatest needs is an increased financial support base for our evangelism program. Offerings marked for conference evangelism on a tithe envelope could make the difference." □



Gordon Henderson, Jerome and Suzanne Heins, and John Thurber presented the meetings at the Ft. Lauderdale church.

A professional answering service took calls from an 800 number referred to in the evangelistic series advertising. Ralph Ringer, conference evangelism coordinator, and Miami Temple church member Beulah Peterson send handbills in the language of the callers.

NANCY RINGER





Southeastern's representatives.

by William Smith

The largest North American Division Family Health Education Service Convention was held in Haines City, Florida, December 28, 1994. More than 300 literature evangelists converged on the grounds of the Grenelefe Resort to attend the annual convention. Literature evangelists from every regional conference in North America participated in the programs, and it was evident that the Holy Spirit was present from beginning to end.

The theme chosen this year was Lightening the Earth—That Other Angel—Revelation 18:1. The pen of inspiration states in *Testimonies*, volume 7, pages 139, 140,

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That Other Angel



Robert S. Smith



South Atlantic's representatives.



E. E. Cleveland



South Central's representatives.

"And in a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power and who lightens the earth with his glory." This scripture evangelists the strong assurance that the Lord will use the truth-filled literature they are distributing to reach and win thousands of souls to His kingdom.

The soul winning aspect of the literature evangelist work was emphasized in every sermon, in every workshop, in every testimony, and in every service. Inspirational speakers such as Robert Lister, president of the Southwest Region Conference; Joseph McCoy, president of the South Central Conference; Roy Brown, president of the Southeastern Conference; Billy Wright, Secretary of the Southwest Region Conference; Charles E. Bradford, former president of the North American Division; Rosa Banks of the NAD human relations department; and Joan Cummings delivered messages to cheer the hearts of the L.E.s and to encourage them in their ministry.

Workshop presenters such as William Scales, E. E. Cleveland, Willie Lee, Luther Palmer, Ralph Peay, and Alvin Kibble presented valuable instruction to the L.E.s that will assist them in their ministry.

Charles D. Brooks delivered the sermon during the divine worship hour on Sabbath and his personal testimony on how a book, *The Great Controversy*, sold by an L.E. helped to win his family to the truth, moved

the large congregation to respond heartily.

Malcolm Gordon, president of the Southern Union, and FHES director Ted Smith were on hand to welcome and help coordinate the convention's programs.

This year Robert L. LaGrone and Meade C. Van Putten were honored with plaques for their outstanding leadership and strong support of the NAD FHES program throughout their many years of service. Robert S. Smith, the NAD publishing director, was also commended for his unselfish ministry and wholehearted dedication to the success of the publishing program in North America.

At the awards banquet, workers were honored for their outstanding achievements in sales and soul winning during 1994.

Robert Smith, Jr., of the South Atlantic Conference and all of their literature evangelists were justifiably pleased to be the leading conference of the North American Division and Southern Union with sales of \$660,000 and 110 baptisms

for the year. Ruth Robinson of South Atlantic led the division with sales of \$125,000. The district leader with the highest sales was Stan Robinson with \$234,000.

The South Central Conference reported \$341,200 with 117 baptisms and the Southeastern Conference came in third in the Southern Union with \$225,800. It should be pointed out that though Southeastern was third in sales they led the Union with 118 baptisms.

E. E. Cleveland, master of ceremonies for the banquet, kept the program lively as he extolled the virtues of laughter and good humor. Yolanda Innocent, the singer known by many as "the Jingle Queen" inspired us with her music and personal testimony. Gayle Murphy did a magnificent job coordinating the music for the entire convention, even organizing an L.E. choir to thrill our hearts during the divine worship hour. This L.E. convention will be remembered for years to come.

William Smith is publishing director at South Central Conference.

Sales and Souls Statistics for 1994

CONFERENCE	SALES	SOULS
South Atlantic	\$660,000.00	110
Allegheny East	591,100.00	105
Allegheny West	435,300.00	54
South Central	341,200.00	117
Southeastern	225,800.00	118
Lake Region	297,500.00	22
Northeastern	235,200.00	13
Southwest Region	172,500.00	70
Central State	47,400.00	10
Oakwood College/L.E.T.C.	126,300.00	4
TOTALS	\$3,132,300.00	623

Gale Murphy who coordinated the music for the convention, surrounded by friends.



Ruth Robinson led the NAD in sales, Stan Robinson, responsible for highest sales district, and Ralph Peay, South Atlantic Conference president.

CAROLINA

A mighty British warrior once said, "We'll never give up! We'll never give up!" When **W. A. Nelson** retired 23 years ago, those same words must have been ringing in his ears. This 91-year-old gentle giant and his wife, **Alice**, felt they could continue working for a few more years, or at least until the Lord's return. When W. A. Nelson left the Illinois Conference, where he was president, he retired in the mountains of western North Carolina. How could he know that he would still be working in the Lords' service 23 years later. Nelson, who has worked in trust services for the last 23 years, was recently recognized at a conference office gathering for his outstanding service to the church. Nelson, according to trust services director Louis Canosa, has probated more wills than any attorney in Henderson county. After brief speeches and a tribute, fellow workers gave the couple a standing ovation.



Joseph Backer of Lavonia, Ga., was a guest artist at the elders' meeting at Nosoca Pines Ranch. Following his piano concert Friday evening, he received a standing ovation. Backer is a newly discovered piano artist. During a piano dedication at the Westminster, S.C., church, Backer's father encouraged him to play for a few people in the sanctuary.



Outstanding National Scholar

Erika Blandford of Davie, Florida, was among 350 outstanding national scholars selected from across America to attend the National Young Leaders Conference, January 17-22, in Washington, D.C.

The National Young Leaders Conference is sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization founded in 1985 to foster and inspire young people to achieve their full leadership potential.

The theme of this year's conference was The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting The Leaders of Today.

The group interacted with key leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government; the media—including *CNN* and *Newsweek*, and the diplomatic corps. They visited foreign embassies, received policy briefings from senior government officials, and participated in a number of leadership skill-building activities. Blandford also saw Florida Senator Bob Graham when she sat in on a Senate session in the Senate gallery led by Bob Dole.

The conference also turned into a witnessing opportunity. Blandford believes she was the only Seventh-day Adventist, and she faced many questions from her roommates. Her answers must have made an impact on them because by Friday evening the stereo and TV went off and didn't come back on until Saturday evening. She was impressed by her peer's respect for her faith.

Blandford is a junior at Greater Miami Academy.

Cindy Kurtzhals

Several church members who had moved into the fellowship hall came back to the sanctuary to hear the 12-year-old artist.

FLORIDA



Port Charlotte church member **Gail Pelley, R.N.**, was named "1994-95 Business Woman of the Year" by the Punta Gorda chapter of the American Business Women's Association.

Pelley is the director of nursing at Medical Center Hospital in Punta Gorda. She was nominated by her staff when she was the clinical director of the emergency department. Tongue in cheek, the staff stated that "they want to be just like her when they grow up." Pelley has been employed at the hospital since 1976.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND



In 1994 **Mike Corey** sold \$124,372 of Adventist literature in the north Georgia area. This distinguishes Mike as the top literature evangelist in the

Southern Union and subsequently in North America. Mike has canvassed for 15 years beginning in Rockville, Maryland, and continuing in central Pennsylvania, and now in the Rome/Calhoun/Dalton/Cartersville areas of Georgia. His first contact with the Seventh-day

Adventist Church was through an Ingathering contact. His lowest year of sales was in 1980 when he sold \$32,000 of literature. Mike and his wife Carol have five children. Mike's philosophy is: commitment to the Lord to finish His work and reach as many people as possible; and organized and balanced with a wide range of activities that covers advertizing, referrals, currently paid out accounts, door-to-door sales and following up leads. This makes for a productive and a pleasant work schedule. An average work week for Mike is 55 hours and a satisfaction of doing a significant work for his God.

Roger F. Goodge

was born in Evansville, Indiana, March 2, 1915, and passed away December 21, 1994, at the age of 79. He died at the Little Creek Sanitarium, Knoxville, Tenn., where he had served as administrator for many years. He was preceded in death by his wife, Genevieve Alexander Goodge, and daughter, Rogene Goodge. Roger had been in failing health for several years, and complications from a fall December 10, precipitated his death. His parents, S. Bayard and Clara Goodge, along with their six children, moved to Madison College in 1929. Roger was 14 at the time and through the years he was gradually imbued with the self-supporting work. For many years Roger was associated with E. A. Sutherland. They often traveled together, visiting many of the "units," reinforcing his interest in the Madison type self-supporting work which Sutherland referred to as a three-legged stool—the medical, educational, and agricultural, all under the



A. LEE BENNETT, JR.

Healing the Mind

While all North American Division conferences provide educational services, Florida Conference has expanded its services to provide its schools with psychological testing and counseling. This is where **Mayra Rodriguez** comes in. An associate superintendent of education, she recently received her Ed.S. (Educational Specialist) degree in School Psychology from the University of Central Florida in Orlando.

"In providing psychological services, we test students for educational, behavioral, and emotional problems that affect their ability to learn in the classroom," said Rodriguez. "Then we design teaching strategies to help remediate the problems so a child with special needs can achieve some degree of success."

How do these strategies help children cope? An example—children with the Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) are taught problem solving techniques, conflict resolution skills, and social skills to curb their impulsive behavior.

Rodriguez encounters a variety of psychological conditions in her ministry including students with low self-esteem, angry children, and emotionally neglected young people. "Many parents seldom spend quality time with their kids because they're just too busy making a living," she says. "Some children don't feel important or accepted."

Divorce is another leading problem for children. "I ran a therapy/counseling group for children of divorce in one of our larger schools. I thought the kids would hold back their true feelings, but they spilled their guts. All they needed was a safe environment where they knew what they said would be held in strict confidence."

Many children's problems begin in the home, according to Rodriguez. "I see so many children and families that have psychological needs. Often, to help children get better, I have to deal with family problems. That's why in addition to providing testing and therapy for children, I also provide family counseling."

Why is this ministry so vital? "I see some of our children in pain. If nothing is done, they will grow into adults who carry painful scars. If we can teach them to resolve conflicts when they're young, studies and common sense tell us they will grow up to form strong family units."

Arthur Chamberlain

guidance of the Holy Spirit. As president of the Layman Foundation for 25 years he served as chairman of the board for many self-supporting institutions. He was a charter member of the A.S.I., which was organized by Sutherland at the request of the General Conference in 1947. Its purpose is to unify the work of laymen who are interested in self-supporting missionary endeavors, and to strengthen and encourage this type of Christian service. He was an active member of this organization and later served as its president for six years.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Veeran PaulDavy was the winner of the Madison Campus Elementary National Geography Bee and **Ryan Davis** was the runner-up.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE



Naomi Bullard, RN, MSN, now working in health services at Oakwood College, was one of the principal speakers at the recent Alabama

State Nurses Association's 81st annual convention in Huntsville. Bullard spoke on Cultural Diversity and Sensitivity. This annual state convention is attended by nurses from across the state of Alabama. In addition to her ten years of teaching, Bullard directed the nursing school at the Mugonero Mission Hospital in Rwanda for 13 years. She has been recently asked by the Alabama League for Nursing to serve as the chairperson of its finance committee.



Carolina

MEN IN THE GREENVILLE, S.C., CHURCH MEET TOGETHER EVERY OTHER SUNDAY MORNING FOR BREAKFAST, PRAYER, AND FELLOWSHIP. The morning fellowship, which began four months ago with four men attending, has grown in attendance to 30. Church pastor Gene Young prepares the breakfast of buffalo pancakes with many toppings. Several of the men will be attending the first-ever men's retreat at Nosoca Pines Ranch March 30-April 2.

More than 100 youth gathered at Fletcher Academy January 21 for a **YOUTH SUMMIT**. Youth Summit is a progressive model of youth ministry based on active participation. The theme for this summit was honesty. The presenters for the full day of activities were Bob Cundiff, the new associate pastor at the Fletcher church, and Kristi Horn, chaplain at Fletcher Academy. At the conclusion of the action-packed day of seminars, music, and activities, four youth gave their lives to Christ and made a decision for baptism.

THE FLETCHER CHURCH HAS HOSTED FOUR WEEKENDS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH SERIES. Martin Weber, Jack Sequeira, Morris Venden, and Ivan Blazen presented messages on Righteousness by Faith in relation to the heavenly sanctuary. One weekend more than 800 people attended the Sabbath morning service from several neighboring states.

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE CHURCH ELDERS ATTENDED THE ELDERS' RETREAT January 20-22 at Nosoca Pines Ranch. Philip Samaan, chairman of the Andrews University Seminary department of church ministries and director of the doctorate ministries program, was the featured speaker. The weekend theme of his messages was the Dynamics of Practical Spirituality. Musical guests included Samaan's wife Sherilyn, and daughter Marla.



Florida

More than 375 people registered for a state-wide **HISPANIC YOUTH MINISTRIES LEADERSHIP CONVENTION** at Camp Kulaqua, January 20-22. Twenty-seven different seminars were offered including: How to Minister to Young Married Couples; How to Help Youth Cope With Grief; and How to Develop a Worship and Praise Team.

Sixty people attended two recent **SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING SEMINARS**. Topics included: writing better lesson outlines; knowing how to ask open-ended questions; and applying lesson points to real-life situations. The West Palm Beach and Kress Memorial churches hosted the meetings.

The conference's family life department and the Altamonte Springs church are sponsoring **VISIONS, AN ON-GOING SUPPORT GROUP FOR PEOPLE DEALING WITH DIVORCE OR OTHER LOSSES**. Group members meet each Thursday evening at Altamonte Springs for discussion and small group interaction.

Mary Levesque, Walt Disney World education program representative, spoke to 18 Forest Lake Academy students on **BEING GUEST-FRIENDLY** during a recent guest service representative (GSR) training session at the school. Youth involved in the GSR program serve as guides for campus visitors during the special events such as the conference's recent Triennial Session.

DADE CITY PATHFINDERS EXPERIENCED GREATER OWNERSHIP IN THEIR CHURCH

On Friday evening, a piano concert was presented by Joseph Backer, a twelve-year-old.

CAROLINA RECORDING ARTIST JOEY GORE, FROM WILMINGTON, N.C., WAS RECENTLY SIGNED TO THE CHAPEL RECORDS LABEL. Chapel Bridge is the recording division of Pacific Press. Gore's latest release, *On the Keys*, has been the selected work for distribution.

THE FAMILY LIFE DEPARTMENT WILL HOST THE FIRST-EVER FAMILY OF GOD FESTIVAL AT NEW HERITAGE U.S.A. June 8-11, 1995. The weekend event will include such speakers as Florence Littauer, Marita Littauer, Jim and Sally Conway, Kay and Jan Kuzma, Joyce Lorntz, Barb Manspeaker, Len McMillan, Ron and Karen Flowers, Chris Grissom, David Moore, Blake Hall, Paul and Carol Cannon, Saadia Bean, Mike and Lynn Ortel, Dick Duerksen, Ramona Greek, and guest musician Joey Gore.

THE HILLSBOROUGH CHURCH ENTERED A FLOAT IN THE HILLSBOROUGH CHRISTMAS PARADE. The float was a boat covered with burlap and blue tarps to resemble Noah's Ark. Large stuffed animals and people dressed in biblical attire comprised the entourage aboard the moving testimony. On a banner down each side of the boat was written, "Noah was ready, are you? Jesus is coming soon." It was pulled by a bright red truck with a written sign, "Hillsborough Seventh-day Adventist Church." More than 2,000 people attended the parade.

THE PATHFINDER CLUB IN BEAUFORT, S.C., LED OUT IN A RECENT CHURCH SERVICE. From the presentation of the color guards to the benediction, the youth presented a spirit-filled worship hour. The Pathfinder club was very busy during 1994 earning honors in computers, knot tying, tree cutting, and many were certified in CPR.

BY TAKING CHARGE OF THE EAST PASCO CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICES. The 56-member club was responsible for greeters, ushers, song leaders, prayers, and special music—everything needed to make Sabbath morning services complete.

"The gospel—a message with global appeal" was the focus of a recent **INTERNATIONAL DAY SABBATH** conducted by the University church of Orlando. Twenty-five countries were represented as church members celebrated their cultural diversity and spiritual unity in Christ. Many dressed in clothes reflecting their ethnic backgrounds.

Staying out of debt was the focus of a **MONEY MANAGEMENT SEMINAR** sponsored by the South Orlando church, January 21. Twenty-six people attended the meeting presented by South Orlando church member Bill James.

The Forest Lake church opened a **COMMUNITY HOLIDAY CARE HOUSE** that received enough items to supply 100 people with food, clothing, and toys during the recent holiday season. The Hunt Club Publix in Apopka, Fla., cosponsored the event and provided space in the store's restaurant area to house the special outreach.

ALL 26 MEMBERS OF THE 1994 ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING CLASS AT FLORIDA HOSPITAL COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES PASSED THEIR RECENT STATE BOARD EXAMS. A 100 percent success rate with state boards is rare.

DIRECTIONS

Georgia-Cumberland



Eighty-six teen Pathfinders and staff attended the **TEEN DISCOVERY BIKING WEEKEND** at Jekyll Island. Tommy Jackson from the Augusta, Ga., club and Jonathan Littell, John Headlee, and Kevin Lucas from Graysville, Tenn., each rode 100 miles. Thirteen different Pathfinders rode a total of 66 miles.

THE PUBLISHING WORKERS ended the 1994 year with \$1,222,308 in sales, the highest in the Southern Union. These dedicated workers did much more than sell books. There were 25,276 free books distributed, most of these were Spirit of Prophecy books; 22,601 individuals were enrolled in Bible studies; 34 individuals were invited to evangelistic meetings; 318 Bible studies were given; and 17 individuals were baptized through connection with the publishing work. Ten Southern College students were also involved in the publishing work. They contacted more than 18,000 individuals which resulted in \$45,000 in sales.

Members of the youth Sabbath school at the Collegedale church participated in an offering **TO SPONSOR TWO NEEDY CHILDREN**. These

individuals are from a Third World country and will receive food, Christian education, medical care, clothing, and shelter.

NET '95 countdown continued on January 14 when 900 attended the Discover Jesus seminar at the Chattanooga Trade and Convention Center. Mark Finley was the speaker. The following day more than 500 attended two sessions of the Natural Lifestyle cooking class also conducted at the Chattanooga Trade and Convention Center. Presenters included: Mark and Tennie Finley and Dr. Phil Mills. The event was coordinated by Adventist Interchurch Ministries (AIM) of the Chattanooga area. More than 200 NAD churches participated, via satellite, in the cooking class.

THE MARIETTA, GA., CHURCH HAS COMPLETED A MAJOR RENOVATION. The church sanctuary received new pews and a completely redesigned and restructured platform area. The foyer ceiling has been raised, Sabbath school rooms repainted and offices redone. The \$95,000 project will also include additional parking for the expanding congregation.

Gulf States



ELEVEN ADVENTIST ESTATE PLANNING SEMINARS have been conducted throughout the conference since the first of October.

The Anniston church Pathfinders assisted with meal preparations and cleaning duties at the **ANNISTON SOUP KITCHEN**, helping to feed many who were hungry.

The Montgomery First church hosted the **BASS MEMORIAL ACADEMY'S GYMNASTIC**

TEAM a weekend in January. They were blessed with the students conducting the Sabbath school program, special music, vespers program, and then a high-energy performance in the evening.

Montgomery First is involved with the **GOSPEL WORKER'S BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM**. Thus far there are 20 workers with 60 people enrolled in studies.

Kentucky-Tennessee



TITHE report for 1994 revealed a healthy and unprecedented 10 percent increase.

BAPTISMS for 1994 were 234. This is a number comparable to 1993, even though in 1994 we significantly reduced the evangelistic budget. The year of 1995 promises to be an outstanding year in soul winning.

Madison Campus elementary school has earned more than \$3,000 from the return of **KROGER GROCERY RECEIPTS**.

A free **SMOKING CESSATION PROGRAM**, co-sponsored by the American Lung Association and Tennessee Christian Medical Center, began February 21 and will continue until March 28.

Oakwood College



WOCQ FM radio station has enjoyed overwhelming community response to **OAKWOOD HERITAGE MOMENTS**, a seven-minute program which airs twice a day. It was begun in 1991 with Oakwood College archivist Minneola

Dixon, highlighting an event in black Adventist history. With a musical intro and background music throughout, she takes the listener back to the very beginning of the SDA movement among black people.

Southern College



TEN DAYS IN THE UPPER ROOM began on February 8, as students and faculty met three times daily—morning, noon, and night—to pray for the success of the Net '95 evangelistic crusade.

SECOND SEMESTER ENROLLMENT is up by 24 students compared to a year ago. Head count is 1,549, with a full-time equivalent figure of 1,279. Included in these figures are 126 B.S. nursing students at three locations in Florida. Because they are part-time students, they equate with 38 full-time students.

SOUTHERN'S TWO NEW MINORS—ADVERTISING AND SALES—are off the ground and

adding choices to the curriculum of the journalism and communication department. Nine students have already enrolled this first year the minors are being offered.

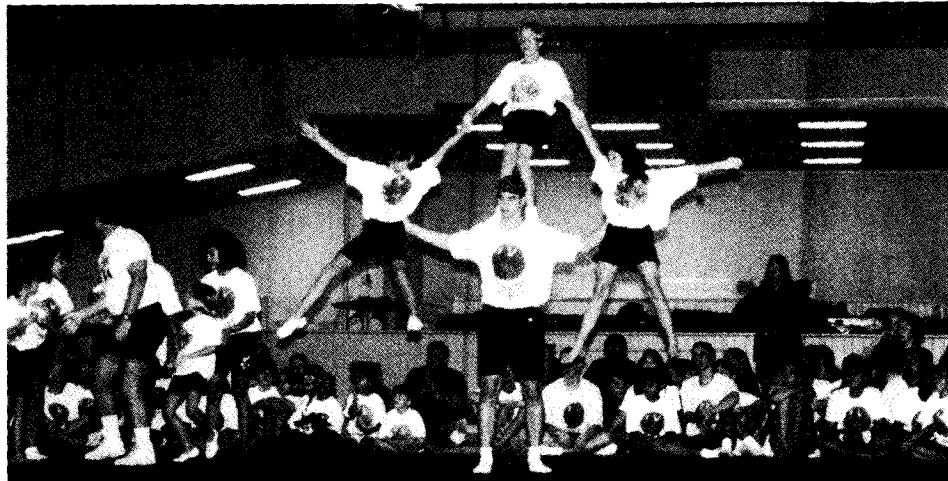
THEME FOR BLACK HISTORY WEEK, "Out of one, many; out of many, one," focused on the diversifying and unifying issues that characterize Black America today. Music by the Morehouse College choir and Sabbath services with Chaplain Barry Black were a part of the special week. This year the campus organization formerly known as Beta Kappa Tau took on the name Black Christian Union (BCU).



WOLF JEDAMSKI

A Celebration of Thanks was held at the Collegedale church workshop service in November. Pilgrims and Indians from the kindergarten class collected the tithe and offering. Thirty-seven families were given food baskets prepared from the food brought for the procession. These baskets were delivered and the remaining food items were given to community services to use throughout the coming year.

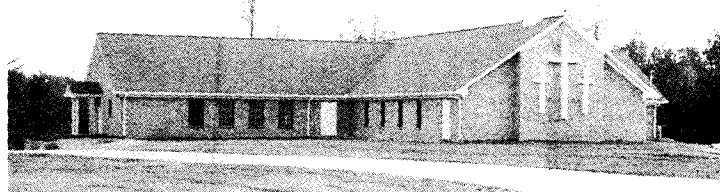
The second senior citizen housing project undertaken by the First church of Huntsville, Ala., has been completed. The structure, called Willow Run Adventist Towers, is located on Rideout Road. Applications are being accepted from senior citizens who wish to make this facility their new home.



PATTIE AGUAS

Forest Lake Academy gymnastic team members helped teach teamwork, cooperation, and perseverance to approximately 250 students from about 10 schools recently. The students, who were participating in the annual Gymnastics Clinic hosted by Forest Lake Academy in Apopka, Fla., performed to a large crowd in the academy gymnasium.

The Cullman, Ala., church (formerly Hanceville) celebrated its grand opening November 19, 1994. Approximately 160 members and guests were inspired by the sermon delivered by Jim Greek, a former pastor of the church and now the Gulf States Conference president.



SHARON WICKHAM



Jimmy Hydan (left), is helping a Pathfinder with his model rocket at the honors weekend in November at Cohutta Springs. Each of the 256 Pathfinders and staff could earn six honors over the weekend, three from nature and outreach ministries, and three from arts and crafts.

Voice of Prophecy host Lonnie Melanshenko presented a special Super Bowl Sunday interview on January 29 with former NFL stars Reggie Dupard (left) and Kenneth Price. Listeners will hear the incredible story of how God used a Sabbath playoff game between the Washington Redskins and the San Francisco 49ers to bring Dupard to spiritual victory.



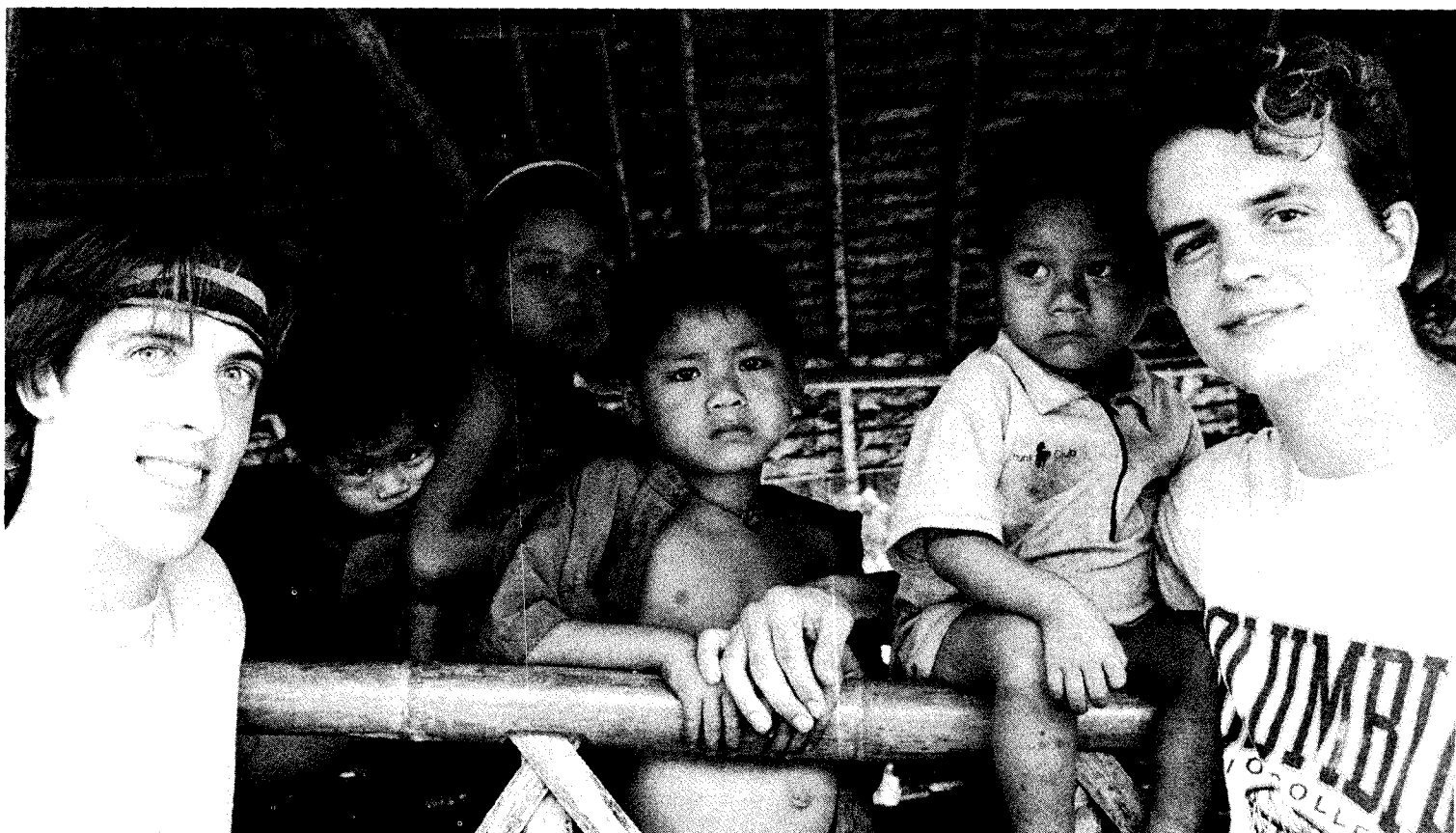


RON QUICK

The Charlotte, N.C., Spanish company, on December 4, 1994, officially became the first of 13 Hispanic congregations meeting in the conference to be organized as a church. This was followed by the Fletcher Spanish company which organized as a church on December 17, and the Laurel Spanish company which organized as a church on January 7, 1995. Pictured at the Charlotte meeting are Josefina Macias (left), Ana Osejo, Ron Schmidt, Carolina Conference secretary, Eli Rojas, pastor, Samuel Romero, Hispanic ministries coordinator, and Carmen Cruz. Under the direction of Romero, the Hispanic work has more than quadrupled in the Carolinas during the last couple of years.



Marie and Issac Johnson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary November 27, 1994. Mrs. Johnson is a retired teacher and I. J. Johnson is retired from the South Central Conference office. He was director of communications for a number of years.



RON QUICK

Monte Christen and Richard Knipple, 1991 graduates of Mt. Pisgah Academy with refugee children from Burma. They work in an ADRA-sponsored clinic in an isolated village on the Tai-Burma border. On a daily basis, the two young men treat cases of malaria, infections of every kind, set broken bones, and at times have helped deliver babies.

ADAMS, Margaret, 105, died Jan. 12, in Clermont, Fla. She was a member of the South Orlando church. She is survived by three sons: Earl, Roger, and Claude, all of Portola, Calif.; one daughter, Eileen Gentry of Clermont; several grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

ALFORD, Jr., Dr. Samuel J., 71, born in Orlando, Fla., died Sept. 18, 1994, in Jacksonville, Fla. He is survived by two sons: Mike and Steve; one daughter, Joni Burns; and two grandchildren, all of Jacksonville.

AYALA, Julian, 69, died Feb. 12 in Orlando, Fla. He was a member of the Orlando Spanish church. He is survived by his wife, Maria; two daughters: Maria A. and Lillian Ayala of Orlando; and one son, Nestor Ayala of Ocoee, Fla.

BARGFREDE, John D., 93, died Nov. 18, 1994, in Spartanburg, S.C. He was a member of the Walker Memorial church. He is survived by his wife, Elsie of Avon Park, Fla.; two stepsons; and several grandchildren.

BAYNE, Lorena W., 93, died Nov. 29, 1994, in Orlando, Fla. She was a member of the Orlando Central church. She is survived by two daughters: Louise Ricker of Winter Park, Fla., and Shirley Flaherty of Altamonte Springs, Fla.; one grandchild; and two great-grandchildren.

BENEDICT, Mary, 93, born in Longview, Tex., died Nov. 1, 1994, in Apopka, Fla. She was a member of the Apopka Highland church. She is survived by two daughters: Mary Alice Zill of Apopka and Robbie Highton of Angwin, Calif.

BISSAINTHE, Claude, 59, died Dec. 18, 1994, in Orlando, Fla. He was a member of the Altamonte Springs church. He is survived by his wife, Marie; two sons: John and Jeff; two daughters: Muriel Orr and Ruby Mabry, all of Orlando.

BLAKE, William Peavy, 83, died Oct. 7, 1994, in Clanton, Ala. He is survived by two daughters: Anita Ledbetter and Faye Koch; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

BOSSIE, Walter, 88, died Oct. 14, 1994, in Wauchoula, Fla. He was a member of the Wauchoula church. He is survived by his wife, Edna of Wauchoula; one daughter, Martha Blair of Orlando, Fla.; one stepson, Gene Duke of Grenelefe, Fla.; several grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

BROWN, Gladys, 93, died Dec. 30, 1994, in Bartow, Fla. She was a member of the Fort Meade church. She is survived by one son, Robert of Lake Placid, Fla.; and one daughter, Betty Fields of Meade, Fla.

CARPENTER, Paul, 78, born in New Britain, Conn., died in Columbus, Ga., on Jan. 14. He was a member of the Phenix City, Ala., church. He is survived by his wife, Edith of Seale, Ala.; son, Joseph; daughter, Miriam Kuntz; brother, Sam Carpenter; and a sister, Faith Conti.

CLARK, Margaret, 71, died Jan. 5 in Tampa, Fla. She was a member of the Tampa First church. She is survived by two sons: Dan Clark and Bob Sherouse, both of Odessa, Fla.; and two grandchildren.

COLLINS, Florence, 82, died Nov. 8, 1994, in Jupiter, Fla. She was a member of the Jupiter church. She is survived by two sons: Jay Collins of West Palm Beach and James Torpy of Connecticut; one daughter, Jeanne Keys of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

CONE, Fred W., 82, born in Boston, Georgia, died Oct. 9 in Deland, Fla. He was a member of the Winter Haven church. He is survived by wife, Naoma of Deland; two sons; and four daughters.

CONNELL, Walter A., 91, died Oct. 25, 1994, in Dayton, Tenn. He was a member of the Walker Memorial church, Avon Park, Fla. He taught school at Walker Memorial Jr. Academy and in Tennessee for many years. He is survived by his wife, Winifred; and one daughter, Gloria Connell of Ringgold, Ga.

COX, J. Mark, 76, born in Washington, D.C., died Oct. 26, 1994, in Orlando, Fla. He was a member of the Orlando Central church. He is survived by his wife, Elaine; two sons: J. Mark, Jr. and Alfred; and a daughter, Edith Busch, all of Orlando.

CRABTREE, George, 91, died Jan. 21 in Ocala, Fla. He was a member of the Ocala church. He is survived by his wife, Ola Ray; and one daughter, Thelma Walker of Apopka, Fla.

DONOSO, Guzman M., 57, died Sept. 5, 1994, in Miami, Fla. He was a member of the Miami Beach First Spanish church. He is survived by two sons: Favian of New York City and Alex of Hialeah, Fla.; and two grandchildren.

DYE, Mae W., 90, died Aug. 16, 1994, in Pavo, Ga. She was a member of the Arcadia, Fla., church. She is survived by son, Otis R. of Haines City, Fla.; daughter, Nyna Chap of Tallahassee, Fla.; 13 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren.

ELDRIDGE, S. Conrad, was born June 10, 1913, in Olean, New York, and died Dec. 26, 1994, in Nashville, Tenn. He is survived by his wife, Elenor; a son, Gary; and a daughter, Beverly.

FEBRE, Feliciano F., 84, died Dec. 4, 1994, in Avon Park, Fla. He was a member of the Walker Memorial church, Avon Park. He is survived by his wife, Arcadia; four sons: Alexis of Avon Park, Abraham and Roque of Calif., and Romulo of New York; four daughters: Ofelia Guevara of Avon Park, Percy Mariano of Calif., Conie Lopez and Rebecca Balboa of Calif.; and seven grandchildren.

FOWLER, Hilda, 84, died Dec. 21, 1994, in Orlando, Fla. She served the denomination many years as a teacher in Florida, Maryland and Virginia. Survivors include two sons: Gary and Tinker of Forest City, Fla.; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

GAGE, Frances, 84, died in Meridian, Miss., Oct. 10, 1994. He was a member of the Meridian First church.

GRIFFIN, Irene, born on April 5, 1908, in Veracruz, Mexico, and died Jan. 5, 1994, in St. Augustine, Fla. She was a member of the Palatka church. She is survived by one son, Jim Suzukis of Orlando; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

HANSON, Sara Detwiler, 87, died May 14, 1994. She was a member of the Valdosta, Ga., church. She is survived by two daughters: Edrine Leukert of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Pat Tatassopoluos of Hague, Va.; one son, John B. of Hahira, Ga.; and eight grandchildren.

HARRINGTON, Alice M., 91, was born in Tanner Williams, Ala., and died Nov. 3, 1994. She was a member of the St. Elmo, Ala., church. Survivors include her husband, Melvin of Theodore, Ala.; son Melvin, of Tex.; many grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

HEISLER, Ruby, 84, died Dec. 31, 1994, in Winter Haven, Fla. She is survived by one brother, Kelsey S. Bennett; and two sisters: Estelle Douglas and Wilma Prescott, all of Winter Haven, Fla.

HENRICKSEN, Tony, 40, died Dec. 12, 1994, in Tampa, Fla. He was a member of the Carrollwood church. He is survived by his wife, Stephanie; two stepsons: Adam Silva and Stephen Hunt; and one stepdaughter, Lyndsy Silva, all of Tampa.

HENRY, Mary E., 70, born in Trelawny, Jamaica, died Oct. 2, 1994, in Port Charlotte, Fla. She was a member of the Port Charlotte church. She is survived by her husband, Uriah; and one daughter, Dorette Kwamogi of N.Y. City.

HILL, Lena Angelina, born March 12, 1935, in LaFollette, Tenn., died Dec. 7, 1994, in Knoxville, Tenn. She was a member of the Knoxville church. Survivors include one granddaughter.

HOLLEN, Paul, 73, member of the Meridian First church, died Nov. 23, 1994, in Meridian, Miss.

HORVATH, Barbara, 56, died Dec. 4, 1994, in Miami, Fla. She was a member of the Miami Springs church.

INGERSOLL, Jinnie, 96, died Oct. 14, 1994, in Orlando, Fla. She was a member of the South Orlando church.

JACKSON, George A., 72, died Oct. 25, 1994, in Lake City, Fla. He was a member of the Jacksonville First church. He is survived by wife, Eloise; two sons: George A. II of Calif. and Daniel B. of Jacksonville, Fla.

JACOBS, Voyd, 61, born in Bolton, N.C., died April 6, 1994, in Ashville, N.C. He is survived by two sisters: Lela Sims of Newport News, Va., and Virginia Williams of Clyde, N.C.; and two brothers: Herman of West, Tex., and John Albert of Bolton.

JACOBS, Susan I., born in Bolton, N.C., died June 18, 1994, in Candle, N.C. She is survived by two daughters: Lela Sims of Newport News, Va., and Virginia Williams of Clyde, N.C.; two sons: Herman Jacobs of West, Tex., and John Albert Jacobs of Bolton, N.C.; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

JOHNSON, "Jake" Harley, 88, died Nov. 30, 1994, in Bradenton, Fla. He was a member of the Bradenton church. He is survived by one son, Richard; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

JOKIMSEN, Marie, was born Aug. 12, 1907, and died Nov. 29, 1994, at Crossville, Tenn. She was an active member of the Crossville church. Survivors are her sister, Mrs. Anne Maxwell; and two nephews.

JONES, Lois, 68, died Dec. 6, 1994, in Orlando, Fla. She was a member of the Apopka Highlands church. She is survived by two sons: Clyde Williams, Jr. of Sanford, Fla., and Kenneth M. Williams of Apopka, Fla.; two daughters: Lois Vancamp of Ocala, Fla., and Kimberly Williams of Orlando; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

KARL, Geraldine, 89, died Dec. 25, 1994, in Jupiter, Fla. She was a member of the Jupiter church. She is survived by one son, David J. Karl of Atlanta, Ga.; two daughters: Marilyn Winters of Jupiter, Fla., and Dolores Chitwood of Ark.; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

KIRK, Emma, 84, died Nov. 14, 1994, in Avon Park, Fla. She was a member of the Walker Memorial church. She is survived by son, John Kirk, Jr., of Paxton, Mass.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

KRIEGHOFF, Marie, 79, died Dec. 11, 1994, in Apopka, Fla. She was a member of the Forest City Spanish church. She is survived by her husband, Guillermo of Apopka.

LANDIS, Orpha, 96, born in Canton, Ohio, died Nov. 7, 1994, in Huntsville, Ala. She was a member of the Huntsville Central church. She is survived by her sons: Merle Landis of Huntsville and Lowell Landis of Laurel, Md.; and a daughter, Jayne Silya of Laurel.

LAY, Daisy, 83, died Oct. 13, 1994, in Tampa, Fla. She was a member of the Tampa First church. She is survived by one son, Fred Lay of Brandon, Fla.; and one daughter, Marie Green of Weslaco, Tex.

LEWIS, Delores Jeanne, born July 11, 1930, died Oct. 26, 1994. Survivors include her husband, James; son, Garry of Fletcher, N.C.; daughter, Linda Osteen of Weaverville, N.C.; and one grandson.

LOVINS, Virginia Smoroske, 63, born in South Bend, Ind., died Sept. 29, 1994, in Pensacola, Fla. She was a member of the Pensacola church. She is survived by her husband, Leroy Lovins of Pensacola; two daughters: Daina Kubasak of Rocky Mount, Va., and Denise Buda of South Bend, Ind.; her mother, Nina Anderson of Keene, Tex.; three stepdaughters: Margie Salmon of Holt, Fla., Shelia Richards of Zachary, La., and Gwyn Bowman of Baker, La.; and a stepson, Curtis Lovins of Atlanta, Ga.

McQUEEN, Joneth, 88, died Oct. 3, 1994, in Brooksville, Fla. He was a member of the Brooksville church.

MERROW, Leon A., 68, born in Orlando, Fla., died Sept. 10 in Melbourne, Fla. He was a member of the Melbourne church. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn; one son, Lee of Knoxville, Tenn.; three daughters: Tanya Greer of Melbourne, Vicki Radford of Rockledge, Fla., and Kathy Bond of Commerce, Ga.; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

MILLER Pearl, 86, died Jan. 5 in Loma Linda, Calif. She was a member of the Plantation church in Fla. She is survived by two sons: Joseph of Loma Linda, Calif., and Hugh of Annapolis, Md.; one daughter, Marie Harrison of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Fla.; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

MYERS, Mildred T., 77, died Oct. 16 in Avon Park, Fla. She was a member of the Walker Memorial church. She is survived by husband, Leroy F.; one son, Robert LeRoy of Cleveland, Tenn.; two daughters: Janet Lee Thompson of Choctaw, Okla., and Judy Lynn Laue of Bonita, Calif.; and eight grandchildren.

MYERS, Miner (Bud) E., 76, died Nov. 7, 1994, in Altamonte Springs, Fla. He was a member of the Orlando Central church. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; four sons: Miner of Madison, Ky., Dennis and Robert of St. Cloud, Fla., and Ronald of Tawas, Mich.; four daughters: Barbara Sawicke of Oakland, Mich., Virginia Sias of Edmore, Mich., Ruthann Strack of Orlando, and Lori Rivera of Apopka, Fla.; 20 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

PEEL, Edna C., 92, a native of Hanover, Ala., died Sept. 15, 1994, in Ooltewah, Tenn. Survivors include her two sons: Robert C. and James D. of Ellijay, Ga.; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

OBITUARIES

PETERSON, Olive G., 93, born in Aberdeen, S.D., died Oct. 10, 1994, in Avon Park, Fla. She was a member of the Walker Memorial church. She is survived by one son, George Noble of Grangerville, Idaho; one daughter, Marion Schertzer of Flat Rock, Mich.; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

PINTA, Charles S., 81, died Oct. 17, 1994, in Melbourne, Fla. He was a member of the South Brevard church. He is survived by his wife, Nancy of Satellite Beach, Fla.; one son, Ronald of Orlando; one daughter, Annette Kirschner of Satellite Beach; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

RAY, Herman C., 86, died Sept. 11, 1994, in Hillsborough, N.C. He was a member of the Florida Hospital church. He is survived by his wife, Louise; one stepson, Dr. Richard Miller, Jr., of Rome, Ga.; two stepdaughters: Pattie Miller Bishop and Jacqueline Miller of Calhoun, Ga.; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

RICHARDS, Rupert, 76, died Jan. 1 in Orlando, Fla. He was a member of the St. Petersburg church. He is survived by his wife, Claire of Longwood, Fla.; and one son, Desmond of Nottingham, England.

RICHARDS, Merle M., 84, born in Dothan, Ala., died May 13, 1994, in Orlando, Fla. She was a member of the Mt. Dora, Fla., church. She is survived by husband, Edmond N. of Council Bluffs, Iowa; one son, Dr. William F. Marina; one daughter, Pastor Cora M. Waters of Altamonte Springs, Fla.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

RITCH, Mary, 83, died Dec. 3, 1994, in Jacksonville, Fla. She was a member of the Jacksonville First church. She is survived by one daughter, Christine Ellerbee; and numerous grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

ROBERTS, Leon F., 74, was born in Bainbridge, Ga., died Jan. 17 in Atlanta, Ga. He was a member of the Atlanta North church. Surviving are his wife, Lucille Roberts; son, Tom Roberts; and two grandchildren.

SCHUERGER, Jennie, 96, born in Port Alleghe, Pa., died Sept. 28, 1994, in Orlando, Fla. She was a member of the Orlando Central church. She served for 20 years as a literature evangelist and in the dietary department of Florida Hospital. She is survived by one daughter, Marilyn Sheffield of Orlando, Fla.; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

SLEETH, Hallie, 93, died Oct. 8, 1994, in Winter Haven, Fla. She was a member of the Winter Haven church.

SORENSEN, Florence, 76, died Nov. 29, 1994, in Orlando, Fla. She was a member of the Walker Memorial church. She is survived by her husband, G. Albert; two sons: Alvin Wolcott of Avon Park and Larry Wolcott of Altamonte Springs; and six grandchildren.

STANAWAY, Samuel E., 83, died Aug. 6, 1994, in Ocala, Fla. He was a member of the Collegedale church. Survivors include his wife, Helen A.; one son, Melvin; a daughter, Karen D. Fancher; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

STEVENS, Edward, 58, died Nov. 17, 1994, in Jacksonville, Fla. He was a member of the Jacksonville Mandarin church. He is survived by his wife, Paula; one son, Troy Stevens; one daughter, Shelly Carter; and two grandchildren.

TA, Phong Anh, 51, born in Cholon, Vietnam, died Oct. 20, 1994, in Orlando, Fla. He was a member of the Orlando Vietnamese church. He is survived by two sons: Edward and Phillip of Orlando; two brothers; and one sister.

TANNER, Agnes, born Oct. 22, 1910, in Randolph County, Ga., died July 9, 1994, in

Marshallville, Ga. She was a member of the Ogelthorpe, Ga., church. Survivors include a son, Jimmy of Ogelthorpe; a daughter, Joy McElroy of Cuba, Ala.; seven grandsons; and seven great-grandchildren.

THATENHURST, Joyce E., 59, was born in Birmingham, Ala., died Sept. 21, 1994, in Birmingham. She was a member of the Birmingham First church. She is survived by her sister, Sarah Graham, also of Birmingham.

TOMPKINS, Enid, 88, died Dec. 9, 1994, in Avon Park, Fla. He was a member of the Walker Memorial church. He is survived by his wife, Ethel; son, Vernon of Kissimmee; daughters: Mary Williams and Ann Adams of Jennison, Mich.; and stepdaughter, Peggy McDaniel of Avon Park, Fla.

WARD, Genia M., 87, born in Commerce, Ga., died Oct. 2, 1994, in Tallahassee, Fla. She was a member of the Tallahassee First church. She is survived by two sons: James F. Malphurs and C. J. Malphurs; two daughters: Gloria E. Broome, all of Tallahassee, Fla., and Joyce R. Kelly of Pensacola, Fla.; 23 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

WHITE, Hubert, 86, died Oct. 11, 1994, in Tampa, Fla. He was a member of the Tampa First church. He is survived by his wife, Sofie; three sons: Ronald of Tampa, Philip of Homosassa, and Paul of Valrico; two daughters: Carol Melious and Plessie Kaufman of Tampa; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

WOOD, Edna C., 91, born in Clay County, Ala., died Oct. 13, 1994, in Orlando, Fla. She was a member of the Orlando Central church. She is survived by husband, Herman R.; one son, William B. Procter; two daughters: Edie C. Johnson, both of Birmingham, Ala., and Elizabeth Porter of Snellville, Ga.; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

TRANSITIONS

On the Move

Florida

Don Aldridge has retired from his position of Florida Conference trust services representative and **Denise Hoehn** joins Forest Lake Academy as director of the Advancement office.

Georgia-Cumberland



Martinez



Epperson



Vistaunet

Charlie Martinez has been appointed associate treasurer. **Diane Epperson** joins the treasury staff as payroll cashier/junior accountant. **Denver and Carol Cavins** have joined the

pastoral staff to pastor the Smyrna-King Springs church, coming from the Mount Pisgah, N.C. church. **Loren Vistaunet**



Kuebler



Cavins

has accepted an invitation to pastor the Crossville, Tenn./Heritage Academy district after serving the Carrollton/Cedartown, Ga. district for eight years. **Loren** replaces retiring pastor **Harold Kuebler**. **Mike Corey** is the new district leader for literature evangelists in the North Georgia area of the conference.

Weddings

SNYDER - LEKER

Amy Sue Leker and **Brian Allen Snyder** were married Oct. 30 at the Hiram church in Hiram,

Ga. John Erhard, the grooms grandfather, conducted the wedding ceremony. Amy is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James C. Leker of Hiram, and Brian is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Snyder of Kennesaw, Ga. Amy will pursue a career in nursing, while Brian continues his education. They reside in Athens, Ga.

SCHUTTE - MURRAY

Mae Murray and **Del Schutte** were married October 1 in Charleston, S.C. Del is assistant professor of Orthopedics at the Medical University of S.C., and his wife is a nurse at the same medical center. They reside in Sullivan's Island, S.C.

WILSON - GEORGE

Melinda Florence George and **Kieth Raines Wilson** were married September 18, 1994, in the Ridgetop Adventist church. Gary Burns, brother-in-law to the groom, performed the ceremony. The couple reside in White House, Tenn.

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

March, 1995

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.

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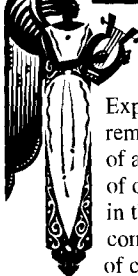
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Myron Widmer

CALENDAR

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Carolina

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: Richard Neal.

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

Women's Mini Retreat—April 8. Fletcher, N.C. Speakers: Linda McGinn. Cost: \$25.

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.

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

Divorce Recovery for Women—May 12-14. Charlotte.

Caring For Marriage—May 19-21. Charlotte.

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

Evangelistic Crusades

Feb. 17-March 25. NET '95 Event. Mark Finley and C.D. Brooks.

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

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Florida Conference Elementary and Junior Academy Music Festival—April 20-22. Forest Lake Academy.

Women's Ministries Sabbath—April 22. South Orlando church. Speaker: Elizabeth Sterndale.

Marriage Commitment Seminars (English & Spanish)—May 19-21. Pre-register and pre-pay required. Details: (407) 869-8106.

Camp Meeting (English)—May 26-June 3.

Campestre Español—June 31-July 8.

Georgia-Cumberland

Pathfinder Fellowship Campout

March 10-12. North Georgia. Cohutta

March 24-26. North Tennessee. Jellico.

March 24-26. South Tennessee. Cohutta.

Children's Ministries Convention—March 17-19. Cohutta Springs.

Youth Baptismal Sabbath—March 18.

Pathfinder Orienteering—March 17-19. Cohutta Springs.

Lay Pastors' Training—March 24, 25. Cohutta Springs.

Northeast Tennessee Youth Rally—April 15. Johnson City.

Georgia-Cumberland Academy Alumni Weekend—March 31-April 2.

Women's Ministries Retreat—March 31-April 2. Cohutta Springs.

Pathfinder Camporee—April 20-23. Cohutta Springs.

Academy Days

April 23, 24. Georgia-Cumberland Academy.

May 3. Collegedale.

Northeast Tennessee Convocations—March 18. Greeneville, Tenn.

Area Church Fellowship

April 8. Brunswick, Ga.

April 29. Crossville, Tenn.

Sept. 9. McMinnville, Tenn.

Annual Camp Meeting—May 24-27. Collegedale, Tenn.

ABC Bookmobile Schedule

March 11. Cumberland Heights.

March 12. McMinnville, Tenn., Cookeville, Tenn.

School, Deer Lodge, Tenn., Crossville, Tenn.

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.

Gulf States

Adventist Estate Planning Seminars

April 8. Guntersville, Ala.

April 12. Phenix City, Ala.

April 15. Anniston, Ala.

April 22. Muscle Shoals, Ala.

ABC Bookmobile Schedule

March 11. Panama City, Fla.

March 12. Ft. Walton Beach, Pensacola, Mobile, Gulfport.

March 18. Floral Crest.

March 19. Huntsville, Decatur, Birmingham

Roebuck, Birmingham.

March 25. Bass Memorial Academy.

March 26. Florence, Miss., Jackson, Miss., Meridian, Miss.

April 8. Water Valley.

April 9. Olive Branch, Corinth, Tupelo.

April 16. Phenix City, Uchee Pines.

Executive Committee Meeting—March 16. Montgomery.

Mobile Junior Academy 75th Anniversary Homecoming—March 18. Details: (334) 639-1358.

Youth Rally—March 17-18. Huntsville.

Women's Ministries Coordinators Meeting—March 17-19. Camp Alamisco.

Bass Memorial Academy Alumni Weekend—March 24-25.

Adventurer Fun Day—April 9. Camp Alamisco.

Outdoor School—April 17-20. Camp Alamisco.

Kentucky-Tennessee

Eastern Kentucky Camp Meeting—March 10, 11. Prestonburg.

Retiree's Meeting—March 14. Conference Office.

ASI Meeting—March 18. Madison Campus church. Speaker: Denzil McNeilus.

ASI Branch—March 19. Tennessee Christian Medical Center.

Association and Executive Committee (Audit and Budget Review)—March 21. Conference Office.

Business and Professional Foundation Meeting—March 24-26. Montgomery Bell State Park. Speaker: Jim Nix.

Memphis First Church Centennial Celebration—March 24, 25. All former members and friends are invited. Details: (901) 323-4998.

Highland Academy Alumni Weekend—March 31-April 1. Speakers: Ted Hamilton, John McClarty.

Lay Pastoral Training—March 31-April 2. Indian Creek Camp.

Southeastern

Second Master Guide Retreat—March 4-6. Hawthorne, Fla.

Statistical and Budget Meeting—March 8. Executive Committee Meeting.

Laymen's Rally—March 10-12. Camp Kulaqua.

Women's Ministries Enrichment (District #1)—April 1.

Elders/Deacons Retreat—April 7, 8. Hawthorne, Fla.

Women's Ministries Enrichment—April 29. (District #5)

M.C. Strachan Youth Federation—May 13, 14.

Miami Union Academy Graduation—May 18.

Campmeeting—June 8-17. Hawthorne, Fla.

Haitian Retreat—June 21-26. Hawthorne, Fla.

Community Services Federation

April 15. North Florida, South Florida.

April 29. Central Florida.

Southern College

Vespers

March 17. Judy Glass.

March 24. Lynell LaMountain.

March 31. Destiny Drama.

April 7. Orchestra/organ concert.

Concerts

March 14. Organist Wolfgang Zerer.

March 20. Troika Balalaikas, Russian folk music.

March 26. Vogler Quartet of Berlin.

Special Events

March 3-11. Spring Break.

March 24-25. Religion consecration, Mark Finley.

April 2-3. College Days.

E. A. Anderson Business Lectures

March 20. Russell Friberg.

March 27. Cecil Rolfe.

April 3. John Brownlow.

Florence Oliver Anderson Nursing Series—

March 15. Barb Bancroft, Physical Assessment, one-day workshop.

Southern Union

SDA Marriage Encounter Weekend—March 24-26. Cohutta Springs Conference Center. Details: (615) 745-3559.

Out of Union

Columbia Union College Alumni Weekend—April 7-9.

Union College Homecoming Weekend—April 6-8.

Michigan Academies Reunion—May 6. La Sierra Academy. Details: (909) 799-8039.

Announcement

Adventist Divorce/Grief Recovery Support Group—Thursday nights, 7-9. Altamonte Springs church. Details: (407) 291-8321.

Sunset

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Atlanta, Ga.	6:35	6:41	6:46	6:52	6:57	7:02
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Adding the dimension of spiritual care

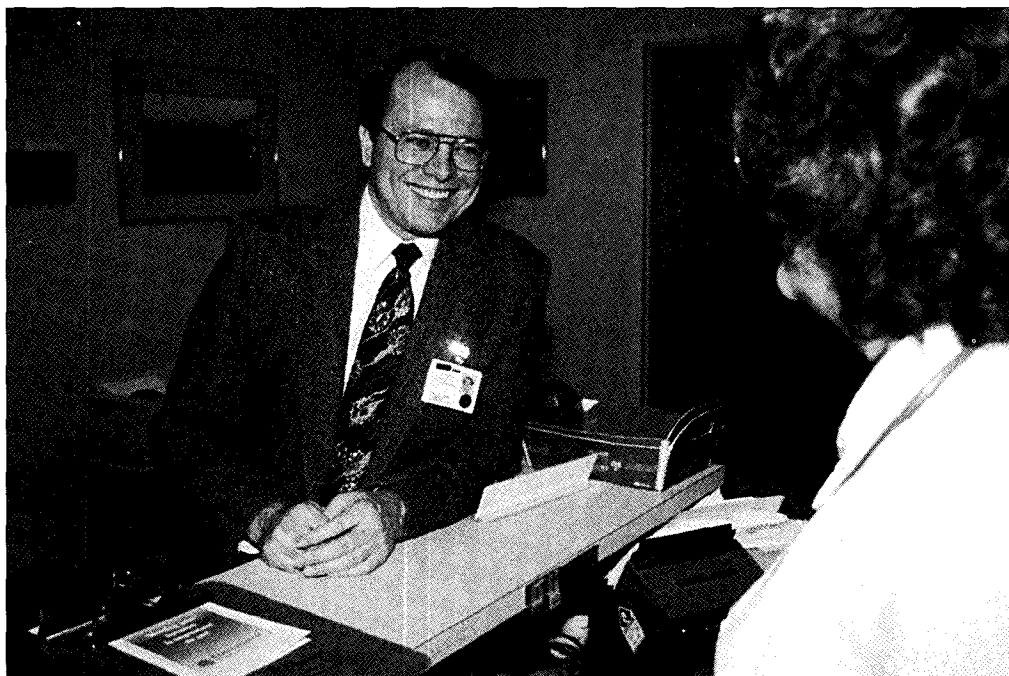
BY PAT BENTON

How do you begin to include the spiritual component of Seventh-day Adventist healthcare in a newly acquired hospital?

Over the past five years Adventist Health System Sunbelt (Sunbelt) has acquired or entered into management contracts with hospitals having no prior association with Seventh-day Adventist healthcare.

Such new Adventist presence is in contrast to the long-term witness of Florida Hospital in Orlando and Tennessee Christian Medical Center in Madison, which have been Seventh-day Adventist institutions since their founding 87 years ago. This is also true of other facilities established as Adventist hospitals, such as Huguley Memorial Medical Center in Fort Worth, Texas, and Florida Hospital Walker (formerly Walker Memorial Medical Center) in Avon Park.

Five hospitals became



Chaplain Merlin Starr spends about half of his time with employees at Florida Hospital Waterman, which became part of Sunbelt about three years ago. In orientation meetings, Starr explains the philosophy of healthcare as a ministry. Many employees look to him as their pastor. FH Waterman chaplains are resources to the community and local clergy.

part of Sunbelt in the past five years—through acquisition or management contract. Spiritual care services vary in each place to meet local needs.

You joined a ministry

Chaplain Merlin Starr came to Florida Hospital Waterman in Eustis, 30 miles north of Orlando, shortly after it became part of Sunbelt in 1992.

"It's important to realize the administrative team here at Waterman reached out to Florida Hospital," he explains. "They appreciated the

Christian values of Florida Hospital as well as its high medical standards."

Starr was surprised at the depth of support he received in implementing the hospital's spiritual mission. As the first chaplain, and one of the few Adventists on the employee roster, he soon found many Christian advocates among the employee family. He spends about half of his time with employees.

"Initially there were some misconceptions about Adventists and our

beliefs. The best way to dispel rumors is to get acquainted. That's been a gratifying experience. Within a few months, many employees were looking to me as their pastor," he says.

Starr knows employees need not only to understand the mission of the hospital but also to be comfortable with it. He explains his broad definition of mission and ministry during employee orientation.

"When you joined our hospital, you got a job at a

'service station,'" he says. "When you came here, you joined a ministry. We do a lot in this hospital that isn't strictly religious, but it's all part of ministering to the whole person."

When FH Waterman's Spiritual Life Committee was formed, members represented half a dozen Christian denominations. Now the group includes a Jewish member. She helps the committee understand how better to serve patients of other faiths.

Starr considers community clergy important in the hospital's mission. He or his associate, Bob Burns, attends four local ministerial associations and accepts invitations to participate at various churches. Clergy have convenient reserved parking at the hospital, and wear name badges that match those of employees.

"They're part of our team as they minister to their own parishioners, and we want them to feel included," explains Starr.

Pastoring pastors is another aspect of his ministry that is especially satisfying for FH Waterman's director of pastoral care.

"I remember how it was in the pastoral ministry, and I understand why these pastors need the 'safe' place we can provide," says Starr, who is planning his third annual clergy conference.

Getting to know you

For more than a year the only hospital in

Wauchula, Fla., was closed. After the for-profit facility locked its doors, the closest medical care was more than 20 miles away. In 1993 a lease agreement was signed with FH Walker; Sunbelt subsequently acquired the facility.

Walker's chaplain Wayne McNutt drives to Wauchula once a week. He began his ministry by becoming involved with the local ministerial association and organizing pastors to be on call for a

Adolescent experiences God's grace

BY MIKE TUCKER, CHAPLAIN

As part of my ministry at Willow Creek Hospital, a recently acquired psychiatric facility, I organized a weekly worship. This nondenominational Christian service incorporates Bible reading, singing, a sermonette or story and prayer requests.

Patients are invited—but not required—to attend the service. Frequently we have an interesting mix of patients from the adolescent, adult, chemical dependency and eating disorders programs.

During the service one Sunday I asked for specific prayer requests. The first to speak was a male alcoholic who said he lacked focus in his life. Next was a woman in her 30s who said she needed something to do with her life. Then an older woman shared her depression and requested prayers for a better picture of God. She said she wanted to live positively and give of herself to others.

Finally an adolescent asked us to pray for his family. His mother was in another hospital's intensive-care unit after a self-inflicted drug overdose. His siblings were in various foster homes around the city. "I need my brothers and sisters and my mother," he said in a choked voice.

My sermonette that day centered on the story of Hagar. I talked about the God who sees me and who hears me when I cry. In the middle of my presenta-

tion the youngster abruptly left the service, followed by a psychiatric technician.

I wanted to leave, too, but I had to stay and complete the service. As I was trying to get away afterwards, a 13-year-old girl stopped me. She poured out her story of involvement in drugs, alcohol, gangs and sex. I had to minister to her while the opportunity was there!

At last I was able to slip away to find the boy. To my amazement he was surrounded by the three adults who had also requested special prayer. The recovering alcoholic had his arms around him.

"I know your daddy's dead. Maybe I could help," he said. "Would you like to do something together—go to a ball game?"

"My daddy died when I was your age," the younger woman said. "I know what it's like."

And the older woman was comforting him as only a mother can. I stood silent as healing washed over those four.

They exchanged names and telephone numbers and promised to look out for one another. Then one of them turned to me and asked, "Chaplain Mike, would you seal our bargain with a prayer?"

It suddenly occurred to me that right before my eyes four prayers had been answered.

week at a time. Now, if McNutt is not in town when emergencies occur, the local on-call pastor is available to patients and families.

A number of former employees came back to work at the hospital after Walker began managing the Wauchula facility. They seem to appreciate the spiritual component Walker brings to their hospital.

"They now feel comfortable attending devotionals and offering prayer throughout the hospital," says Jan Meredith, administrative assistant and one of the new Adventist employees.

Meredith believes the new Christian artwork throughout the hospital is a silent witness. She's also observed a positive response to book racks. "Visitors, patients and employees utilize the literature."

Reaching the community

Dramatic changes occurred when Sunbelt acquired Willow Creek Hospital, a psychiatric facility near Fort Worth, Texas, now a satellite of Huguley Memorial Medical Center. It was a dramatic about-face when the for-profit hospital became an Adventist not-for-profit facility in 1993.

"In the past 18 months we've reached out as a community agency rather than as a psychiatric hospital," says Don Sykes, president.

Employees have accepted Sykes's challenges and they've participated in the adopt-a-highway and adopt-a-school programs, sponsored a blood drive, collected coats and cooked Christmas dinner for the homeless. Willow Creek staffers have also offered more than a dozen professional workshops, as well as providing educational programs for the public.

Sykes feels the most significant changes have been in Willow Creek's own programs.

"Behavioral medicine often overlooks spirituality," he says. "We've incorporated spirituality groups into all our therapeutic programs."

Mike Tucker, senior pastor of a 1,200-member Seventh-day Adventist Church, accepted the additional responsibility of being Willow Creek's part-time chaplain.

"My weekly adolescent spirituality group is not doctrinal. Many of these kids have been abused by their parents, so it's not surprising they have a distorted concept of God. In our spirituality group we talk about values, choices and forming a belief system."

Individual conversations grow out of his adult and adolescent groups. Tucker recounts a conversation with Robert*, a 30-year-old man who behaves like a child. Robert, who suffers with multiple personalities, is never



Chaplains such as Chet Damron are instrumental in bringing the spiritual component of whole-person care to Sunbelt hospitals. Chaplains are called upon to meet a variety of spiritual needs in the hospital community.

without his rag doll, Craig, named after a childhood friend who died from wounds inflicted by his father.

During a conversation with Chaplain Mike, Robert asked where his boyhood chum, Craig, was. Tucker talked about how Jesus loves children and how He wants them to be safe and happy. Robert seemed satisfied.

"Robert is a tender, pain-filled individual seeking help and healing," Tucker says. "Sharing Jesus on a very basic level is my greatest reward in chaplaincy."

Pioneer in two hospitals

Chet Damron is a pioneer Adventist chaplain. He went to Florida

Hospital East Orlando shortly after it was acquired in 1990.

"When I was selected to be the first chaplain there, I said to the administrator, 'I'm here to do what you want,'" Damron remembers.

"Go make friends with the employees," were his instructions. And that's exactly what Damron wanted to do.

"As I got to know everybody by name—nearly 500 employees—I made many wonderful friends. At the request of employees, I held a seminar on how to study the Bible. I got an easy-to-read version and materials by Chuck Swindoll. I offered the seminar early

in the morning, at noon, and again in the afternoon so people from all three shifts could attend. It was so well received that I did a seminar based on the Sabbath school lessons on Job to stimulate participants to think about their concept of God."

Damron sees himself as an educator. "I build a team," he says. He began looking for volunteers to assist with visitation. Two he'd trained at the main campus of Florida Hospital lived closer to the East Orlando location and were happy to volunteer there. Others followed, including a 75-year-old survivor of both cancer and open-heart bypass surgery. When Damron moved to Volusia Medical Center in 1994, this volunteer filled in until another chaplain took over at East Orlando.

Volusia Medical Center (VMC) in Orange City, Fla., is an entirely different situation from FH East

Orlando and the other hospitals recently acquired by Sunbelt. It is a joint venture between Florida Hospital and the West Volusia County Hospital Authority. While Sunbelt provides management services through Florida Hospital, VMC is not an Adventist hospital.

When the management agreement was drawn up, Sunbelt leaders felt it was important, as part of its philosophy of whole-person healthcare, to make pastoral care services available to patients and staff.

If the West Volusia County Hospital Authority perceives this service as enhancing the hospital's services, it may be continued beyond this year.

Damron remembers a conversation he had at VMC's open house for doctors and the community. A retired Adventist administrator approached him and asked, "Well,

Chet, what's your program?"

"I am here to make friends and love people," said Damron. In a few weeks he had friends throughout the busy hospital. A secretary asked him to pray with her; her husband is a Vietnam MIA, and she lives with the hope that he will be found. A telephone operator also requested daily prayer. The cardiopulmonary staff invited him to their department.

Because Damron lives nearly 25 miles from VMC, he is making arrangements for others to provide pastoral care services in his absence. For one thing, he's recruiting local clergy to

be on call one night a month. He's also offering a 28-hour training class for volunteers in pastoral care. Included among this group of 10 volunteers are several retired Adventist pastors and administrators who live in the area.

In times of greatest need

Visiting patients, praying with families and staff, conducting funerals and an occasional wedding, touching people at the time of their greatest need—in these and many other ways chaplains are helping to add the dimension of spiritual care in Sunbelt's newly acquired or managed hospitals.

**Patient names are changed.*

Photos by Jens Rios and Spencer Freeman.



As chaplain of the Police and Fire Department of Mount Dora, associate chaplain Bob Burns provides a service to individuals he formerly saw only when they brought patients to the emergency center at Florida Hospital Waterman.

Making friends in a new hospital

BY CHET DAMRON, CHAPLAIN

In my second week at Volusia Medical Center, a nurse stopped me in the hallway. "When are you coming to pray with us in cardiopulmonary?" she asked.

"Do you feel you need someone to pray with you?" I responded.

"Well, most of us in that department are Christians, and I pray each day," she said.

"I'm glad to know that," I said. And then for some crazy reason, I added, "What makes you think chaplains pray?"

"You can't fool me—I see Jesus in your eyes!" she replied.

"I see Him in your eyes, too. I'll be right up!"

I went and met a wonderful group of committed Christians. I gave them a devotional guide and encouraged them to use it daily. We shared a few joys and a few needs, formed a circle and prayed. My goal is to stop by cardiopulmonary once a week for prayer and sharing.

Education



Thirty-two students were dedicated during the capping ceremony.

OC Dedicates Centennial ('96) Nursing Class

Oakwood College—The Oakwood College church was the scene of the capping ceremony for the Centennial Nursing Class. Thirty-two students were dedicated at the ceremony with guest speaker Cynthia Jessup-Bowers, MSN, RN, associate chief nurse, Veterans Administration Hospital, Murfreesboro, Tenn. In

her timely address, the speaker admonished the class to remain focused on its goal.

Level II and baccalaureate nursing students assisted the faculty in the ceremony. Music was provided by members of the class.

Department chair Sheila Davis, Ph.D., acknowledged the special guests, and welcomed the supportive, enthusiastic audience.

A vesper thought entitled CARE was presented by Roy E. Malcolm and wife Edrene.

Roy E. Malcolm

Awarded Three-Year Grant

Oakwood College—A three-year grant entitled *Augmented Curriculum for Science and Engineering Students* (AcseS) was awarded to Oakwood by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation.

The program proposes a comprehensive academic reinforcement

and enrichment program for disadvantaged undergraduate minorities.

About 40 students will be selected from a pool of applicants applying to Oakwood. The program will prepare students for graduate studies in science, engineering, and mathematics.

The curriculum includes math, chemistry, biology, physics,

English, and logic. Students will meet for two hours per day, four days per week for two years. During these times, students will receive academic enrichment and reinforcement together with other

support venues such as advising, counseling, and mentoring.

Anthony D. Paul, Ph.D., chairman of the biological sciences department, is the author and director of the program.

Roy E. Malcolm

Southern Enters 45th Year of Accreditation

Southern College—Southern is beginning its 45th year of continuous accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

President Donald R. Sahly received confirmation this week that Southern's accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is in the clear. On December 11, the president, along with Dr. Floyd Greenleaf, vice president for academic administration, and Miss Mary Elam, director of institutional effectiveness and research, were in San Antonio to attend a meeting of the SACS Commission on Colleges Committee on Criteria and Reports. The letter this week was a follow-up to that meeting.

The college was initially accredited by the Commission on Colleges in 1950, and most recently reaffirmed in December 1992. This accreditation extends to all of

Southern's programs. The next reaffirmation will be in 2002.

In harmony with the trend to view accreditation as a constant process of evaluation and planning, Southern College will be submitting a follow-up report by May 1, 1996, addressing recommendations in two areas: 1) documenting that assessment results are being gathered institution-wide and are being used to improve effectiveness; and 2) demonstrating compliance with credential requirements for faculty.

"Obviously we are delighted with the outcome of the accreditation process," said Dr. Sahly. "We will continue to build on our strengths and make improvements where we may be a bit weak."

Accreditation shows the academic world that Southern meets criteria adopted in the self-policing process. "Without accreditation," said Dr. Sahly, "students applying to graduate school could lose credits upon transfer."

Doris Burdick

Teachers Speak for Spiritual Emphasis

Southern College—Personal stories of "God's Hand in My Life" gave students at Southern College not only a new look at several of their teachers but a fresh look at God's love and leading.

The week of spiritual

emphasis held early this semester gave eight teachers from seven departments the opportunity to speak to students and colleagues: Bill Hayes (biology), Pam Harris (journalism), Laura Nyirady (nursing), Steve Jaecks (health, physical education, and recreation), Jan Haluska (English), Terrie Ruff (behavioral science), Lynn Sauls (journalism), and Ron

Springett (religion).

Music for the ear and banners for the eye added to the impact of the week. My Times are In His Hands and I Know Whom I Have Believed complemented the visual theme of God's Hand in My Life.

The eight-meeting series concluded on

Sabbath morning, February 4.

"I think it's great to see faculty up in front talking about God," says Stacey Wright, an elementary education student from North Carolina. "Usually all we hear is what they have to say in class."

Doris Burdick

Outreach

Pathfinder Program Changes Girl's Life

Florida—Herma Serpa, a Bible instructor based at the Orlando Spanish church, was giving Bible lessons to the Saldana family. The daughter, Janet, was indifferent to what she was hearing.

At prayer meeting one evening, Serpa suggested that Janet join Pathfinders, and she enrolled that night. She attended all the club meetings and was planning to attend a camping trip when Serpa asked if she would like to be baptized. Janet said she wasn't ready, however things were about to change.

Upon her return from the camping trip, Serpa asked about the trip, and was surprised to hear Janet's testimony. Janet admitted going to the campout reluctantly, and took her radio to pass the time, but had no desire to listen to it. Something was changing her life.

Janet enjoyed the activities and fellowship, and, for the first time, she prayed, "Thank you Jesus for touching my heart." She then requested to be baptized along with her mother and father.

Serpa said she had planted the seeds but the Pathfinder club was a great influence in Janet's decision to accept the Lord.

Naomi Perez

Athens Pathfinders Serve the Homeless

Georgia-Cumberland—Devoting one day off from school, the Athens, Ga., Pathfinder club planned, purchased, prepared, and served a hot lunch to 157 homeless and/or disadvantaged men, women, and children at the Our Daily Bread soup kitchen January 17.

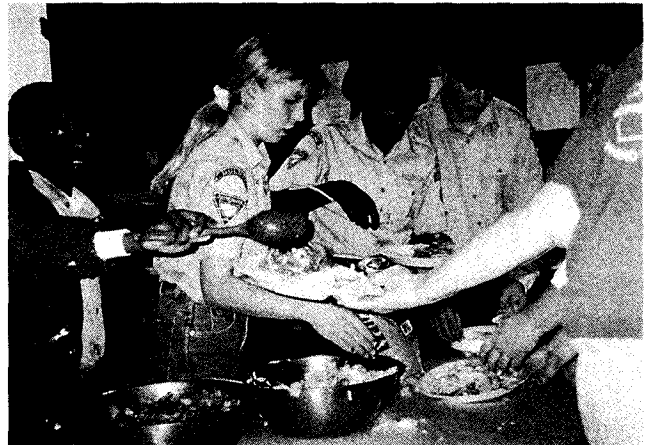
The Pathfinders joined the ranks of 30 other organizations and church groups in Athens working together in 1995 to assure that the homeless have access to a hot nutritious meal for lunch.

Donna Smith, coordi-

nator of the different groups at Our Daily Bread, was impressed with the meal the Pathfinders served. "It's very rare for our group to enjoy a vegetarian meal like this. Usually they insist on meat being served, but this was really good." Smith asked for the recipes and the estimated cost of the haystacks and potato soup served so she could plan to serve it at other times during the year.

The Pathfinders planned the activity as part of their Share Your Faith activities for progressive classwork and were blessed as much as those they served.

"I'm not sure what I



Pathfinders served 157 meals.

expected, but I was impressed that they were no different than me," commented Joy Blyden, a Pathfinder Ranger. "They wore similar clothes and talked and acted like everyone else."

The Pathfinder club unanimously agreed they wanted to serve another meal and are planning to involve the Sabbath school to provide needed funds and food.

Jane Ruf

Progress

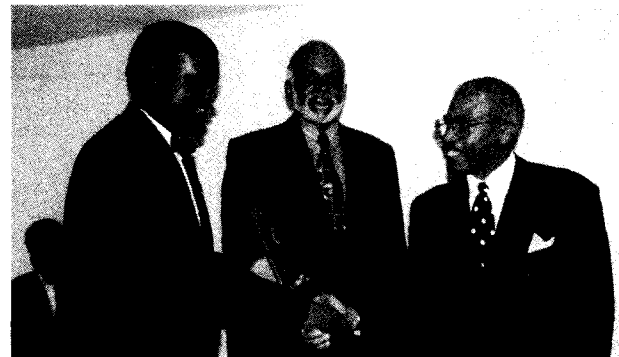
Mitspa Dedicates Church

Southeastern—Roy R. Brown, president; William L. Taylor, secretary; Gedeon Fontil, Haitian coordinator; and Oster H. Paul, building coordinator, were invited by Ronald-Jean Baptiste and his congregation to an opening service for Mitspa church in Ft. Pierce, Fla., January 7.

It was only five months before that the presi-

dent and secretary had visited the city and purchased the sturdy facility. At that time it appeared it would take them longer than a few months to accomplish the renovation. However, 50 dedicated members and a coordinated effort made it possible.

With the church now seating approximately 200, Roy R. Brown reminded the capacity crowd of worshippers gathered from Port St. Lucie to Miami that "God cares for His



Ronald-Jean Baptiste, pastor, received special commendation from Roy Brown, president, and Oster Paul, building superintendent, for his leadership and speedy opening of the Ft. Pierce/Mitspa French church.

children as the eagle cares for her own." He commended them for doing such a beautiful job in such a short time. Many members were honored and plaques were given to

those who provided outstanding service. A special plaque was awarded to the pastor for his leadership. The afternoon was filled with musical praises to God.

W. L. Taylor

Update

Cookbooks Remind Residents That Church Is There

Florida—The Lake Wales church compiled, printed, and distributed 2,300 cookbooks in their community. "We wanted to tell people that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is here and that we care about them," said Walter Maier, pastor. "If you ever have a need, you'll remember who we are because you're going to have a cookbook in your kitchen."

The cookbooks also have another relationship-building aspect. At the end of each recipe appears the name and phone number of the person who submitted the recipe. If there is a question on how to follow the recipe, name and phone number for help are available. The motivation behind the

name and number concept is that it can be a catalyst for forming a friendship with someone in the church.

Now, like most people, Lake Wales members froze up and were afraid to go door-to-door with these cookbooks until they saw they didn't have to say anything fancy—just that they were giving a special gift from the Seventh-day Adventist Church. "People who had never gone door-to-door were having a ball handing out these *Healthful Living Cookbooks*," beamed Maier.

The community was excited to get a free cookbook. One man tried to pay for his three times. Finally his wife said, "Put your money away. The lady said it's free."

One woman refused to open the door until she found out it was for a free cookbook. "For that I'll open the door," she said, and was very pleased to get the cookbook.

What made Lake Wales decide on a cookbook mission? "Traditionally, people take tracts or other forms of literature," said Maier. Lake Wales handed out *Steps To Christ* and *The Great Controversy* in past years. In a previous pastorate, Maier's cookbook concept was "the most favorably accepted outreach we ever did. When I presented it to the Lake Wales church, they decided 'Let's do it.'" Then, three weeks after the cookbook distribution, brochures for the

church's evangelistic meetings were mailed to the same homes.

The tie-in continues as the church, at press time, holds its annual cooking school February 20, 21, 23, 27, 28, and March 2. Friendships and good food are in the making. Two days after the cookbooks

were delivered, the church had reports of two calls about recipes in the book. And, the phones continue to ring at the church and in the cooks' homes in response to those tasty recipes.

Cindy Kurtzhals,
Walter Maier

Carolina Rallies for Evangelism

Carolina—It was all smiles at the annual Evangelism Rally held at Heritage U.S.A. in December. Lonnie Melashenko, director/speaker of the Voice of Prophecy and Ernestine Finley, field representative for It Is Written, were the featured speakers for this event.

The Evangelism Rally gathers members of the conference to rally together for evangelism. After Melashenko's sermon in the morning, attenders gathered once again in the

afternoon to hear Finley report on the events surrounding NET '95. Following Finley's presentation, reports were given by Paul Anderson, ministerial director, and Dale Pollett, evangelist, regarding the many evangelistic events taking place in the conference. The afternoon also featured musical guest Betsy Torres of Greenville, N.C.

The conference reached an all-time high of 505 baptisms for 1994. Evangelism is moving forward with a bountiful harvest in Carolina.

Ron Quick

Bible Workers Bring Growth To Arcadia

Florida—How do you keep your church from shriveling up and slowly dying? Arcadia brought in three Bible workers. Debbie and Cam Russell, and Charlene Silberman have been largely responsible for the increase in membership. A November 5 baptism brought nine new members into the church, increasing membership by more than 13 percent. Interests are gathered by leads taken from Bible study enrollment cards from two *Signs of the Times* magazine boxes in town; previous members; The Quiet Hour; It Is Written; Voice of

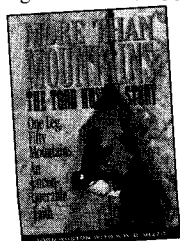
Prophecy; and other community ministries.

The new converts have also added enthusiasm to the church. "The people we baptized were thrilled to join. They were not forced or coerced—they were anxious to join our congregation," said Clyde Thomas, pastor.

Thomas hopes the baptisms will continue. "We have a large number of good interests who come on a regular basis. We are involved with Net '95, the Discover Jesus Seminar, and Natural

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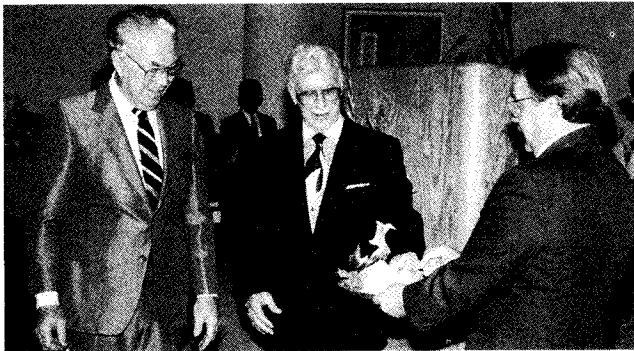
Cruises for Seventh Day Adventists

Lifestyle Cooking with It Is Written's Mark and Ernestine Finley via satellite. We hope these programs will draw people we're currently working with into the church."

In other Arcadia church news, the school reopened this year with 10 students, of which eight are nonmembers. Many

attend Sabbath school and worship service. These children sit together until after the children's story, then those who are there without their parents sit with their adoptive grandparents (elderly church members). It makes both children and members feel like a family.

Arthur Chamberlain



"I've burned several mortgages," said Sarasota pastor Harold West (left), "but this is the greatest. We had the greatest (largest) amount and (did it) with the smallest congregation—110 members." Pictured center is Phil Winstead, and Sarasota church treasurer Charles Calvert.

Sarasota Church Pays Mortgage

Florida—The Sarasota, Fla., church paid off its \$511,726 mortgage in 73 months—43 months ahead of schedule. In fact, it was sending \$5,600 a month to the Southern Union Conference Association who was holding the note. To save hundreds of dollars in interest, payments were sent every week on Monday morning.

"What's happening down there?" asked Larry Davis, Southern Union Conference treasurer in Decatur, Ga. Times had been hard for Sarasota members. Early on, the church hadn't even made its basic payments. Some were unhappy that they moved from downtown. Others had dreams larger than their pocket-books and the county required even more on

their part. "Three years ago there was a meeting to decide whether we should keep the church or sell it," said Conference President Obed Graham at the church's mortgage burning and dedication on January 14.

Davis's question can be answered this way. As a result of newly appointed pastor Harold West's four-point plan, the generous combined donations of \$215,000 from the estates of members Roy Kreie and Rose Petertyl, the sale of the downtown facility, and the sacrificial giving of members—a miracle took place to clear their mortgage. "Sarasota is now an example in the Southern Union Conference," said Davis.

West's action plan was to: 1) feed the people, 2) set up a financial plan and issue monthly statements showing monies in and monies out, 3) give

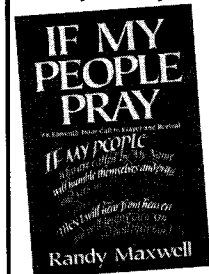
faithfully himself, and let the people know it. If there is a church improvement—painting or whatever he tells them up front that he will lead out and give a certain amount, 4) visit the members letting them know he is a friend and associate with them—and is always visible. In time, members feel they can give something in return, and trust the pastor.

"God knows how to do the impossible and we had the thrilling experience of watching Him do it," said Graham. "He brought in Jack and Trudy Long as Bible workers to bring in new members, and new believers were united with the congregation. Now God didn't cause the death of two members, but He laid it on their hearts to provide for this need.

"These churches are not dedicated while they are laden down with debt," said guest speaker Charles Bradford, retired North American Division president. "He wants His love to be revealed here. He wants his message to be

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preached here. In this house, we all need to be together and lean on each other." In Sarasota, it's happening.

Also on hand to celebrate the mortgage burning were former pastoral couples: Dick and Bobbie Judson, Charles and Mary Cress, Ray and Eileen West, Jack and Trudy Long, and Rick and LaDonna LaVenture.

Cindy Kurtzials

Pisgah Villa Opens Doors

Carolina—There was a lot of excitement in the air Sunday, January 8, at the Pisgah Villa

grand opening. Nearly 400 people toured the state-of-the-art assisted living center.

Pisgah Villa is located next to Pisgah Academy church. Directly across the street from Pisgah



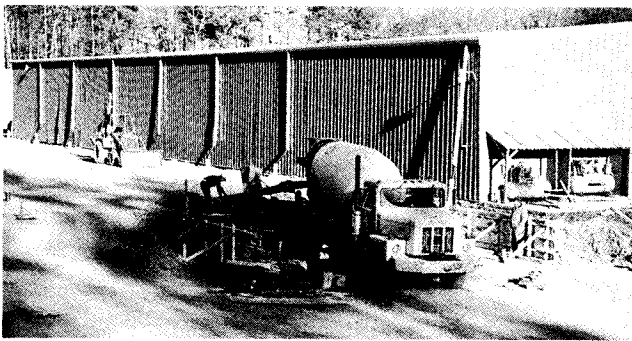
Conference, church, and community representatives attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Villa is Pisgah Manor health care center and Pisgah Estates condominiums. The three entities make up Pisgah Valley Retirement Community.

Present for the ribbon-cutting ceremony were: Denver Cavins, former pastor of Mount Pisgah Academy church; Herman Davis, Pisgah Valley Retirement Community board member; Ted Graves, Pisgah Villa

manager; David Kidder, Pisgah Valley Retirement Community administrator; Ken Coonley, chairman of the board and conference president; Ron Schmidt, conference secretary; Benny Moore, conference treasurer; Claude Steen, M.D., Pisgah Valley Retirement Community board member; and John Cort, Pisgah Villa architect.

Teri Fowle



Workmen pour the loading dock for the new GCA warehouse building next to the Sample Barn Industry.

New Warehouse Completed at GCA

Georgia-Cumberland—The chain saws have stopped, the pans and bulldozers are gone, and the cement trucks have made their final trip for the new warehouse at Georgia-Cumberland Academy. The new 2,000-square-foot facility is near completion and the industries will soon have the necessary storage needed for expansion.

Three years ago no one would have believed that another warehouse would ever be needed. At that point two large buildings were sitting empty and there was very little work for the students. God has been blessing abundantly, and the situation has changed completely. Three new industries have moved to the academy campus making a total of five industries available for students to learn how to

work and earn part of their expenses at the same time. Together these industries will pay more than \$300,000 in student labor and rent this school year.

These privately owned industries lease the space from the school. The rent more than covers the cost of the loan payments, so there is no drain on the school's operating funds.

Because of these industries, GCA is able to give a job to every student who wants to work. In addition to the financial benefit to the students and school, and the work training being provided, God is using these industries in another marvelous way. GCA's program of work and study is making a tremendous impact in the community, and the witness of the students is changing lives among the owners and other employees.

Three years ago everyone was asked to pray for

the industry. The prayers have been answered with abundant growth and business success. Please continue to pray that the academy growth will be a shining light of real Christianity among the people in

the community and the industry, as part of the academy program, will help GCA students mature into young adults who reflect the image of their Maker.

Carl Anderson and Homer Trecartin

Family Life Establishes Program for Couples

Carolina—Louis and Irene Canosa recently assisted with a Hawaiian Luau that was part of a new experience in the Carolina Conference—a Caring For Marriage weekend. The new family life program, Caring For Marriage, is a weekend where couples can leave behind the routine pressures of everyday life and relax in a home atmosphere.

This new conference program, under the direction of Lynn Ortel,

family life director, allows each couple to spend time together gaining new insights and privately discussing pertinent issues to strengthen the marriage.

Weekend activities included informational modules, fabulous meals, fun, fellowship surprises, and time for couple bonding.

Caring For Marriage weekends are scheduled in different areas of the conference throughout the year. Couples interested in experiencing the new program should contact the family life ministries department. Early reservations are essential.

Ron Quick



Louis and Irene Canosa participated in a Hawaiian Luau as part of a special weekend for couples.

Fletcher Hosts Women's Prayer Breakfast

Carolina—Ann Pendleton, Carolina women's ministries director, introduced the morning speaker to the Western North Carolina Women's Ministries

officers as 150 women enthusiastically looked on. Ruth Jacobson, coordinator for small group and prayer ministries for the North American Division, addressed the women who met at the Fletcher church for the Sunday morning prayer breakfast January 22.

There are eight women's



Marilyn Benefield, area treasurer (left); Carla Butcher, story coordinator; April Stevenson, Fletcher women's ministry coordinator; Glenda Ashlock, area coordinator and Glenda Tapper area coordinator, look on as Ruth Jacobson, coordinator of small group and prayer ministries for the North American Division, is introduced to them by Ann Pendleton, Carolina women's ministries director.

ministries areas within the conference. The western North Carolina area is represented by 20 churches. Women traveled to the popular Fletcher prayer breakfast from as far west as Franklin, N.C., and as far east as Banner Elk.

Because of the impact women's ministries has had on the church, the North American Division has proclaimed that 1995 be the Year of the Adventist Woman.

"I believe the women in the Carolinas, as daughters of God, are fulfilling this mission," Ann Pendleton stated. "This affirms and encourages them to participate in the mission of the church."

Through women's ministries, women in many church congrega-

tions have become involved on a local level in outreach ministries. Programs women have especially responded to are: prayer breakfasts, Bible study, secret prayer partners, prayer chains, health and nutrition, and one-day seminars. Many women have received instruction on giving Bible studies. Due to the direct involvement of women in soul winning, 27 baptisms in the conference occurred last year.

All women can be a part of women's ministries. Plan now to attend the retreat at Nosoca Pines Ranch. This annual conference-wide retreat will be held September 22-24, 1995.

Ron Quick

Church Growth in Georgia-Cumberland

Georgia-Cumberland—Growth among the ethnic congregations in the conference has been illustrated by several church organizations and building projects within the past year. Among Hispanic congregations: The Dalton Spanish church purchased a sanctuary from a Baptist congregation last June. The North Atlanta Spanish

church purchased a facility from another denomination in August. A group has begun meeting in the youth chapel of the Chattanooga First church. Among Korean congregations: The Collegedale Korean church purchased property in 1994 and hopes to begin construction this year. The Marietta Korean church was organized in November with 69 charter members. The Atlanta First Korean church held official opening services January 21. The Atlanta Romanian church is the first such

Adventist congregation in North America to construct its own building. Occupancy is expected by April. Membership in churches whose language is other than English is about 1,100, which is five percent of total conference membership. George Powell has recently been named ethnic ministries coordinator.

One hundred and two projects were in some

phase of development during 1994, from searching for property to dedicating churches. These projects involved 84 churches, schools, or institutions.

The Waycross, Ga., church was dedicated January 21, just 20 months after it was occupied. Tom Dunham was the pastor during construction. Waycross membership is 113.

George Powell



The Atlanta First Korean church held official opening services January 21.

Shiloh Participates in Health Fair

South Atlantic—Shiloh church in Charleston, S.C., assisted some 80 community members in its first community health fair at the city gymnasium sponsored by the health and temperance department of the church.

"The purpose of the health fair was to inform the community as well as our church family that healthful living is a valuable gift to share. God can communicate with us only through our senses and minds, and these can be dulled by unhealthy practices," according to Ernestine Williams, director of the health and temperance department.

The fair consisted of

representatives from the American Cancer Society, the American Health Association, the American Red Cross Disaster Services, the Charleston County Health Department, and Shiloh's community services department.

"Blacks are suffering more from cancer in the community because they don't follow any health regimen," explained Cheryl Seabrook from the American Cancer Society.

So many people are not taking advantage of the resources that are available to them free of charge. According to Seabrook, these services apply to women who meet income guidelines and do not have insurance that will pay for tests—especially for women 50 years and

older. Many times people wait until they feel sick to seek a doctor's advice, and often discover problems are far advanced.

"The number one killer in the local community is heart disease. Thirty-two percent of all deaths this year will be caused from heart disease," stated Sharon Williams of the American Heart Association. Prevention needs to be practiced. This includes proper exercise and diet, a willingness to change lifestyles, and getting regular blood pressure checks. According to Williams, high blood pressure is the number one cause of heart disease.

A workshop on diabetes was conducted by Jeanette Jordan. The Charleston County Health Department donated information on AIDS. Members of the church checked blood pressure, tested for sickle cell, and prepared samples of vegetarian food as the Palmetto Project for Voters Registration registered several persons.

The Health Fair received live coverage from WCIV TV 4 who also became involved and sampled the vegetarian dishes.

Members of the community services department of the church were dressed in uniform and provided a display of information including Bible studies for interested persons.

A wealth of information was available to the community including: How to crime-proof your residence, using medications wisely, how to talk to an older person who has problems with alcohol and medication, the elderly assistance line, and facing disasters.

Sheryl Brunson



The Carolina Action editorial staff: Teri Fowle (left), Ron Quick, and Debbie Rapp.

"Action" Wins Award

Carolina—A lot of "Action" is occurring in the Carolina newsroom these days. *Carolina Action*, the bi-monthly newspaper of the Carolina Conference, recently received an award for "Best in its Category" at the annual awards banquet of the Printing Industries of

the Carolina's Association (PICA) convention.

Action received the award in the category of "Web: Magazines and Periodicals." Mullen Publications, Inc., performs the printing and submitted the October issue of *Action* for the competition. According to Chip Smith, president of Mullen Publications, Inc., awards are

based on design and print quality of a publication.

In addition to publishing its own newspaper, *Textile News*, Mullen prints newspapers for the Catholic, Methodist, and Baptist churches.

All layout, design, and typesetting of *Action* is performed at the Carolina Conference office.

Ron Quick

Office Of Education Helps In Aftermath of Shooting Crisis

Florida—Eyes of the nation focused on Jessica and Adam Fowler, Seventh-day Adventist students at Orlando Junior Academy, who were shot by their mother, Carrie Lee Rhodes, who then took her own life on January 12.

The children laid

partially paralyzed in their College Park home for five days, over a holiday weekend, before help arrived. In a note left behind, Rhodes cited depression as the reason for her actions.

Extensive support was provided for the family on an ongoing basis over a period of time by Adventist churches before this tragic incident. And now, conference churches, members,

and Metro-Orlando communities continue to help the children. Trusts have been set up at Barnett Bank and the Bank of Central Florida.

"While emergencies of this magnitude are rare, the school psychology service of the Florida Conference is designed, in part, to assist students and teachers in crisis situations," stated Gerald Kovalski, vice president for education. The conference office of education provided immediate crisis counseling for the school's faculty, students, and parents through the services of Mayra Rodriguez, school psychologist and associate superintendent of education.

"In providing crisis intervention for our students, we basically allowed them to express their feelings and their fears regarding the incident



WCPX-TV, Channel 6 reporter Joan Fuller talked with Mayra Rodriguez.

that just happened," said Rodriguez. "They asked relevant questions about their religion, God, their guardian angels, and why God allowed this to happen. I shared that we serve a God who doesn't promise bad things won't happen to us, but He does promise to walk with us through every step of the process."

Many children could understand how a bad person could do this, but what they had trouble with was how could an apparently good mother do this to her children. Rodriguez explained the concept

of depression and how sometimes, when certain people are depressed, they have tunnel vision. They can't see a way out of their situation and this causes them not to think straight. She told the children there is help and hope available for the treatment of depression.

Jessica and Adam left Orlando's Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children and Women, February 1, with their father, who resides in Ohio, and has made arrangements to continue their rehabilitation there.

Cindy Kurtzhals



Four hundred thirty-one persons were screened for high blood pressure.

Two Southern Union Churches Join Forces

South Atlantic—Two Southern Union churches joined forces to make an outstanding presentation at the Augusta Richmond County Fair late in 1994. First Augusta of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference and Ebenezer church of South Atlantic Conference made a joint decision to pool their resources.

The theme of the booth was Seventh-day Adventists Promoting Health. Witnessing through the media was done with the use of

impressive good-health tapes which were available for more than 150,000 that were in attendance at the fair. Four hundred and thirty-one persons were screened for high blood pressure.

During the ten nights at the county fair several persons signed up for future health seminars. People showed a genuine interest in getting rid of bad habits and living a healthier lifestyle.

The program was a success because of the many church members who volunteered their services, and because of the support of the church family in general to provide equipment and supplies.

Maggie James



Youth and parents studied together during the workshop.

Thirty-six Attend Baptismal Retreat

Georgia-Cumberland—It was a beautiful Sabbath at Cohutta Springs Adventist Center. Not because of the weather but because of the spirit of 36 youth from the Collegedale church studying their Bibles and working in small groups on baptismal preparation workbooks.

Six Southern College students and eight parents assisted Jim Herman, pastor of children's ministries,

who led the weekend activities. There was good food and interesting Sabbath programming along with the excitement of sleeping in a rustic cabin setting.

Staff members spoke of the joy they experienced interacting with their youth in a spiritual setting. "Their questions are so sincere and open," remarked one staff member. Another staff member who has been on several of Pastor Jim's baptismal retreats stated, "It is a very good experience for all involved."

Jim Herman

Pathfinders Meet Community Needs

South Atlantic—Like a mother hen, she led her four little ones across the church's parking lot to the entrance of Zion Temple church school. She explained haltingly to the school principal, Lula Felts, that she had heard that the church through its community services had food for the needy. She would appreciate anything as her food stamps had given out and the family had no food for two days.

It was the end of the month, and the food pantry shelves of the community services warehouse were bare. Felts sadly explained that this was most unusual; therefore, the church purchased several

items at the local supermarket for her.

When the Pathfinders heard about this they went into action. Halloween's "treat for the needy" had long passed but the Pathfinders and their leaders saw a need.

The Raiders, a small club, began a food drive to collect as much food as they could to help replenish the community services food pantry. More than 175 items were collected in a contest at which each participant received a certificate of appreciation for their participation. The first, second, and third place winners also received gift baskets.

Winners were: Paul Robinson, 62 items; Menekwa Tolbert, 55 items; and Natasha Brown, 25 items.

V. J. Mendinghall



Southeastern's Haitian pastors posed with some of the conference officers and directors.

Haitians Hold 11th Convocation

Southeastern—The 11th Haitian Convocation for the Southeastern Conference met December 4 and 5 at the Miami Convention Center. Attendance was more than 2,500 from around the conference, representing 22 churches. The Haitian community banded together to proclaim the theme "At this point where we are let us run toward the goal."

Coordinated by Gedeon Fontil, Haitian coordinator, the weekend's program was full and supported faithfully by the 13 Haitian pastors.

On hand to demonstrate support also were conference administrators.

As a highlight to the weekend's festivities, Jean Renaud Joseph, pastor of the Haitian church in Stanford, Conn., served as a guest speaker for divine worship.

The convocation concluded with workshop presentations by Herman Davis, director stewardship/trust services; S. J. Jackson, director family life/religious liberty; Vanessa Melton, directress women's ministries; and Nathanael Myrtill, Haitian evangelist.

W. L. Taylor



Inside the newly organized Middlesboro church.

Middlesboro Church Organized

Kentucky-Tennessee—January 21 was a day that will long be remembered by Middlesboro, Ky., church members. A great deal of planning and praying took

place prior to this special day. The occasion for rejoicing? The organization of the Middlesboro company into a full-fledged church.

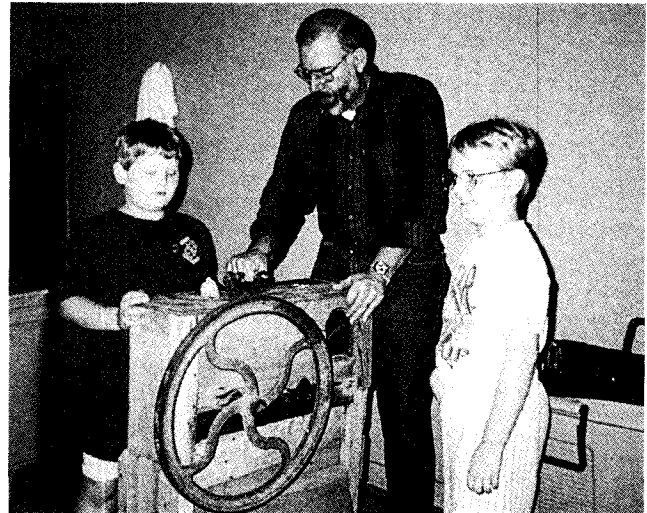
Williamsburg church members, the mother church, showed their full support by attending. Fred Calkins and

Jim Thurmon, representatives from the conference office, led out in the solemn, yet joyful ceremony. The total membership for the new Middlesboro church now stands at 29.

After a fellowship

lunch, a prayer and praise service concluded the joyous occasion. The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference welcomes this new church into the fellowship of churches.

Kay Fowler



Willis Robertson demonstrates an antique corn sheller at the Sunday morning fair.

Montgomery First Celebrates Its Centennial

Gulf States—Montgomery First was organized December 2, 1894, with 11 charter members. The new church met in members' homes until 1914 when a building was purchased.

The weekend of December 2-4, 1994, was a celebration of 100 years of service to the local community. Friday evening John and Dorothy Fox presented a musical concert.

On Sabbath several male members dressed in the black suits, stand-up white collars, and long black bow ties

of the day while some of the ladies also wore dark clothes of that time period.

Ken Mathews, former church pastor, presented the Sabbath sermon and Jim Peel presented the church history. Vespers was about early Adventist history followed by a fund-raising supper by the Earliteens to raise money for Bulgaria. The evening was enjoyed with a Social of the Century which concluded with a grand march.

On Sunday a Centennial Fair was set up with booths showing Adventist heritage, antique displays, a Pathfinder booth, and craft demonstrations.

Teresa McFarland

O.C. Sponsors Colloquium '94

Oakwood College—Prudence Pollard, Ph.D., executive director for administration and human

resources, welcomed all employees to the staff colloquium, December 7-8, in the Emerson A. Cooper Science Complex auditorium.

The staff comes together each year for professional

and personal development. Each day began with a devotional thought by Gene and Carlton Oler of the counseling/testing and psychology department, respectively. "Securing the Future" was the theme.

Benjamin F. Reaves, D.Min., president of the college, and his team of officers kicked off the colloquium with a town hall meeting. Reaves gave a presidential update on the state of the college,

and each officer shared a one-page report.

The following presentations were made: "Trust and Wills" by Beverly Robinson; "Living on a Shoestring Budget" by Melvin Singleton, pastor of the Ephesus church, New Orleans; and "Sexual Harassment" by Rosa T. Banks, Ed.D., associate secretary and human relations director of the North American Division.

Roy E. Malcolm

WOCG Twenty-four Hours

Oakwood College—

After 15 years on the air, Oakwood College's radio station WOCG, 90.1 FM now broadcasts 24 hours per day, bringing information and inspiration to thousands of listeners in the Tennessee Valley.

The community shows its appreciation annually by responding positively to the station's Love Week fund-raising campaign. Although somewhat short of the goal of \$50,000, this year the \$42,000 raised is the

highest in the history of the campaign.

WOCG-FM also announced that several of its former employees and trainees are doing well where they are across the nation. For example, former manager Haller Hill is a talk show host and assistant program director for WIVK radio station in Knoxville, Tenn. Angela Vega Blankenship, a recent Oakwood graduate and WOCG reporter, is now a news anchor at WDRM in Huntsville, Ala.

Victoria Miller and Jody Jones-Stennis are manager and program director, respectively, of WOCG.

Roy E. Malcolm

Pastor Keeps Congregation Waiting

Florida—Church members were glancing over their shoulders for Joe Escobar, pastor, to appear. "What if he doesn't show up?" they whispered. "He's never been this late before. What could be wrong? Is it his car? His health? A problem in another church? Where is he?"

Elders eyed each other with raised eyebrows and discreetly shrugged their shoulders in puzzlement. Worship service announcements had been made, tithe and offerings collected,

hymns sung, and prayers offered.

It was Sabbath, October 22, 1994. Escobar was expected at the Coral Springs, church before noon, after preaching at his two other district churches of Boca Raton and Lake Worth. It was well after noon and the pastor was nowhere to be seen.

After an extended song service, the congregation was singing the last stanza of "He Lives" when Escobar walked into the sanctuary. As the members collectively breathed a sigh of relief, they were struck by his unusual attire.

He was dressed like

a 19th century preacher, complete with black frock coat and trousers, white shirt, black bow tie, and black hat.

Either the thrift shop had a sale their pastor could not resist, or he had just returned from Sabbath morning time travel and had forgotten to change his clothes.

He apologized for his tardiness, explaining, "My horse was unusually slow this morning."

Escobar used his late arrival to paint a picture of the pioneers' sweet anticipation of Jesus' coming in 1844, and their bitter disappointment when 12 midnight came and Christ had not returned.

He traced the blessed hope back to Adam and Eve, the prophets, Mary and Joseph, and Christ's disciples. He highlighted the contributions of Ellen White and other pioneers.

Escobar closed by urging members to pattern William Miller



DAVE MERRITT

After keeping his congregation awaiting his arrival until well past noon, Joe Escobar presented his October 22, 1844, commemoration sermon in this mid-1800s preacher's outfit.

and Adventist church founders by looking for Christ's coming "today and today and today."

Joe Escobar

Bowling Green Relives The Great Disappointment

Kentucky-Tennessee—The Bowling Green church recently conducted a special commemorative 150th anniversary of the Great Disappointment.

Every aspect of the service reflected the dress, music, preaching, fellowship, and food that was found in the group of Adventists on October 22, 1844.

Rather than a typical worship service, a drama was conducted that portrayed the activities leading up to and taking place on October 22. Other activities included were discussions and Bible study.

The congregation



Every aspect of the service reflected the 1844 time period.

sat spellbound as this sacred moment in the history of the Adventist church was relived. The imagination and excitement of that moment will linger for a long time in the minds of both those who participated in the service and those in the congregation.

Velda Judson
and John W. Fowler

Youth



Debbie Chambers helps with the Belize mission trip food booth.

Youth Raise Funds Through Flea Market

Georgia-Cumberland—A lot of young people were active in raising money for worthy purposes at the Southern College Symphony Guild Flea Market, October 16. At a couple of booths the Collegedale Pathfinder Club sold old clothes, cookies, books, and other items. The money raised was credited to the Pathfinders working the booths. This money, \$275, will help with camping and uniform fees. At two other booths, students from Collegedale Academy were also busy raising money for

the spring break Belize mission trip. Around \$400 was earned and will be divided among the students to help pay for their trip expenses. At one booth they sold baked goods and sandwiches. A dunking booth was at the other one. People were charged \$1.00 for three shots at dunking the person in the booth. The dunkers included Wolf Jedamski, church administrator; Senior Pastor Ed Wright; Jim Herman, children's ministries pastor; Bill Magoon, Collegedale city manager; Southern College Men's Dean Dwight Magers; Kevin Wilson, Collegedale city judge; and Bill Rawson, acting chief of police of Collegedale.

Abiye Abebe

Youth and Single Adult Leadership Convention Attracts Record Crowd

Florida—Camp Kulaqua teemed with 300 enthusiastic youth and single adult leaders, November 18-20. Participants left feeling invigorated and ready to tackle the challenging task of reaching the church's young people.

The weekend included seminars dealing with communication, video production, recruiting

volunteers, choosing a mate, drama, mission trips, small group study, and problems the church must address in retaining its youth.

Keeping young people in the church was on the mind of featured speaker U.S. Navy Chaplain Barry Black. He encouraged leaders to stress the good news about the judgement as one way to avoid losing young adults.

The weekend also was the first time for a single adult leaders track. "It was a trail-blazing experience," said Carol Eldridge,

Florida Conference singles ministries coordinator. "I think meeting with the youth leaders was a big plus. The speaker,

music, seminars, as well as our own singles track has broadened our horizons."

Arthur Chamberlain

Shiloh's Youth Conduct Crusade

Southeastern—The Shiloh church in Ocala, Fla., under the leadership of John Damon, Sr., held its first youth crusade August 6 through 27. This crusade was unique in that funds needed to support the meeting were raised through donations solicited and fundraising events held by the youth of the church.

The crusade was entitled "Youth Quake '94—Taking a Stand!!" The theme song was appropriately entitled "Save Our Youth Today."

The speaker was Melvyn (Trey) Hayden III, a 22-year-old from Washington, D.C. Trey is a student of Oakwood College who recently returned from a two-year stay in Australia as a missionary under Charles E. Brooks. Trey was assisted by several youth Bible workers from Shiloh and 24-year-old Ketzi Isaac from Gainesville, Fla.

The crusade began with a parade through the streets of Ocala, stopping in housing developments and high crime areas where Trey gave sermonettes which allowed resi-

dents an opportunity to get to know him, and gave him an opportunity to encourage them to attend the meetings.

Prior to the meetings the ground work was prepared entirely by Shiloh's youth under the direction of Cynthia Tolbert and Youth Elder Rapahel Samuel. More than \$4,000 was raised in two months. The large turnouts to the meetings can be credited to the work of the advertisement committee led by Demetrius Howell. Flyers distributed by Shiloh's members, word of mouth advertisement, and the parades ensured that the local community was aware of this crusade. Community involvement was further enhanced by having other local church members participate on the programs. Music was provided by members of the community, local churches, the crusade choir and crusade singer Carmen Hope. A number of Bible studies were solicited, 24 converts were baptized, and youth and adults alike were inspired and drawn closer to God. The Lord used a "young man" and the youth of Shiloh to show that with Him anything is possible.

Loretha Tolbert-Rich



Church members paraded through the community inviting neighbors to attend the crusade.

ViewSouthern Comes in April

by Doris Burdick

What topped the list of reasons parents send a son or daughter to Southern College?

The number one answer: Opportunity of friendships with Seventh-day Adventist young people.* And of 25 factors to evaluate, numbers two through five relate to the spiritual environment at Southern.

This spring a new crowd of academy and high school seniors will come to check out the Southern College environment during ViewSouthern. This year the dates for the ViewSouthern college days

are Sunday and Monday, April 2 and 3.

Joining them in college exploration will be secondary school graduates who have been out of school and students from other colleges who are considering transfer, and who did not have opportunity to PreviewSouthern last October.

Parents, teachers, and pastors accompanying prospective students will also experience Southern hospitality. A special Parent Seminar will focus on questions parents may have. This session lets parents meet directly with administrators and includes time for dialogue.

Something that adds to the popularity of the ViewSouthern experience is the fact that the college foots the bill once registered guests arrive. Food, lodging, and hospitality are provided free of charge.

"It's a great opportunity to take a closer look," according to Ronald M. Barrow, Ph.D., vice president for admissions. Each year students who hadn't been planning to come to Southern make that choice when they see the campus and meet

friendly students and helpful teachers.

"It only takes a free phone call to 1-800-SOUTHERN (that's 800-768-8437) to make reservations," he explained.

"Starting to build new friendships during College Days gives students an advantage in the fall as they make the transition to college life," asserts Barrow.

Another advantage Southern College is continuing to give new students is the free Smart Start. Free tuition and room are offered to freshmen and other new students enrolling for a class offered in the July 30 to August 24 summer session immediately before the fall semester begins.

This puts new students a step ahead, both with classwork and with getting their bearings before the fall semester begins at full speed. Anyone with questions about this opportunity may also use the toll-free number listed above. ■

*More than 400 parents of traditional college-age students from outside the Southern Union were surveyed a few weeks ago. Currently a survey of parents within the Southern Union is being completed.



Vice president Ron Barrow greets students attending PreviewSouthern, a fall event. ViewSouthern will be April 2 and 3.



Association with other Adventist young people is important to them and to their parents.

Encountering Jesus ... One to One

by Claude Matthews and
Lawana Williams

Encounter: "A casual or unexpected meeting." This definition by the American Heritage Dictionary certainly displays meaning at the beginning of our many Youth Congress programs. Youth from all over the conference gathered at the Tupperware Convention Center in Kissimmee, Florida, to have an encounter with Jesus. With more than 5,000 in attendance, an encounter was not only expected, but fulfilling, enriching, and personal.

Friday night's program was hosted by Sharon Lewis, former SEC Youth Federation president. The convocation opened Friday, December 9, 1994, at the Mt. Sinai church in Orlando with a tribute to Colesha Washington, 18, who was tragically killed in an automobile accident last summer. Her life was a testimonial dedicated to God and her fellowman. She was a clear example of a youth living in today's world dealing with today's problems and still willing to serve. She was honored in music from the choirs of Miami Union Academy, Northside, and Bethany churches. A vocal solo, "When the Time Comes," by a friend was a testimony of her lifestyle. There were other verbal tributes given. A special scholarship fund was established by the youth ministries department of Southeastern in Colesha's name to help subsidize students to a Christian education. Her family was given a plaque of appreciation to a life dedicated to God's cause. The evening was further highlighted with Quincy Gardner, a senior ministerial student at Oakwood College, who challenged our youth to be different, have their own identity but let it clearly reflect Christ—have your own encounter with Jesus one-to-one.

The Sabbath school hour began with the youth of north Orlando church presenting in skit from *The Devil's Market* depicting how the devil markets different items you don't realize exist in our churches. Such items as revenge, carelessness, envy, gossip/backbiting, greed, power hunger, and others.

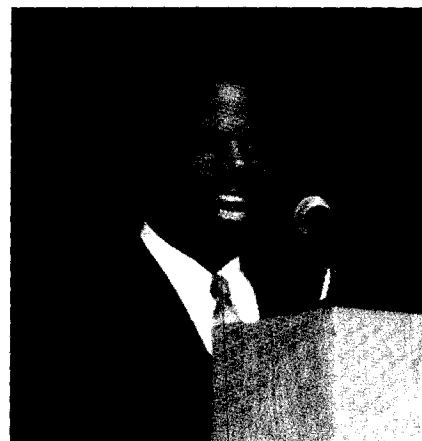
These items are marketed to new and old members with some returning for more while trying to hide these items from God—playing the role. The youth who performed admitted that they could see how easy it is to be misled.

The Voices of Forest Lake Choir gave a mini-concert following the Sabbath school hour. They were joined in their final selection by guest speaker Pastor Wintley Phipps in the song entitled "Climbing Up to Zion." Both were given a standing ovation.

The spirit of God was very potent from the Sabbath school hour, mini-concert, into the divine worship hour as youth from throughout Southeastern participated on the program in words and songs. Connect Five, an a cappella male vocal group, performed with the Youth Convocation mass choir under the direction of Coretta Matthews.

Wintley Phipps challenged youth and adults alike with a thought-provoking sermon entitled "Don't Sell Your Birthright," stating not to sell out but to uphold with dignity the standards God has given, for He believes in your dreams. The afternoon featured the skit competition from different districts throughout the Southeastern Conference. The winners were: first place, Jacksonville/Breath of Life; second place, Tampa/Mt. Calvary; third place, Palm Bay.

There were no losers, for each skit was a winner in performance. Each dealt with key issues and concerns of today. The convocation ended with a concert presented by Marcus Flowers Production featuring a cappella vocal groups, Heavenbound, Wintley Phipps, and award-winning gospel artist Yolanda



Wintley Phipps, speaker for the divine worship at the Southeastern Conference Youth Convocation.



R. R. Brown, president, and C. L. Matthews extending a special welcome to the congregation.

Adams, with Christian comedian Jonathan Slocumb as the emcee for the evening .

Claude Matthews is the Southeastern Conference youth director and Lawana Williams is the N. C. Strachan youth federation president.

The Voices of Forest Lake directed by Gail Murphy had the opportunity to sing with Wintley Phipps.



Officer Training Seminars

by Kay Fowler

The first of five Conference Officer Training Seminars was conducted by the office staff beginning in August of '94 and ended in December. The first seminar took place in Louisville, and the last in Nashville, with Lexington, Manchester, and Memphis in between.

The special weekends got under way with the office staff speaking Sabbath morning in one of the area churches. Richard Hallock, conference president, spoke in the church where the seminars were to be conducted. Following a fellowship dinner, the main meetings began at 2 p.m., in the host church.

A camp meeting atmosphere pervaded the church lobby as a buzz of friendly conversation and renewing of friendships took place; therefore, it was with some difficulty that Hallock called the meeting to order. Following his warm and enthusiastic welcome, the conference office staff was introduced to the waiting audience, indicating the area of expertise and room assignment for each particular seminar.

President Hallock then presented a brief devotional to set the tone of the meetings, closing with a prayer of dedication and plea for the Holy Spirit to be present during this special day.

Excitement was felt as the anxious and enthusiastic crowd found their way to the seminar room of their choice. Some people, because of holding more than one office in their local church, had to choose which seminar would be most helpful to them. Some chose to attend one seminar for an hour or so, and then move on to another.

The main church offices were covered in these seminars—elder, deacon and deaconess, clerk, treasurer, Sabbath school (adults and children), stewardship, youth, education, and women's ministries. During the seminars, the time was allowed for questions and discussions. In preparing for these seminars, the office staff devoted time, thought, and prayer. The format planned for the seminars to conclude at 4 p.m., but most of them

lasted until 5 p.m. or later.

The response from those attending was very positive. Remarks were heard such as: "I hope we can have these training seminars every year from now on." "This has been so helpful to me. Now I know what I am supposed to do." "I can't wait to get back to my church and put some of these ideas to work." "It's great to meet the conference office people. Now, I can put a face with the name."

After the last training seminar in

December, the office staff unanimously agreed that the seminars had filled an important need for the local church officers. Even though the attendees were quick to express the blessing they received, the office personnel concluded that they were the ones who received the most benefit. It is their hope and desire to conduct this type of seminar each year for the local church officers. The conference staff's function is to be of service to the constituents. Officer Training Seminars provide that service and is one of many ways for conference personnel to more effectively serve the Kentucky-Tennessee constituents. ■

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Church treasurers met with treasurer Douglas Hilliard (right standing), and assistant treasurer Jerry Russell (left standing).

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Richard Hallock, president, opened the training seminars with a warm welcome and introduction of the office staff.



Church elders met with President Richard Hallock.



Church deacons/deaconesses met with Phaize Salhany.



Church clerks met with Silke Albright (standing) conference clerk.

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The State of the Southern Union Church Growth

One of my responsibilities and privileges as president of the Southern Union Conference is to keep our members (shareholders) informed about our Church. The thing that holds us together is our shared vision of God's call to a prophetic mission and our commonly held convictions regarding God's last-day message of salvation and present truth.

Many tremendous things have taken place under the blessing of God since my State of the Southern Union report a year ago.

The Southern Union is a dynamic, growing, vigorous church body. The eight conferences in the Union are spread across eight states, and as of January 1, 1995, have a combined membership of 159,547. Four years ago we had 144,000 and now we are approaching 160,000. This is a gain of 16,000 which would make a good-size conference; in fact, if the 16,000 made up a conference it would be approximately the 20th largest in North America. The names of 10,000 families have been added to our Tidings mailing list during the last couple of years.

Baptisms and professions of faith for 1994, under the blessing of God, reached an all-time high of 7,598, nearly reaching our goal of 8,000. It should be mentioned again that numbers are not the most important thing, but behind every statistic is a precious young person or adult who has decided to follow Jesus and that is of vital importance!

Our Savior is very eager to inhabit the Earth made new with as many of His children as possible.

Financial Growth

While salvation is free, the various methods of evangelism including media, public, personal, children, youth, education, and many others take funds to fulfill the mission. We rejoice in God's goodness to us with an outstanding tithe gain of 9.12 percent compared to last year. It is evident that tithe growth reflects the faithfulness of God's people and a growing church; not just the cost-of-living index.

Half of our conferences had a double-digit tithe increase. There is also much to be thankful for in the growth of mission funds for the a worldwide work of the Church.

Avenues of Continued Growth

All departments of the Union are involved in dynamic church growth and nurturing projects. The work of the departments will be reported in upcoming issues of the Tidings.

Additional information will also be shared later regarding unprecedented growth and development of Southern College, Oakwood College, and the newest college in the North American Division, Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences.

The Tidings recently carried considerable information regarding the health ministry conducted through Adventist Health System/Sunbelt. The year 1994 was a banner year for the church's hospital system in the Southern and Southwestern unions which make up the Sunbelt territory.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each "shareholder" in the Southern Union for your earnest prayers, dedicated service, and faithful giving, which has together with God's blessing, made possible the above report.

While we take our hats off to the past, it is now time to roll up our sleeves to face the future. There is much yet to be done and with signs on every hand indicating that the time left to share is short, we must be more diligent than ever in sharing the good news of the gospel and God's final message of present truth.

Southern Union General Conference Session Delegates

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is the only Protestant church that is truly a united worldwide organization. This, along with the fact that approximately 88 percent of our membership is located outside of the United States, is why we have General Conference sessions overseas occasionally.

In another article in this issue of the Tidings you will find information as to the upcoming General Conference session in the Netherlands along with a list of the delegates that will be attending from the Southern Union. I would invite you to share any convictions you have regarding the worldwide work of the Church with any of the delegates who will be attending this vitally important session. You can write to these individuals in care of the Southern Union office.

Please note these interesting statistics regarding our 39 Southern Union delegates:

Gender:		
32	Men	82%
7	Women	18%
Employment:		
26	Church Employees	67%
13	Lay Persons	33%
Ethnicity:		
25	White	64%
13	African-American	36%
1	Hispanic	3%

Please pray for these delegates and for all who will be involved in this historic General Conference session.

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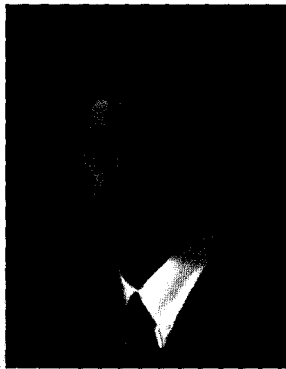
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