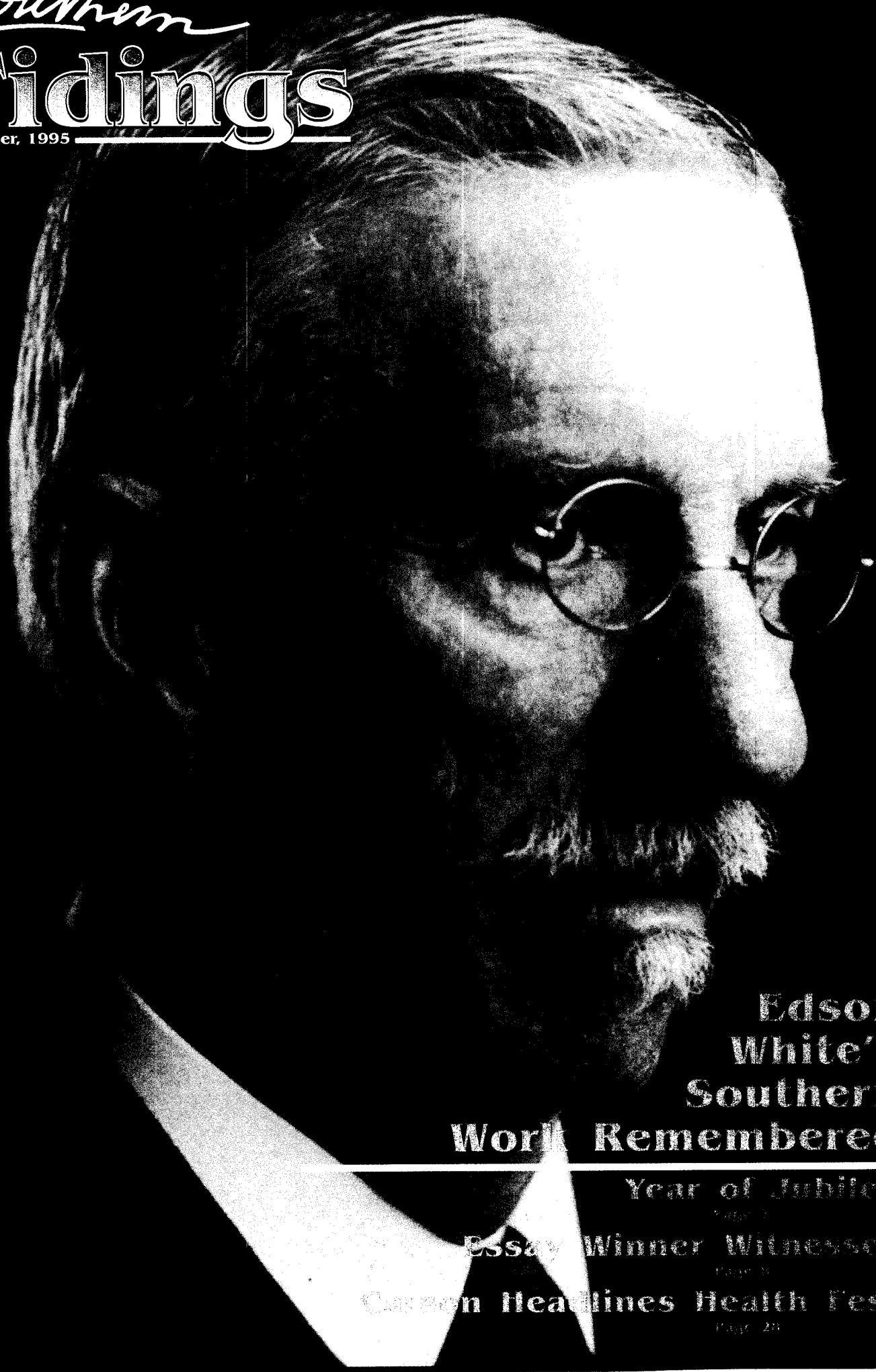


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# Edson White's Southern Work Remembered

by R. Steven Norman, III

**T**his year marks one hundred years since James Edson White began his ministry of evangelism and education among Blacks in the South.

Edson, the second son of Ellen White, was just a teen during the mid-1860s when God moved in staccato fashion to end slavery and make African-Americans free. On September 22, 1862, Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation that broke the shackle of slavery. On May 21, 1863, the Seventh-day Adventist Church was organized preaching truth that frees, and two years later the Civil War ended.

Before the clouds of gun smoke lifted from the Civil War battlefields, and while the words of freedom were still ringing in the ears of millions of former slaves the Education Movement was born. Churches and religious organizations raced to the South to establish schools where blacks were taught reading, writing, industrial skills, and about Jesus.

The first school for African-American people south of the Mason-Dixon line was established May 20, 1865. In the same year the Methodist Episcopal Church allocated \$10,000 for the education of Negroes, and immediately opened the Central Tennessee College in Nashville. Fisk University, Tougaloo, Lane, Morris Brown, Livingstone, and many other colleges were opened throughout the South.

By 1895 1.4 million Negro children were enrolled in 1,820 public schools and universities, and 43 churches operated undergraduate institutions and numerous schools.

When the Education Movement began in 1865, the Seventh-day Adventist Church was only two years old. Even though the Church was in its infancy, Ellen G. White was shown the need to educate and evangelize Blacks in the South, and called for Seventh-day Adventists to join in the great work being done for Blacks.

In 1877 Mrs. H. M. Van Slyke reported a school in Ray County, Missouri, and a little later Joseph Clarke and his wife opened a school in Texas. Elbert Lane, joined by his wife who was also an evangelist, organized the first church of Black people at Edgefield Junction, Tennessee, in 1883. Alonzo Barry established a second church in Louisville, Kentucky, on February 16, 1890, and in quick succession other colored churches were organized in Bowling Green, Kentucky, in 1891, New Orleans by C. M. Kinney in

June of 1892, and a fifth one in Nashville in 1894. But there was still much work to be done. So in 1891 Ellen White again summoned the Church to action in a pamphlet entitled "Our Duty to the Colored People."

It was in this context that three years later Dr. J. E. Caldwell, of Knoxville, Tennessee, spoke to Edson and told him about his mother's appeal to the General Conference leaders on March 21, 1891. Convicted, Edson returned to Battle Creek and met a Review and Herald employee who told him where to find a copy of "Our Duty to the Black People." He read the pamphlet and was convinced that he must go South. Edson shared his plans with William O. Palmer and his wife and together they began to make preparations.

God had uniquely qualified Edson to accomplish the great work that lay before him in the South. He learned the printing trade as a boy at the Review and Herald office. He was also a prolific writer and publisher, and possessed a vast vision and deep commitment to evangelize Blacks in the South.

God had also given him a wonderful wife, Emma MacDearmond of Wright, Michigan, whom he married in 1870. She was such a helpful partner in ministry for Edson that he wrote to his mother, "The thing which does me as much good as anything else is the cheerful, hopeful, helpful spirit that Emma manifests. She is ready to do anything that is best and duty. She will go south with me in the spring and take hold with me in teaching and assisting the colored people."

Joined by William O. Palmer and his wife, the Whites hired Captain A. T. Orton to build the hull of a steamboat they called "The Morning Star." Edson said, "The hull of the steamer, built of solid upland Michigan oak, was 72 feet long. The cabin 67 feet long, and 16 feet wide, thus projected over the hull on each side. The hull was launched May 1894, and then her cabin work added. In July she was completed and started on her 1500-mile journey to her field of operation." (*The Gospel Herald*, June 1900, p. 37.)

## Vicksburg

On January 10, 1895, the crew steamed onto Centennial Lake at Vicksburg where they built a school on a leased lot at the corner of Walnut and First East at a cost of \$150. It was 20 feet wide and 40 feet deep. By winter more than 150 students were crowded in at-



Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Rogers. He taught in Yazoo City, Mississippi, and later served as the educational supervisor for the Southern Missionary Society.

tendance at night school.

Later a 26' by 30' chapel and a 12'x16' library and recitation room were added. The library held approximately 1,000 books Edson collected from Dr. Kellogg and other Battle Creek residents who were interested in Edson's work. "For \$20 he also picked up several 300-hundred pound bells, one for the Vicksburg church, one for the Morning Star, and one for the movable chapel being prepared for Yazoo City." One of these bells is in the Oakwood College museum today.

In 1900 a new church and school, designed by W. K. Loughborough, were built at 209 Fayette Street to provide a more favorable location for the growing school. Next to the new church a mission house and a janitor's home were built.

On March 16, 17, 1901, Ellen White preached for the dedication services for the Vicksburg church. Her Sabbath sermon was entitled "Trust in God."

Describing her visit to Vicksburg, Mrs. White said, "We determined to visit the South, and I went in my feebleness. I was very sick, but I did not allow my sickness to hinder me. I went to Vicksburg, and what did I see there? Just as pretty a little church as we have built at Cooranbong. In the basement of this meetinghouse a church school is held. Besides the church in Vicksburg a mission house of two stories has been built, with another house of four rooms. This is the beginning.

"I spoke to the people on Sabbath morning, and as I saw the congregation, mostly composed of black people, bright and sharp of intellect, I felt that if I had dared, I should have wept aloud. As the people sat before me, I never felt more pleased to break the bread of life, and to speak comforting words to a people. My soul longed after them. When the old meetinghouse in which they had met was sold, and was being torn down, the hopes of the people seemed to fall to the ground. They did not know what to do. Their enemies said, They have sold the meetinghouse, and now they are going to leave you. But they were assured that a better house was to be built. Then their courage rose at once. When I heard them singing in the meeting, I thought, it is not only they who are singing. Of

those who are saved, it is said, God himself will rejoice over them with singing. If there was not on that Sabbath, singing in the heavenly courts, then I am mistaken." — *The General Conference Bulletin*, April 5, 1901, "In the Regions Beyond."

Some of the teachers that taught at the Vicksburg school were Edson and Emma White, Fred Halladay, Anna Agee, and Anna Jensen. Some of the Black workers were N. B. King, Pastor and Mrs. Thomas Murphy who joined the church hoping to find a better lifestyle, and J. D. Grimes, a colporteur. Because there was a need for additional medical workers, W. H. Kynett, M.D., and his wife came to Vicksburg on January 1, 1896, to join Ida Wekel, an undergraduate nurse from Battle Creek Sanitarium. A month later the Kynetts were joined by their daughter, Lydia Kynett-Parmelee, M.D.

### Yazoo City

Edson purchased two lots in Yazoo City and another one in Lintonia, which was then a suburb of Yazoo City. In the June 1900 *Gospel Herald*, Edson reported, "At both Yazoo City and Lintonia, house to house work in Bible and educational lines was begun three years ago, which was one year before the 'Morning Star' came to that place. Many grown people were learning to read, and were becoming familiar with Bible truths."<sup>1</sup>

A Sunday-school was opened in a private home in Lintonia. The school quickly outgrew this home and in 1898, a "movable chapel" was built on the lot in Lintonia. Fred Rogers and his wife came from the west coast to teach at the school in Lintonia. They began the day school in December 1898 with 15 students and within months had 200 students in attendance. An addition was added to the back of the school and three teachers were hired. In 1900 Franklin G. Warnick moved to Yazoo City to become the first black principal of the school which already had two blacks and one white teacher who had served under Rogers' supervision.

### The Southern Missionary Society

Because the work Edson and his fine cadre of workers needed to be organized, he formed the Southern Missionary Society (SMS) to serve as an umbrella for his varied and far flung ministries. The mission of the SMS was "to carry the principles of Christian education to the people of the South" (*Gospel Herald*, December 1899, p. 105).

Yazoo City was the first headquarters of the organization which later moved with "The Morning Star" and finally settled in Nashville, Tennessee. Some of the many projects and organizations owned by the SMS were the Dixie Health Food Company, the Herald Publishing Company, which was a forerunner of the Southern Publishing Association; and the Nashville Colored Sanitarium (1901-1903) which was later replaced by the Rock City Sanitarium in 1906. The *Gospel Herald* of October 1908 reported that



Students from the Lintonia Select School which is on the site of the current Lintonia Chapel SDA Church in Yazoo City, Mississippi.

Edson and Emma White (center) and members of his team on board *The Morning Star*. The man in the door was Albert Green who served as the cook.



the Society also controlled 28 mission schools with an enrollment of nearly a thousand pupils.

The SMS became a branch of the Southern Union in 1901 and after the organization of the North American Negro Department in 1909 it served a function that made it the forerunner of the South Central Conference.

### Edson's Final Years

By this time Edson and his wife were in their 60s and Emma's health began to fail. They moved to Marshall, Michigan, in 1912 and remained there until Emma passed five years later. Edson spent his final years operating a stereopticon business with his wife, Rebecca Burrill, in Otsego, Michigan. He died on May 30, 1928, and was buried in Battle Creek, Michigan, in the Oakhill Cemetery.

Though one hundred years have passed since Edson White steamed into Vicksburg, the work that he accomplished and the descendants of people he won continue to hold aloft the light of "The Morning Star" that illuminated the South.

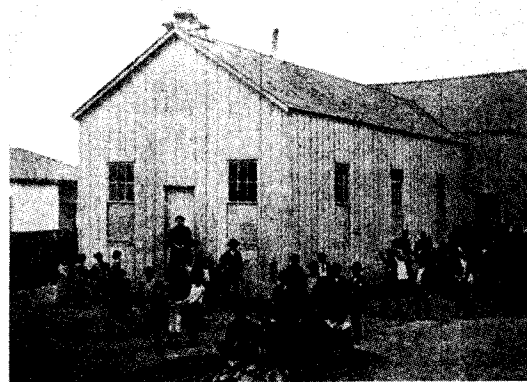
In 1992, this writer visited the last living student from the Morning Star School, Madeline Edwards, who said, "He was a nice man. He made me feel so special."

Some of the many people who are descendants of those who accepted the gospel under Edson's ministry include: Charles Bradford, former president of the North American Division; Garland Millett, former associate director of the General Conference department of education; Retha Davis of City Temple in Detroit and her daughters; James Humphreys, youth director of the Lake Region Conference; Elaine Norman, a secretary for the South Central Conference; and the Weathington family of Buffalo, New York.

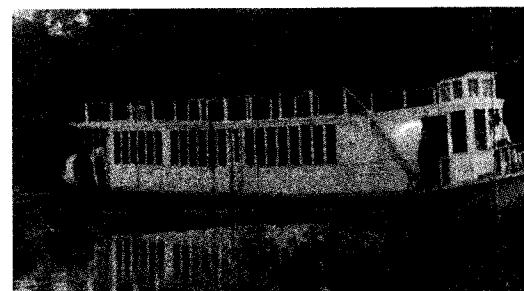
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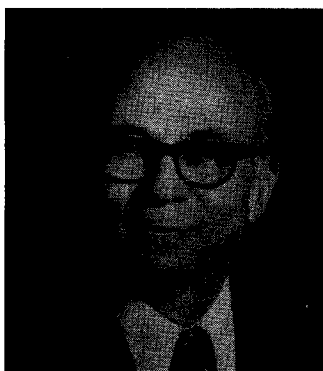
Students and teachers at the first Vicksburg School and Chapel located on Walnut and East First Street.



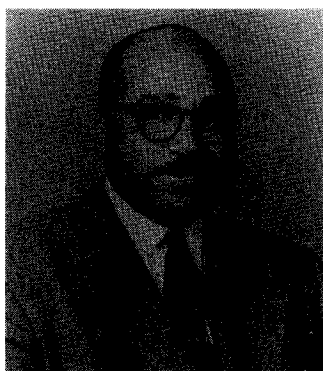
The original Morning Star Boat in Vicksburg before it was refitted and made into a three story steamer by Captain A. T. Orton.



A tent meeting held by Edson's team at Bruce's Landing on the shores of the Yazoo River.



H. D. Singleton  
1945-1954



J. H. Wagner  
1954-1962



W. S. Banfield  
1962-1971

# Year of JUBILEE 1945-1995

by Varnard J. Mendinghall

The South Atlantic Conference was organized December 4, 1945, and began operating January 1, 1946. The conference territory consisted of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. The membership was 3,523. There were 62 congregations and 26 ministers. In addition there were 28 church school teachers and 31 literature evangelists. The first year of operation God blessed with 526 baptisms.

Harold D. Singleton was the first president serving from 1945 to 1954. His astute administrative ability provided a strong and solid beginning of a successive line of dedicated leaders who led the conference to accelerated heights of success.

Today, under the leadership of Ralph P. Peay and his "Shared Vision" approach to administration, God has blessed in many extraordinary ways. This jubilee celebration at the 1995 South Atlantic Conference camp meeting represents 50 years of growth and noteworthy achievements. Although the conference was divided in 1981, the combined membership now stands at 47,317, of which 25,123 are in the South Atlantic Conference.

Eric C. Ward was the speaker for the Sabbath divine worship service. Through his dynamic message many hearts were inspired as



South Atlantic Shepherdess with guest speaker Gloria Crumpler (center).

PHOTOS BY JEAN WOODFORK

Former and current conference officials led out in the Sabbath afternoon parade.





R. L. Woodfork  
1971-1981



R. B. Hairston  
1981-1988



R. P. Peay  
1988-

we look forward to the return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Many of the pioneers returned to celebrate, including Harold D. Singleton, the grand marshal for the jubilee parade; Jessie Wagner, wife of our only deceased former president; Warren S. Banfield; and Robert L. Woodfork.

Our hearts went out to Ralph B. Hairston who desperately wanted to attend but was recovering from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Beginning on Sunday night the Lord blessed with powerful preaching in both the youth and adult pavilion. The atmosphere was filled with enthusiasm and great anticipation for the rich blessings that were shared by all.

The Shepherdess, under the leadership of Eula Winston, continued with a tremendous Spirit-filled message Thursday evening with hope and encouragement by Gloria Crumpler.

The traditional temperance oratorical contest spoke well of the future "with such an army of workers as our youth rightly trained." The winners were Nicole Skeete, Cydneshia Baker, Tuesday Roberts, Shawanda Griffin, and Rosa Ridley.

The jubilee grand parade was a sight to behold. From the inner

city of Orangeburg to the campground, hundreds participated in this symbol of unity and pride. The Decatur drum corps along with the Adventurers led the parade followed by Pathfinders and community service workers. The Adventist Men, deaconesses, ushers, and a host of others were also in the procession.

After 50 years of confident expectation, the refrain from our chosen theme song has taken on new meaning.

***We are nearing home! We are nearing home!  
See the splendor gleaming from the domes afar!  
See the glory streaming through the "gates ajar"  
There we soon will enter, never more to roam,  
Hear the angels singing!  
We are nearing home! We are nearing home!***



South Atlantic 1995 oratorical contest winners.



Pathfinders participate annually in the Grand Parade.

# "Don't Worry About Tomorrow—God is Already There."

bell shrieks, breaking the silence in the hallway.

Noisy teenagers burst out of classrooms. A girl sitting on the floor studying for a quiz quickly jumps up, disappearing into a mass of backpacks and the students they're attached to.

"Do we have study hall tonight?" a girl asks.

"Where's the English room?" another girl asks a student nearby.

Her friend raises his arm and points, "It's down that way," he says dashing off. Doors creak open and slam shut. There is laughter and talking. The sounds of a group of students singing drifts down the hall. The bell rings again, signaling the beginning of class. The last few students dart into class before they can be counted late. The first week of class at Georgia-Cumberland Academy is hectic between classes.

Twenty-seven of the 30 classes that have passed through GCA have their pictures mounted along the hallway of the administration building. The pictures start in 1967. There are bouffant hairstyles and polyester from the '60s, bell bottoms and wide ties from the '70s, and finally the polyester and bell bottoms from the '90s. Each set of smiling faces is a candle on the birthday cake of GCA's 30th year.

Danny Nyirady, GCA's new Bible teacher, sits in the library reading a newspaper. He really feels that GCA is where God wants him to be.



*The industries at GCA include Grafe Stained Glass Studio, Calhoun Greenhouse, Sample Barn, North America Air, and Conquest Carpet Mills. Last year, the 80 students employed by these industries earned more than \$225,000.*

"I knew I wanted to work in a boarding school," says Danny. "I had the opportunity to go to two other academies. It was a really hard decision. There were things I liked about all three schools, but I really felt that God wanted me here."

Danny teaches the freshmen, sophomore, and junior Bible classes. He wants to make them special for the students.

"I want the kids to experience religion. I want them to realize that the bottom line in Christianity is knowing Jesus Christ," he says. "I want to make Bible class a class where we learn how to study the Bible 'cause I think it's the coolest book around."

Mark Reams is the assistant boys' dean and assistant chaplain. He is a student at Southern College and is taking this year to work at GCA as a taskforce worker. Mark prayed that God would lead him.

"I decided that I wasn't going to apply anywhere," says Mark stretching out his Birkenstock covered feet. "I told God I would go if He would just send me the offers. I got offers from GCA and the academy where I graduated. I felt that the Lord really wanted me at GCA." Mark also says he has always wanted to work in a boarding school setting.

"This age group is my passion," he says. "I really think God can use me here." Over the next year Mark plans to start small group Bible studies in the dorm. He wants to spend time getting to know the guys. He wants to share Jesus Christ with all the students.

"I believe that as I get to know the students, I will get to know their strengths," he says. "The chaplain and I eventually want to put the

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students in charge of all the religious planning on campus."

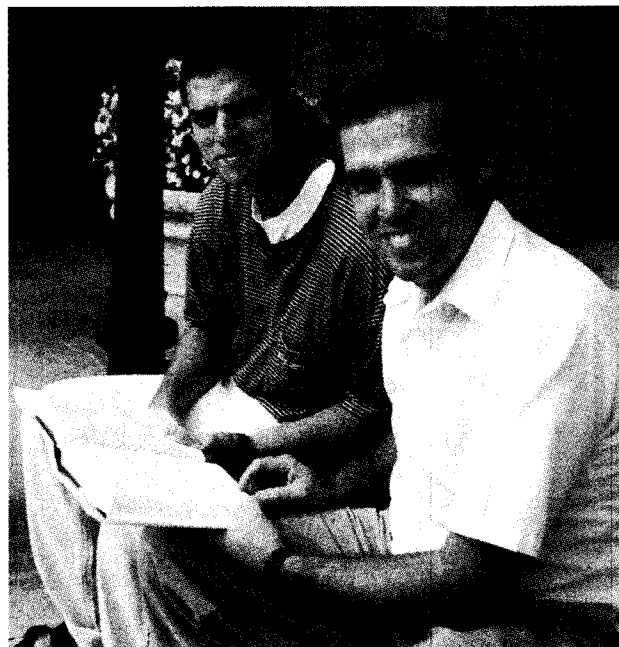
Mark and Danny's dedication to Christian education is very much like that of Nathaniel and Emeline Hurlbutt who were the first Adventists to operate an institution on the GCA property. In 1908, Ellen White encouraged the Hurlbutts to move from California to Georgia and support the work being done by E. A. Sutherland in the South. In 1914, the Hurlbutts followed this advice and bought 500 acres of land in Reeves, Georgia. Over the following years they operated a farm, a school, and a sanitarium.

The Hurlbutts spent the rest of their life working in the South. Before Mrs. Hurlbutt's death in 1932, she donated her land in Reeves to the Layman's Foundation.

In 1958, the constituents of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference began looking for land to start a boarding school. They eventually

purchased the Hurlbutt property. The school was built with help from funds raised in the 1964 Penny Campaign. More than 11 tons of pennies were collected, totaling 3,391,861 pennies.

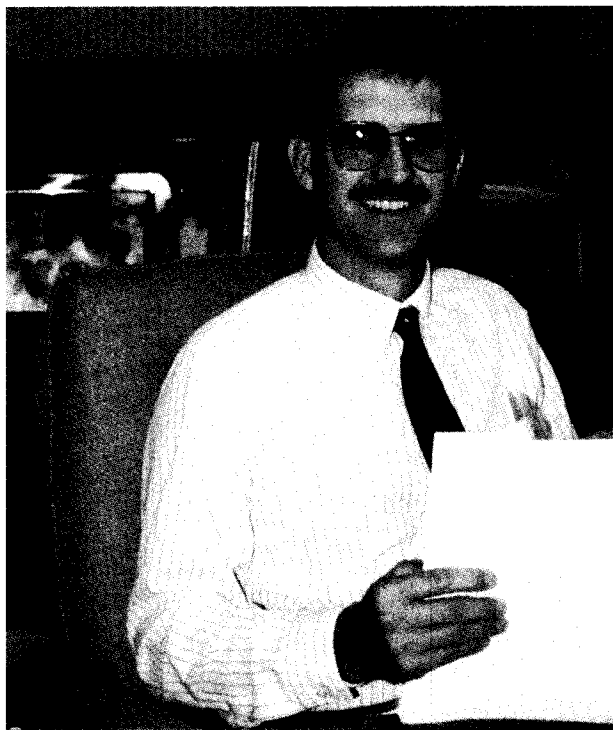
Over the 30 years of GCA's existence, the dorms need remodeling. Faculty housing needs to be expanded. The conference has called a special constituency meeting to discuss plans to raise money for improvements to be made at GCA. It will take a big commitment from the constituents of the conference, but as a small poster in the girls dorm lobby reads, "Don't worry about tomorrow—God is already there."



Assistant chaplain Mark Reams and chaplain Dale Tunnell take time to pray together each morning for the students.



"This first week of school has gone great," says Danny Nyrady, Bible teacher.



Principal John Thomas reports that the enrollment for the 1995-1996 school year is 195.

## CAROLINA

**Jerry Crowe**

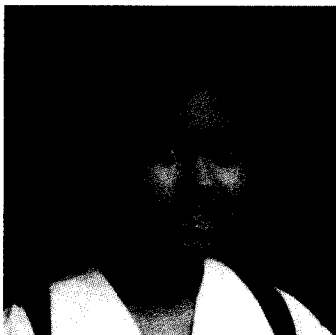
peered down from his choir seat at the Carolina camp meeting. He thought he recognized the young lady sitting near the front. "Sure enough," he thought to himself, "she's the young lady I saw in the camp meeting newspaper." **Laura Herbert** was featured in the Carolina Conference newspaper, the *Carolina Action*. The story was unique because Laura drives an 18-wheeler. Each evening during the NET '95 meetings by Mark Finley, Laura backed the big rig into the Greenville, S.C., church parking lot. Laura, who grew up in the Catholic faith, felt alone, and had a strong desire to be part of a family. So, she started attending the meetings, and was baptized March 25. Since that time she has become involved in many of the church activities. Jerry, as he kept scanning the congregation, was certain that Laura was the one featured in the story. On July 4, with fireworks exploding at the Greenville, S.C., patriotic celebration, Jerry proposed to Laura. The couple was married September 24.



## FLORIDA

**John Fox, Jr.,** has

received the coveted John Philip Sousa Award for most outstanding band member, and for exceptional music accomplishments. The Sousa award is the top nationwide prize in the school band field and is given to one student per participating high school. Fox graduated in the spring with honors from Mt. Pisgah Academy in Candler, N.C., and is a member of the Gainesville, Fla., church. At Mt. Pisgah, Fox was a member of the academy choir, sectional leader, and president (senior year) of the Academy Concert Band (trombonist). He also played trombone in Asheville's "Land of the Sky Stage and Brass Bands." Never sitting still, Fox served as manager of the Academy Concert Band, was the maintenance department's "Mr. Fix It" for four years, and one of the department's student supervisors in his junior and senior years. Being an audio/



## Essay Winner Witnesses

**Shayna Bailey**, 13, of the Fort Pierce, Florida, church recently met with President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore at the White House as a result of work she did on the National Smoke-Free Contract with America.

She received this honor as a result of winning an essay contest sponsored by the Smoke-Free Class of 2000 (SFC2000), a project sponsored by the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, and the American Lung Association. The project's goal is to have a smoke-free graduating class by the year 2000. Bailey's high school graduation year.

Last spring, the eighth grader received a class assignment at Lincoln Park Academy to write an essay in the form of a letter to an elected official about a smoking problem, and offer a solution. She researched and wrote a letter about the dangers of secondhand smoke and addressed it to Governor Lawton Chiles. As the only essay to receive a perfect score, her essay took first place in all of Florida.

Just as the excitement began to wear down, Bailey received an unexpected call August 9 from the SFC2000 coordinator who had selected her, and three others to represent SFC2000 at the White House the next day.

Shayna and her mother, Anesta, flew out that night and awoke to a whirlwind day of preparations, meetings, and press conferences. It was at the first meeting, during breakfast with Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, that Shayna learned she had been chosen as the student spokesperson and was to present Clinton with SFC2000 tee-shirts.

The four students met with the President and Vice President in the Oval Office where the media was waiting to hear her presentation. She and another student then gave comments to the media before heading to the East Room for the big press conference. It was there that the President announced he would give the FDA permission to regulate tobacco usage among teenagers.

Shayna now hosts a local nonsmoking talk show, and with other eighth graders, makes presentations to school children about the dangers of smoking.

Lynn Huff

visual enthusiast, he served as technical engineer, coordinating 6,000 color slides for the year-in-pictures for the academy-sponsored program "Remembrances." This summer he was involved in several phases of Gainesville's church work and was employed as electrical technician with a local firm. He enters Andrews University as a ministerial student this fall and wants to give "a lifetime in God's service, wherever and whatever it may be," he grins.

## GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

In July, **Jim Cox**, pastor of the Cohutta, Ga., church and his wife Carol, traveled to Birmingham to attend the annual training seminar of the International Conference of Police Chaplains. Jim and Carol taught two classes on the topic of grief recovery. They explained how ministers and chaplains can assist survivors through the recovery process. Jim's ministry as a police chaplain has opened many opportunities for witnessing.

**Julie Young** won honorable mention in the Steck-Vaughn Publishing Company's writing contest. Julie was one of 11,000 entrants. Each contestant had to write a children's story. Julie, age 11, wrote a story about her and her little brother. The prize for honorable mention was \$200 worth of books from the publishing company.

**Arnold Schnell** has accepted the position of Cohutta Springs Adventist Center director. He replaces Clay Farwell who was elected president of the Indiana Conference last spring. Schnell's family includes his wife, Susan, and two sons, Ben and Eric, ages 10 and 12. Arnold has managed Glacier View Ranch, a conference center and youth camp located near Boulder, Colo., since 1990.

**Jim Herman** is the first president of the newly organized Hamilton County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving. The members have been meeting for several months at East Brainerd Church of Christ. They were notified several weeks ago that their chapter had met all the requirements of MADD Tennessee and MADD National. On Christmas Eve in 1967, Jim and his wife Ellen were hit head-on by a drunk driver. MADD's mission is to stop drunk driving and to support the



victims. "Many believe that you must be a victim, a mother, or even a woman to join," says Betty Heffinton, organizing chairperson of the local chapter. "That simply is not true. More than 65 percent of our membership is male."

## GULF STATES

As a child, **Chana Mahorney** of Montgomery, Ala., enjoyed listening to her grandparents and great-grandparents relate the experiences they had in the mission field. She determined that someday she, too, would be a missionary. August 2, 1995, Chana flew from Birmingham to Guam and on to the little island of Yap, known for its stone money. She is a student missionary from Southern College taking a year from her education to get a "real education." Chana is stretching her experience by teaching about 20 students in the eighth grade this year. She is seeing a mission story in real life from day to day.



## SOUTH CENTRAL

With a certain sense of humility, **Isaiah J. Ashe**, an alumnus of Oakwood College ('72) and an elder and Sabbath school teacher of First church, Huntsville, shares his talents and skills. Since 1992 Ashe has been an active board member of the Community Action Agency of Huntsville/Madison and Limestone Counties, Inc., a non-profit organization. The agency mobilizes and utilizes resources from private and public funds (a \$3 million budget) in an attack on poverty. Services are provided through a variety of programs such as Head Start, Low-income Home Energy Assistance, Sickle Cell, Home Weatherization, and temporary emergency Food Assistance. In 1994, Ashe was elected president of the 36-member board of directors. Ashe is the first board member to ascend to the presidency within two and one-half years, and the first Seventh-day Adventist to serve as its president. Ashe was recently honored by the mayor's office, the Huntsville city council, the Madison County commission, Community Action Agency's board, and the First church. He also received the prestigious



## Three Decades to Wait

**Cristine W. Lewis** recently received her bachelor's degree in special education.

Besides studying for her degree, Lewis has had plenty of irons in the fire. Already the mother of two, Lewis has taken in 21 foster children since 1989 and currently has 10 in her home. She's been a substitute school bus driver, and she commuted 116 miles round-trip daily to the college from her farm in Louisville.

Until 1992, she was working as a secretary with the Jefferson County school system. Her husband, Henry, told her to quit and concentrate on her education.

Despite carrying a heavy work load, Lewis managed to keep her grades high enough to earn membership in Gamma Beta Phi and Pinnacle honor societies. Earning these honors and her degree would have been impossible without her family's help and lots of prayer, she said.

It took three decades to keep a promise to her mother to complete her education.

Lewis, who has a job waiting for her at Carver Elementary School in Jefferson County, said she can't wait to get in the classroom to help her students find their area of excellence just as she did.

community service award from the Huntsville/Madison County branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

## OAKWOOD COLLEGE



**R. Timothy McDonald**, Ed.D., and wife **Beverly** have been called to fill positions at Oakwood. McDonald is executive director of development and planning, replacing **Melvin Davis**, Ph.D., who resigned at the end of the 1994/95 school year. Beverly is assistant director for adult and continuing education. Before leaving Oakwood in 1979,



Beverly was director of Inner College (now Center for Academic Advancement). While residing in Columbus, she served as director of education for Allegheny West Conference, and director of Upward Bound program at Ohio State University where her husband served as director of program development, research, and evaluation. His proposals brought more than \$1 million to the university. McDonald served Oakwood in the 70s as assistant dean of the college and director of development. He was responsible for orchestrating the institution's entry into the "grants world" which resulted in several millions of dollars in funded federal programs for Oakwood.

## SOUTHERN COLLEGE

**Constance Hunt** joined the faculty of Southern College in June, 1995, as assistant professor of nursing. Certified in inpatient obstetrics, she will teach maternal and infant nursing. Hunt served as a school nurse in Singapore, and most recently as an assistant professor at Southwestern Adventist College in Texas.

**Alberto dos Santos** joined the faculty of Southern College as a professor in August. He will teach classes in research and statistics as well as psychology. Prior to coming to Southern College, Dr. dos Santos worked with educational institutions in Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, and Haiti.



## Carolina

The Foster Memorial church in Asheville, N.C., is creating **AN INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETING**. Starting in October, Wednesday evening at Foster will include a light supper, a time of praise, and worship of God. It will conclude with several seminars offered covering topics with titles such as: Being a Contagious Christian, Networking, How to Handle Your Finances, Grief Recovery, and Family Issues.

**MEMBERS OF THE CAMDEN, S.C., CHURCH BID FAREWELL TO MIRIAM BRUCE-BOYD.** She will be relocating to the Pisgah Villa Assisted Living Center in Candler, N.C. Boyd was born and raised in Camden and was a teacher for many years in Columbia, S.C. She has traveled extensively with her late husband, DeWitt Talmadge Boyd. Their travels took them to Surat, India, for five years and Benghazi, Libya, for two years in missionary work.

**THE K-10 SCHOOLS ACROSS THE CAROLINAS OPENED THEIR DOORS TO APPROXIMATELY 850 STUDENTS ON AUGUST 21.** This year, new schools opened in Myrtle Beach, S.C.; Rocky Mount, N.C.; and Anderson, S.C.

Eight schools added a kindergarten program. Mount Pisgah Academy opened its doors to 205 students and Fletcher Academy opened with an enrollment of 90. There is a total of 38 K-10 schools.

**CAROLINA LITERATURE EVANGELISTS GATHERED AT NOSOCA PINES RANCH FOR THEIR SUMMER RALLY** the weekend of August 12. LeClaire Litchfield, youth pastor of Collegedale Academy, was the featured speaker. The literature evangelists enjoyed the fellowship and relaxation of Nosoca Pines Ranch after spending a weekend of praying, playing, sharing, and relaxing together.

An average of 25-30 people attended the **NATURE'S WAY LIFESTYLE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR** the weekend of July 14-16 at the Charleston, S.C., church. The program was sponsored by the health and temperance committee and women's ministries. The program featured simple health and nutrition lifestyle management principles. Nearly 40 percent of those in attendance were not members of the church and eagerly signed up for a follow-up cooking class held in September.



## Florida

**EVERY SABBATH AFTERNOON, NEWLY-BAPTIZED MIAMI CENTRAL SPANISH CHURCH MEMBERS CANVASS THEIR COMMUNITY INVITING PEOPLE TO CHURCH.** Senior pastor Isaac Suarez says the program gives new members an opportunity for greater involvement and ownership in their church.

The conference staff was well represented at the city of Orlando's **28TH ANNUAL ORLANDO MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**. Those in attendance included: Noel Shanko, ministerial director; Ralph Ringer, evangelism coordinator; Richard O'Ffill, community services director; and Cindy Kurtzhals, communication director. The breakfast is held each year to promote fellowship among Christian leaders of all faiths in the greater Orlando area. Speakers included Bill Bright, founder and president of Campus Crusade for Christ International, and Bud Hedinger, news anchor for the local CBS affiliate, WCPX-TV Channel 6.

**FIFTEEN MORE BAPTISMS ARE PLANNED FOR THE JACKSONVILLE SPANISH CHURCH AS A RESULT OF MEETINGS CONDUCTED BY JOSE FUENTES,** conference Hispanic evangelist. The meetings follow a recent city-wide evangelistic series conducted by Ron Halvorsen, Southern Union church growth director. That series generated nine baptisms.

Forest Lake Academy's gymnastics team became involved in their community by participating in Walt Disney World's **KID'S NIGHT OUT** program in July. The students performed seven times over a four-day period to enthusiastic crowds at Disney Village. Disney's invitation gave the team a chance to promote the benefits of a healthy, drug-free lifestyle to their youthful audiences. Disney created Kid's Night Out to provide area youth with entertainment reflecting positive role models and lifestyles.

Twelve couples attended a two-day **MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINAR** hosted by the Sanford Meadows church. The event was

designed for couples in a loving relationship rather than those in crisis. Topics discussed included: better communication skills; finances and sexuality; attitudes and values; and conflict management. Ken and Helen Bryant, conference family life directors, conducted the meetings. In the last 12 years, more than 500 couples have completed marriage seminars taught by the Bryants.

Between March 12 and July 6, the Forest City Spanish church added 28 new members by baptism as a direct result of **NET '95**. Church members say they are looking forward to NET '96 and even "greater rewards."

**THE MOUNT DORA CHURCH, IN A RECENT THREE-MONTH PERIOD, SERVED 95 PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY.** Three hundred seventy-four articles of clothing and 190 food items were distributed. Twenty health screenings were also completed in conjunction with the conference's van ministry.

Eighty people recently attended special Sabbath services for the **ALTAMONTE SPRINGS SPANISH COMPANY AS IT OFFICIALLY BECAME A CONFERENCE CHURCH.** The 61-member congregation is currently meeting at the St. Marks Presbyterian church in Altamonte Springs.

Fifty children, of which 32 were nonAdventists, attended the Pine Hills church's **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**, June 1-30. Friends Forever With Jesus was the theme for the month-long program.

The Central church is helping its members discover their **SPIRITUAL GIFTS** by conducting a series of Mobilizing for Ministry seminars. The seminars are geared around answering the following questions: Who are we in Christ? Where would Christ have me serve Him? How would He have me serve Him? And when would He have me serve Him? Senior pastor Bob Folkenberg, Jr., says the goal is to have each Central church member take the seminars and discover his/her special area of ministry.

## Georgia-Cumberland



**GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONIES WERE HELD FOR THE 48-MEMBER CARTERSVILLE CHURCH ON AUGUST 25.** Construction began immediately on the 150-seat sanctuary which is projected to cost \$85,000. This phase-two project will attach to the phase-one foyer, classrooms, and fellowship hall completed three years ago.

**OPENING ENROLLMENT FOR ALL THREE CONFERENCE ACADEMIES IS UP.** Georgia-Cumberland Academy has 195 students, an increase of seven. Atlanta Adventist Academy has a record 115 students, and Collegedale Academy is dealing with the positive challenges of 294 students, the highest enrollment since 1980. There are 55 elementary schools operating for the 1995-96 school year with 160 teachers.

**EARL MCGHEE, M.D., OF DALTON, HAS BEEN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE COHUTTA SPRINGS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES.**

**A LOCAL NURSERY REPRESENTATIVE SPOKE TO MEMBERS OF THE MONTGOMERY CHURCH ON LAWN CARE, FLOWER GARDENING, AND GROWING HERBS.** Twenty-six were in attendance. Also, women's ministries honored the fathers with a special day at Lake Martin including a cookout, boating, skiing, and homemade ice cream.

**GILBERTOWN, ALA., HAD A VBS WITH GREAT SUCCESS.** A video was made of the children and their activities throughout the week. At the graduation the video was shown to the delight of the 60 children and their parents. The children are already asking about VBS for next year.

**CORINTH, MISS., BEGAN EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS** August 12 with evangelist Steve Wohlberg and Gary Tracy, pastor. Opening night there were 200 guests in attendance. Some are already requesting baptism.

August 5 was the beginning of **EVANGELIS-**

**MONIQUE STRONG LED OUT IN THE PORTLAND, TENN., VBS.** The theme was My Best Friend Is Jesus. Because of the high amount of interest, a Wednesday evening junior program was planned as a continuation of the VBS.

Lowell Rideout and his congregation in Covington, Ky., conducted **THE FIRST MINI CAMP MEETING** via video in the conference. Messages from Juanita Kretschmar, Walter L. Pearson, Jr., and Mark Finley were the high-

One hundred ten literature evangelists and their families attended the **SUMMER RALLY AT COHUTTA SPRINGS**, August 9-13. During the first six months of the year, they prayed in 5,278 homes, left 17,317 pieces of literature, and sold \$626,817 worth of literature. Sixteen baptisms have resulted.

**TWENTY-ONE SCHOOLS AND INDIVIDUALS RAISED \$2,632.66 FOR THE SRI LANKA ORPHANAGE PROJECT.** The project originated after education director Hamlet Canosa saw a first-hand need while spending two weeks in the country conducting seminars and workshops for the Adventist teachers.

There were approximately 190 in attendance at the **PATHFINDER LEADERSHIP CONVENTION.** A wide variety of workshops and activities were presented. Special speakers included Jim Epperson, Chuck Jenkins, Allan Williamson, and Gordon Bietz.

## Gulf States



**TIC MEETINGS** in Gulf Port, Miss., with standing room only because of 200 guests. Evangelist Steve DeLong and Bill Peterson, pastor, have already had some baptisms.

**GULF STATES CONFERENCE SET A GOAL OF 300 BAPTISMS FOR THE YEAR.** As of August, they lack only 85.

The Birmingham members in a 100-mile radius met together August 18 and 19 for an **AREA CAMP MEETING.** John Fowler from the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference was the speaker. Al and Andrea Ferry from Columbia, S.C., gave an afternoon concert.

A large attendance of enthusiastic members enjoyed the **GULF COAST AREA CAMP MEETING** held in the Pensacola church August 25, 26. Lewis Walton, attorney and author from California, was the featured speaker. Al and Andrea Ferry from Columbia, S.C., presented a musical concert.

## Kentucky-Tennessee



light of the day. The Emmanuel Quartet presented a live concert in the afternoon. Singing, praying, and visiting took place just like at the regular camp meeting. Lunch and supper were provided to those who couldn't bear to miss a single minute.

**EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS** in Lexington and Owensboro, Ky., have started with "standing room only" attendance. Richard Halversen and Kim Kjaer, respectively, proclaim the gospel nightly.

## Southern College



In the evening of the first day of classes, each academic department held a **GET-TOGETHER FOR ITS MAJORS.** The "undecided" were also included by orientation planners.

**ALUMNI HOMECOMING 1995**, scheduled for October 25-29, will recognize educators, both at Southern and around the world. The new 21st Century Classroom in the department of education and psychology will host an open house. Honored classes are those years ending in 5, plus 1970.

This month, the campus is welcoming **PREVIEW SOUTHERN** guests. The dates are

October 15 and 16. PreviewSouthern is a campus event especially for public high school seniors and students considering college transfer. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-SOUTHERN. The usual ViewSouthern college days will host academy seniors on March 31 and April 1.

**NEW HARDWOOD PARQUET FLOORING WAS LAID THIS SUMMER IN THE ILES PHYSICAL EDUCATION CENTER**, replacing a 30-year-old floor which had been damaged by moisture. The new floor system offers improved resilience and a better moisture barrier.

## Education

### Academy and College Team Up To Give Seniors College Credit

**Florida**—Forest Lake Academy has joined forces with the Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences in Orlando to introduce a new academic Dual Enrollment program. Qualified seniors with a 3.5 GPA may take up to three college classes and receive both high school and college academic credit, thus fulfilling high school requirements while getting a head start on their college program.

Classes in this program include: English 101, calculus, anatomy and physiology, and will be taught on the campus of Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences in

Orlando. Transportation to classes will be arranged.

The Dual Enrollment program gives students an educational advantage. Not only will classes be academically challenging, but they will also provide a "jump-start" on college at considerable savings to parents. There will be no additional tuition charges above the regular Forest Lake Academy tuition. At their own expense, seniors can take up to two other college-level classes, religion and/or psychology, for additional Dual Enrollment credit.

Forest Lake Academy and Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences are excited to offer students this chance to experience their full potential and stay a step ahead in their education.

Patti Aguas

## Health

### Mobile Unit Fights Drug Problems

**Florida**—Curious, excited children at Loretto Elementary school in Jacksonville learned about drug dangers recently. This group was just one of eight elementary and

middle school groups representing 2,000 school children visited by Concepts in Prevention, U.S.A., formerly called the American Institute for the Prevention of Addiction (AIPA) Drugmobile, during the last two weeks of May. This was done in conjunction with the

Jacksonville area Revelation Now city-wide evangelistic series.

Robert Sparenberg, an ordained Seventh-day Adventist pastor and vice president of Altamonte Springs-based AIPA, has taken his message to the streets and visits schools giving presentations in their assembly rooms and ball fields.

Using motorcycles as visual aids to get kids' attention, he then compares them to human bodies. "Proper care to a motorcycle and the body must be given to get top performance," says Pastor Bob. He points out that top grade fuel for a cycle and top grade food for the body is essential. Harmful materials other than gas will clog the motor fuel system, and harmful substances such as alcohol and drugs will affect the running of a human body. He shows how a smoking motor is damaged, the same as a smoking person ruins his lungs.

After the assembly, students go outside and watch him perform an action-packed

motorcycle show driving up a ramp, jumping off, and landing. Next the students tour the Drugmobile—a show-place of displays warning about the dangers of drugs, alcohol, and foreign substances to the body.

The Drugmobile program was started and developed by Sparenberg.

"Your dedication to promoting drug prevention through motivation is exemplary and inspiring not only to the children, but to those of us in law enforcement who see the results of drug abuse on a daily basis," said Key West Police Chief Ray Peterson, about Sparenberg's recent work in that city. "You are certainly an asset to this community and we look forward to working with you on many more projects."

Whether it's Jacksonville or Key West; Mobile, Alabama; or Suquamish, Washington, the message and the response are the same, "Best Possible Me . . . Drug Free."

Mel Wall, Cindy Kurtzhals

## Outreach

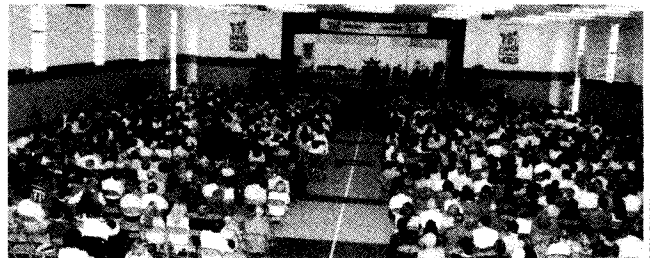
### Mission Rally Results in 2,000 Churches

**Carolina**—The day was August 26. The event was the Carolina Conference-wide Hands Across the World rally held at Mount Pisgah

Academy. However, it was the weekend tropical storm Jerry was passing through and the rains were pounding the sidewalks as though there would be no end. But the spirit of the Carolina members was determined and nearly 1,400 came out to



D.A.R.E. officer for public schools Chris Gough (left), Bob Sparenberg, and Ray Peterson examine a drug-awareness brochure.



Tropical storm Jerry didn't deter the nearly 1,400 people who attended the Hands Across the World rally at Mount Pisgah Academy.

hear how the church is working to take the message of God's saving grace to unentered places around the world.

Following an appeal by Robert Folkenberg, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, those faithful members gave an offering to help start 2,000 new churches in

areas that presently have no Adventist congregation. The offering totaled \$62,000 in cash and pledges. In addition to the offering taken at the rally, the members who remained in their home churches that week gave another substantial amount in the Sabbath offerings.

Ken Coonley

## Baseball Team Provides Witnessing Opportunity

**Carolina**—"This is one hot team," Daniel Smith exclaimed. Several churches in the Spartanburg area are in the league. This year, this "hot" Adventist team went to the playoffs and finished a strong second.

"This has been great for the church," David Dobias, pastor, states. "It has allowed us to get better acquainted with our church family, especially the members

whose spouses are not church members."

Dave Borton, the new associate pastor at Spartanburg, is a member of the team. The games, which are usually played twice a week, have given this new bilingual pastor a great opportunity to work with the youth in addition to the Hispanic players.

Recently, at one of the games, a young player boasted to his pastor that he was going to be baptized. "That's something that always warms a pastor's heart," Dobias proudly notes.

Ron Quick



Daniel Smith poses with David Dobias, pastor.

## Islamorada Church Hosts Ministerial Association

**Florida**—The 31-member Islamorada church in the Florida Keys has hosted many programs and guests through the years.

Recently, the women of the church, Nancy and Jessica Phair and Mignon Wollard, presented a vegetarian dinner to the Upper Keys Ministerial Association.

The day was quite a switch from the ministers' usual lunch-time meeting when they bring sack lunches.



Islamorada/Key Largo pastor John Agard (left), presents Monroe County Sheriff's Detective Rod Erwin (center), a \$250 check from the Florida Conference department of health and temperance for the department's DARE program (Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education). Marlin Simon, pastor of the Spirit and Truth church in Tavernier and president of the Upper Keys Ministerial Association, presented the Association's matching check.



Islamorada church.

Specially invited this day were the principals from Plantation Key and Key Largo Elementary schools, and Coral Shores High School which brought the guest list to 22.

While the occasion was the regular Association meeting which rotates from church to church, the topic was initiated by Dixie Earl Glisson, pastor of the First Baptist church of Key Largo where teenagers—members and nonmembers—were "shooting up" drugs on his church's property.

"Glisson sees this as a law enforcement issue," said John Agard, Islamorada/Key Largo district pastor. "The educators wanted to see a different approach taken, and I see it as a problem in the home." The group

agreed that the problem starts at home, and with some parents who share and do drugs with their children.

The ministers met in July and August to ponder the problem and look for a solution. "The ministers feel if parents abdicate their responsibilities of discipline to the school, the school is incapable of carrying out these responsibilities. The responsibility then falls right back to the parents," said Agard.

"Parents are following through on advice given during an era when they were told to let kids do whatever they wanted and the school would do the training. The system is now in chaos. We must now get down to the business of remedy."

Mignon Wollard, Cindy Kurtzhals



Three Angels Broadcasting Network engineers, Terry Shelton (left), and Reggie Shelton, install a transmitter in Jacksonville, Florida. Ken Grant (right), part-time conference youth/young adult ministries chaplain, is also an engineer. He directs the Jacksonville area youth ministries Radio/TV Media Center situated on the campus at Jacksonville Junior Academy.

## New Adventist TV Station Begins Broadcasts

**Florida**—People in north Florida are excited about the Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) being broadcast in their area. This station, based in West Frankfort, Ill., is owned by Seventh-day Adventists and carries Adventist programming 24 hours a day on the Galaxy satellite. Broadcasts focus on physical and mental health, cooking and nutrition, Seventh-day Adventist doctrine instruction with Bible proofs, the Breath of Life, and Amazing Facts telecasts; and most recently, the 1995 General Conference session from the Netherlands.

According to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) station license, the signal has the potential

of reaching 700,000 Jacksonville area residents because of the newly installed downlink television station Channel 65.

To receive 3ABN programming, indoor television rabbit ears or an outside UHF antenna pointed toward the Gator Bowl, will bring Channel 65 into the home. Currently, plans are underway for locally produced youth/young adult programming for 3ABN, which would qualify 3ABN to be simulcast on local cable TV.

Generous gifts from individuals, organizations, and many members of Adventist Laymen's Industries and Services (ASI), help 3ABN in its projects. Mel (Merrill) Wall, a member of the Jacksonville Southpoint church and FCC licensed engineer, serves as the chief engineer on a volunteer basis for Channel 65.

Mel Wall

Center's operation before the new building was opened.

Five employees offer day care, pre-school, kindergarten, and mother's day out for 30 to 40 children ages two through six.

The building project began by two insightful, dedicated eighth graders who donated the first \$200 to the project rather than going on a class trip.

Sharryn Mahorney



Jim Greek, president, gives dedicatory address for the grand opening.

## Update

### 300 Attend Spanish Camp Meeting

**Carolina**—It's called "Campamento Hispano," or, Spanish Camp Meeting. It is one of the largest events held at Nosoca Pines Ranch and the number that attend continues to grow each year. On the weekend of August 5, nearly 300 Spanish-speaking church members crowded into the air-conditioned auditorium at Nosoca to hear Mario Veloso representing the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The weekend's events peaked Sabbath afternoon when seven new members were received into the rapidly growing group through baptism.

The Hispanic work,

under the leadership of Samuel Romero, has steadily grown over the three years he has been in Carolina. His work began with five existing churches and has grown to two active and growing churches and 13 groups scattered across the two states of the conference which will be organized as companies in the future. Assisting Romero is his wife, Mary, who has recently taken on the responsibilities of assistant pastor. In addition, the conference recently hired another assistant, Simon Madrigal, who resides in Rockingham. He works with churches located in the eastern area of the conference where several Hispanic churches have emerged.

Ron Quick



The number of Hispanics who attend camp meeting grows every year.

## Progress

### Pell City Academy Opens Children's Center

**Gulf States**—August 18 was the opening of the Jack and Jill Child Development Center in

a new facility, under the direction of Nicki Linton, at the Seventh-day Adventist Junior Academy in Pell City, Ala. It took flea markets, selling artificial flowers in parking lots, and much more, during the six years of the





Casselberry members, with the help of conference administrators, were very excited to break ground for their new sanctuary.

## Casselberry Spanish Building New Sanctuary

**Florida**—The Casselberry Spanish congregation has moved nine times in its 16-year history—but not because it didn't pay its rent—it was developing and growing.

A small missionary-minded group from the Forest City Spanish church felt a need to develop Hispanic Adventist evangelism in south Orlando where many Spanish-speaking people live. In 1979, Emmanuel Pupo, a retired pastor, asked for helpers, and a core group of eight to ten people began working for souls.

They rented part of the English church's building in south Orlando at the time. Flourishing, they baptized six people in five months. Then, a change of English pastors brought about a change in church building needs and the Spanish congregation was catapulted into a building search.

"Ten people looked for more than a month for a place to rent and nothing was available in south Orlando," said Pupo. Undaunted, they temporarily met at Spanish churches in their geographic areas until they secured a rental agreement in

Casselberry—at the Casselberry Women's Club. That was in 1981, and that's how the congregation got its name. They were organized into a church on December 11, 1982, with 51 members.

Since then, they rented several nonAdventist churches until 1989, when they broke ground for the fellowship hall and children's Sabbath school departments on their five-acre site at 3700 Dike Road in Winter Park. They've used these facilities for worship services ever since.

On June 11, the 288-member congregation broke ground again—this time for their new 5,000-square-foot 500-seat sanctuary. Five additional rooms will be built for the choir and children's departments. Church treasurer Mike Torres hopes a gymnasium is next.

During this groundbreaking ceremony under the massive front yard tree, former pastor Rolando de los Rios reminisced, "The last time we were under this tree was when we broke ground for the fellowship hall. Some time later when I asked former treasurer Raymond Ramirez how much money was in the account to start a building fund for a sanctuary, Ramirez replied, "Oh, \$18.86."

There has been a lot of faith and financial commitment since then. Members were pledging \$100 each to the building fund for the privilege of using and keeping the gold-painted groundbreaking shovels on June 11.

Rafael and Alina Chervoni, who vacationed in Florida 15 years ago, found the church through the telephone book yellow pages—just two blocks from their hotel. "We

were so impressed by the group that we went back to Virginia, sold our home, and moved back within two months," said Rafael who now serves as president of the building committee. The Chervonis, and the rest of the members, look forward to the spring of 1996 when, says Jose Hernandez, pastor, "We hope to have our sanctuary completed in April."

Eliezer Barreiro, Cindy Kurtzhals

## Shell Craft Creates \$15,000 for Ministries

**Florida**—For the past 30 years, Elsie Bargfrede, 85, of the Avon Park church has been quietly supporting church ministries by designing and selling creations of a hobby she loves—shell art. Various Seventh-day Adventist ministries have benefited from Bargfrede's labors of love, totalling \$15,000.

"I began donating to Investment back in the mid-1960s with proceeds from my craft sales," she explained. "Since then I've supported the Voice of Prophecy, New York Van Ministries, and currently Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN)." After deducting expenses and returning tithe, all proceeds are forwarded to the particular ministry.

Bargfrede has created hundreds of clocks, pen sets, mirrors, bouquets, and animals of all kinds and has won awards at shell shows throughout Florida. Her most recent design is a lighthouse. "By twisting and turning the shells, you can contrast their natural beauty of light and dark colors to create a most interesting pattern," she said



Elsie Bargfrede with two of her creations.

in an interview for *Senior Scene* magazine. "It is amazing how different one shell can look by placing it several ways."

Bargfrede estimates that 60 to 70 Avon Park newlywed couples have been nurtured with a wedding gift of shell art in the shape of two hearts. "A pair of hearts to a pair of sweethearts," she likes to say. She says her creations are in homes in every state in the union, as well as many foreign countries.

Sales are generated by word-of-mouth and through satisfied customers. "My main customers are guests of friends who want to take a little bit of Florida back home with them. I work and sell out of a garage in the back of my home and pray to God to send me customers," she said.

Prior to moving to Florida, Bargfrede worked as a registered nurse in New Jersey, Maryland, and Florida. She performed health screenings with the

Avon Park Community Services Van for many years.

"All my work," she says, "is done to the glory of God."

Lynn Huff



Miami Springs International Celebration builds church and community unity.

## International Celebration Fosters Church Unity

**Florida**—"Love in every language, straight from the heart, pulls us all together, never apart. . . ." More than 350 members sang these words and joined hands at the second annual International Celebration at the Miami Springs church. The church has more than 20 countries represented in a congregation of 380.

Once a year, friends of the community join with the church family in celebrating diversity. The pastoral staff prepares letters of invitation for members to use to build upon relationships they've developed with friends and neighbors. This multicultural event provides a special vehicle for members to invite nonmember guests to the church, and members are proud to have so many cultures.

Native costumes and national flags are in abundance on International Sabbath. During the worship service, participants march in with flags waving, banners announcing their native country, and colorful costumes. Representatives from four continents greet the congregation in their native tongue and share a brief description of the country they represent.

More than 50 visitors from the community attended this year and some took part in the program by carrying flags and banners, and introducing their culture.

Member Suzann Arteaga (France), who speaks five different languages and works as an administrator in the Inter-American Division office in Coral Gables, delivered the sermon.

There are many different groups and reasons to celebrate in the Miami Springs church, so once a month, a celebration of something special for the congre-

gation is planned. It's a way for members to interact with nonmembers. It's not done to be contemporary, but to bring out the uniqueness of the church.

Some of these monthly celebrations include Golden Age Sabbath, which honors those above 65; Adventist Heritage in

October; "I Believe in America" in July; and "The Greatest of These is Love" in February. The Sabbaths that come around Easter and Christmas are planned by the youth division and feature seasonal dramatic presentations of biblical events.

Stephen Adessa, Cindy Kurtzhals

## Family Life Emphasizes Ministry for Men

**Southeastern**—The family life department of the Southeastern Conference has taken for its focus the theme, Empowering Families for Service. Programs have been designed for singles, married couples, pastors and wives, to name a few. The goal has been to stimulate, motivate, and inspire personal growth for these different areas of ministry. Well, another special focus has been cultivated. That special ministry is for the men.

Last year sparked a first for Southeastern Conference—a men's retreat. The positive feedback and response has ignited a flame that's being reciprocated among the churches in the conference. Two churches in particular have developed a specific training and curriculum development that will help to inspire boys and young men to develop necessary traits to be successful in their personal development as they embark on adulthood.

Situated in the metropolis of Miami, the Bethany church, the largest church in the Southeastern Conference, has spearheaded a program, ORITA. Under the leadership of Vivian

Long, president; Dianne Brantley, vice president; and T. A. McNealy, pastor, this organization within the church provides a curriculum of eight courses that will create an appreciation for cultural, social, economic, and religious heritage. Under this program, the first of its kind, the first 12 graduates finished the six-month program this summer. A graduation program took place honoring the graduates.

The second largest church in the conference, the Mt. Sinai church, has also embarked on a program for boys and young men. Entitled "The King's Men" this training and curriculum program developed by Elvis Epps, local church elder, will be in operation for a 12-month period. A unique twist to this concept is that the training will be conducted by the elders of the church. Courses have been designed to encompass ages 3-30 with a graduation date.

During this era when focus has spread for women's ministries, it is exciting to see the "real men" stand up and want to be counted.

Continued growth is expected in all aspects of family life as families are encouraged at home and in the church to remain bonded through service and love.

Melinda Muganzo

## Excitement Growing Over OC's Centennial

**Oakwood College—**Charles E. Bradford, former president of the North American Division, will deliver the keynote address at the College church Sabbath, November 11, 1995, at 11:00 a.m. His message will focus on the first segment of the Centennial theme: "Preserving the Past."

The service is part of the grand opening events of the Centennial. A documentary video featuring OC's presidents—past and present—will be viewed on a giant screen in the College church at 7 p.m., Friday, November 10. Past presidents in attendance will bring special greetings.

At the 8 p.m. concert Saturday, November 11, **SHIRLEY VERRETT**, a former Oakwoodite and one of the world's leading sopranos, will fill the Von Braun Civic Center (VBCC) Concert Hall with notes of melody.

Verrett appeared last year playing the role of Nellie Fowler in the Rogers and



Charles E. Bradford.

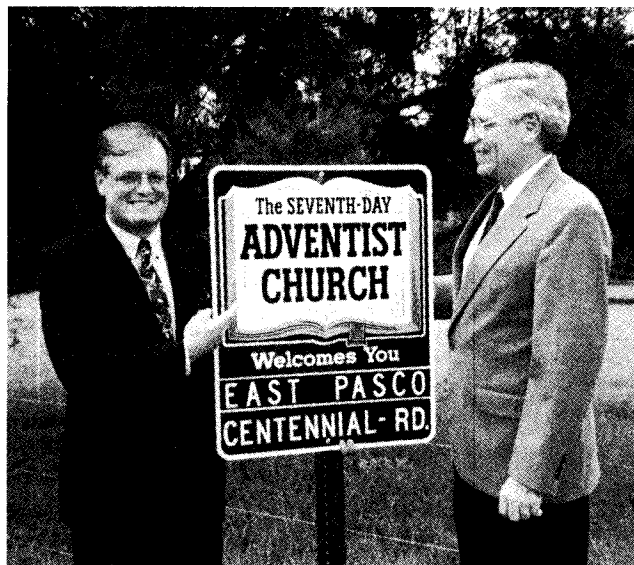
Hammerstein beloved "Carousel" at Lincoln Center. The event won five Tony Awards. Verrett received rave reviews and was nominated for an Outer Critics Award.

Tickets to the concert may be obtained at the VBCC ticket office or by calling (205) 726-7120 or 726-7418. The VBCC auditorium accommodates approximately 2,000 guests.

Alumni from Atlanta, Birmingham, Chattanooga, Nashville, Tuscaloosa, and other nearby cities are planning to be present for these opening events.

A personal afghan and other centennial memorabilia will be available.

Roy E. Malcolm



Pastors Rocky Gale and Ron Rodgers.

ered East Pasco as a possibility for the name of their church. Therefore, most members of both former churches felt that it is a natural name for their newly-formed congregation.

The pastors, who were good friends long before the merger, say that visitors often remark about the "sweet spirit" that is obvious among the newly-united members. The congregation is currently meeting in the Adventist Educational Center for Sabbath

services. Prayer meeting is held in the Medical Center chapel.

Their present plan is to build a sanctuary on the northwest corner of Pretty Pond and Dairy roads, but the church does not want people to wait until then to visit them. As their new signs indicate, East Pasco Seventh-day Adventist church warmly welcomes the community to all of its school and church activities.

Lowell Litten

## Two Florida Churches Merge

**Florida—**There's a new Adventist church in the Dade City-Zephyrhills area. Obed Graham, conference president, officiated May 3 as two churches voted to merge. Graham named the former pastors, Rocky Gale and Ron Rodgers, co-pastors. The pastors invited members to submit names for the new 400-member church, and in a final vote July 22, East Pasco Seventh-day Adventist church was the choice

by a large majority.

Until this past year the names of the former churches were Dade City and Zephyrhills. However, several months ago the Dade City congregation changed their church name to East Pasco because they had planned to build a sanctuary on a site adjacent to East Pasco Adventist Educational Center on Centennial Road.

The Zephyrhills congregation had purchased a building site four years ago next to East Pasco Medical Center, and a number of them had consid-

## Mission Spotlight Features Prison Ministries

**Florida—**The conference prison ministries department played host to Mission Spotlight recently as the program spent three 18-hour days focusing on the prison work in Florida. This particular North American Division edition of Mission Spotlight is highlighting prison ministries work across the division and will be seen in Sabbath schools during the fourth quarter.

According to Frank Barton, conference prison ministries coordinator, the Mission Spotlight crew traveled to correctional institutions in Lowell, Pompano, and Fort Lauderdale to obtain footage.

He said 50 Florida churches are involved in ministry at 35 prisons, and the Pen Pal Program is strong as well. At Lowell Correction Institute alone, 160 women attend the Friday evening service.

"People are coming to the Lord all the time through this ministry,"



FRANK BARTON

Oscar, Judy, and Jerry Heinrich (right), record the testimony of Lourdes Ortiz-Serrano (standing), a member of the Orlando Spanish church, and Evelyn Quiets, a house-arrest prisoner from the Orange County Jail, for an upcoming Mission Spotlight feature.

Barton said. "This program is being led by the Holy Spirit, and it has been led that way since we started. I didn't know what to do when I started—and said if the Lord would lead, I would follow, and I've been busy for six years." When the phone rings I know the Holy Spirit is leading.

At press time, prison ministries was embark-

ing on its first evangelistic crusade. In conjunction with the Naples church, a one-week crusade was scheduled at the Hendry Correctional Institute August 20-26 each evening. Simone Suarez has taken the leadership role, with Harry Williams serving as guest evangelist.

Lynn Huff, Cindy Kurtzhals

music from area churches.

The speakers were former and area pastors who presented eight days of heart-stirring sermons. The theme chosen was "JOY" (Jesus, Others, You). The Mass Choir from Mt. Carmel Baptist church ministered through songs of praise. The pastor of the Mt. Carmel Baptist church reminded the congregation that "JOY" is the confidence of

the presence of God and the one thing that messes up our relationship with Jesus is that we don't know who we are. He gave three challenges: accept Jesus as the Savior; admit you are not perfect; and surrender everyday—but most of all don't let anyone steal your JOY.

June 3 was the finale with Robert C. Connors, who revived the members.

Lillie Carter

## Hispanic Women Plan Retreat

**Carolina**—Nothing could keep 70 enthusiastic Hispanic women away from gathering at Nosoca Pines Ranch August 5-7 to hear the plans regarding the first-ever Hispanic Women's Retreat. October 20-22 is the time scheduled for this women's retreat exclusively for Hispanic women who will have presentations in their own language.

Excitement prevailed as the women learned the details regarding speakers Carmen Gonzales, who holds a masters in two lan-

guages and is a teacher by profession, along with Lillian Lopez, a registered nurse and a certified family counselor. Gonzales will have an evening presentation on Friday entitled, "I Will Love You Forever." "God My Family and Me" is the topic Lillian Lopez will present on Sabbath. Also on Sabbath, Gonzales will present "Daughters of God Flourish Where They are Planted."

The afternoon will provide an opportunity to hear the vocal talents of Lillian Lopez during her hour-long concert.

Ann Pendleton



Calvin Rock.

## Charlotte-Berean Celebrates First Homecoming

**South Atlantic**—A week-long celebration was held at Charlotte



Robert Connors.

Berean church May 27-June 3. Calvin B. Rock, a General Conference vice president, started the week focusing attention on the love of Christ and his righteousness. The program included

## Youth Foster Memorial Emphasizes Youth Ministry

**Carolina**—Youth ministry in the 1990s is extremely difficult. There are so many secular messages to compete with. Members of the Foster Memorial church decided to take youth ministry seriously, to the extreme, and hired a very creative and talented youth staff to meet the summer social, and outreach needs of the many youth in the Asheville area.

During these summer months, the Foster youth staff; Erin Miller, youth pastor; Garren Carter, youth specialist; and Rey Descalso, summer task-force worker labored vigorously to provide an "Extreme" summer program for the youth. As Descalso stated in a newsletter: "Garren, Erin, and I have come to realize that there are only a few months in the summer to reach into the heart of a young person for Christ. We've decided that it's time to be *extreme*—to push the boundaries of ministry. To affect lives by any



Extremely talented youth professionals at Foster church: Garren Carter (left), Erin Miller, and Rey Descalso.

means possible."

Some of the "extreme" summer activities included ten weeks of Saturday night activities, Wednesday night recreation, Sabbath school, and individual activities during the week. Activities ranged from simple things, such as thematic parties, organized trips to help feed the homeless at a shelter, and miniature golfing, to more complex events such as a trip to Six-Flags, special youth-church Sabbaths, and a heavily-used water-slide built by members of the church.

Even though Descalso has returned to Southern College, Carter and Miller are still very busy youth workers at the Foster church. Now that school has started, Garren and Erin continue planning and participating in many activities. Once per month, on different days, they take pizza and goodies to both Mount Pisgah Academy and Carolina Day School (a private school in Asheville where many of their youth attend) and have a visitation day with the youth who attend their church.

They are creating small group ministry within their youth group. They have started a small group during Sabbath school and are planning to expand outside of the time period. They are also working with 10-12 youth to train them to become student-leaders.

They began the intensive training program a year ago. The training includes passing a vision of youth ministry to the youth, a personality test, a spiritual-gifts test, and guidance on how to use their personal strengths. Four of the selected youth were able to attend a Student Impact Leadership Conference at Willow Creek. Those four were able to put their training into practice during the summer "Extreme" program.

The exciting and balanced program offered by the Foster youth staff is what keeps the youth interested in church. In a world where Hollywood stars, TV sitcoms, and sports icons are a great attraction for our youth, it's great to know that church can still provide a "positive" attraction for them.

Teri Fowle

## HAMPTON - BURTNER

**Alana Lee Burtner** and **James White Hampton** were united in marriage July 1, 1995, at the Brandon, Florida, church. Don Johnson, pastor, officiated. The couple will reside in Mooresville, N.C.

## JANNIERE - EDGECOMBE

**Pamela Joy Edgecombe** and **Michael Wayne Janniere** were united in marriage July 30, 1995, at the Apple Creek church in Markham, Ontario, Canada. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Edgecombe of Deltona, Fla. The groom is the son of Shirley Wright of Scarborough, Toronto, Canada. Both are 1994 graduates of Andrews University and are employed by Hewett and Associates of Chicago, Ill.

## HADLEY - KIRKHAM

**Noelle Elin Lund Kirkham**, daughter of Bodil and Kenneth Kirkham, and **Richard Brett Hadley**, son of Bud Hadley and Nita Smith, were married Sunday, July 2, in the Boulevard church in Nashville. Brett is currently the youth chaplain at Madison Academy and Noelle is working on her degree in social work.

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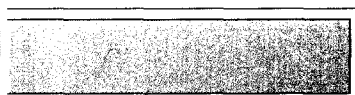
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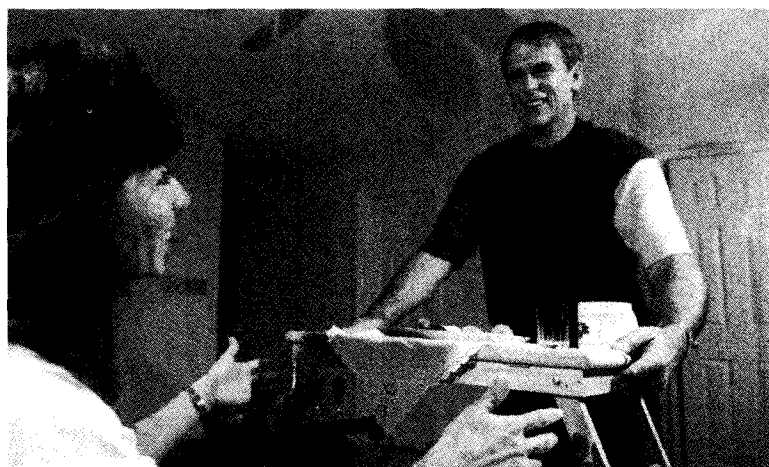




Students at Outdoor Education Week held at Nosoca Pines Ranch explain to their guest, Carolina Conference youth director Phil Rosburg, what is safe to eat in the forest. The program this year was a little different than in years past. On Thursday evening, the students invited guests and taught them the things they learned throughout the week.



## IMAGES



It is breakfast in bed for Diane Keeler. A Caring for Marriage weekend is a time of pampering and caring. Bob carries breakfast to his wife, as they begin another day focusing on their marriage through the many activities planned. Because of the popularity of this special weekend, couples must make reservations early through the family life department of the Carolina Conference at (705) 596-3200.

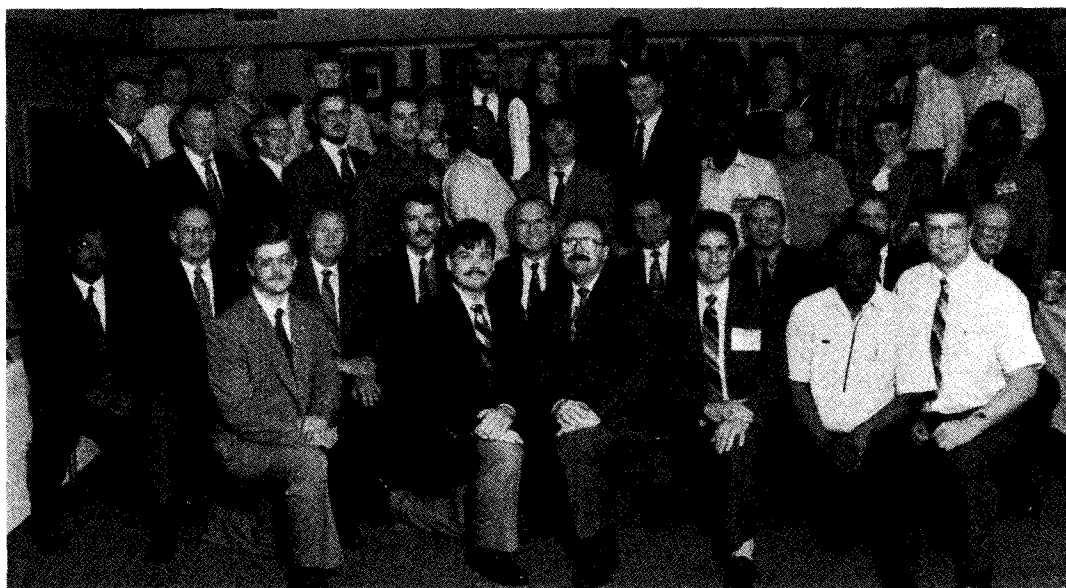


The primary-kindergarten department of the Ringgold, Ga., church has been adding a car to its Bible Books Train each week. This has been a fun way for them to learn the books of the Bible.



One hundred and seventy-five GCA students, under the direction of Chaplain Ron Cook, have participated in mission outreach to Calhoun and Gordon County, Ga., during the '94-'95 school year. Activities included visiting and helping the elderly, building trails or cleanup in area parks, painting a church, and giving Bible studies. Pictured, GCA students are painting the Summerville church, Dennis Lee (left), Fred Anderson (science teacher), Casey King, and Stephanie Livesay.

Publishing leaders and 31 literature evangelists attended the Southern Union Literature Evangelist Training School recently. The new literature evangelists represent individuals from various ethnic backgrounds, trades, and professions.





## IMAGES



Recipients for the 1995 Zapara Award for Georgia-Cumberland Conference are Linda Jo Blackwell, Lakeland Adventist School (left); Alvin M. Morford, Collegedale Academy; and Heidi Gillham, Athens, Ga., school. Awards were presented by Hamlet Canosa and Gordon Bietz.

Myrtle (Billie) and Ned Kilgore recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary hosted by their daughter, Helen Jacome, and her husband, Gabe. The Kilgores were married April 15, 1925, in Covington, Ky. Ned, 89, was a designer for the Eastman Kodak Company, and was also a street car conductor in Cincinnati. He has been an active member of the Church since 1930 and is currently head elder in the Daytona Beach church. Billie became a Seventh-day Adventist in 1928 and worked for Ernst Butter Gem Bakery in Rochester for 15 years until her retirement in the mid-60s.



After 30 years Charles Lewis has returned home. He was recently baptized after attending a Prophecy Seminar conducted by Kim Kjaer, an Amazing Facts lay-evangelist. At the age of 9, Chuck was baptized into the Woodbury Adventist church where he was an active member for several years. However, soon his life took a 30-year detour away from the church. He was baptized into the World Wide Church of God and served congregations in Dickson, Nashville, Jackson, Bristo, and Huntsville. Disillusionment and disappointment with the Church of God soon caused him to leave, putting his life in spiritual limbo. Attending the Prophecy Seminar meetings with his wife and daughter (all baptized as a result of these meetings) put his life together and brought him back home.



Cross Plains church participated in a city-wide yard sale by presenting the Kentucky-Tennessee disaster van for public viewing. Community services director Judy Ayers reports 103 free blood pressures were taken, and 275 pieces of literature were distributed.



Ross and Betty Hughes were honored with a 50th anniversary celebration given by their four children. The event was held June 11, 1995, in the new Smoky Mountain church (near Gatlinburg) where they are charter members. For many years, it was Ross Hughes' dream to move to the area to establish a church in the dark county.



Robert and Jean Woodfork, retired associate secretary of the General Conference, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, Sunday, April 16, at the Atlanta Airport South Holiday Inn. Family and friends filled the decorated ballroom of the hotel to witness the recital of their wedding vows in a formal setting which they repeated to each other 50 years ago in the Beacon Light church in Kansas City, Missouri. Charles E. Bradford, Ralph P. Peay, and Richard H. Long performed the ceremony in which the couple's children and grandchildren were attendants.



The Lawrenceburg church sponsored a 50-mile bike trip for the Pathfinders recently. The all-day ride took the young people south on the historical Natchez Trace trail.

At the Georgia-Cumberland camp meeting, Sherie Platt was saved in a demonstration by the Emergency Response Team from the junior department whose theme was Emergency Room.



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## Special Events

Oct. 14. Student Missions Callbook Fair.  
Oct. 15, 16. PreviewSouthern (especially for high school seniors and Adventists on secular campuses: Call 1-800-SOUTH-ERN for details).  
Oct. 22. Symphony Guild Flea Market.  
Oct. 26-29. Alumni Homecoming.

## Concerts

Oct. 1. Ponder, Jennings, & Harp.  
Oct. 8. Bruce Ashton, piano.  
Oct. 16. Bob Stromberg, musician and storyteller.  
Oct. 28. Die Mietersinger Male Chorus.  
Nov. 3. Elizabeth Small, violin.

## Southern Union

**Evangelism Council**—Dec. 11-13. Daytona Beach.

**NET '96**—Oct. 5-Nov. 9, 1996. Forest Lake Academy.

**Attorneys' Retreat**—Oct. 20-22. Daytona Beach.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend**—Nov. 3-5. Holiday Inn, Athens, Tenn. Details: (615) 863-8268.

**National Single Adult New Year's Retreat**—Dec. 29-Jan. 1. Daytona Beach. Details: (770) 434-5111.

**Singles "Harvest Moon" Retreat**—Nov. 17-19. Cohutta Springs. Details: Sharon McGrady (615) 396-2921.

## Announcements

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This project was made possible in order to enlighten the North American Division and the general public about the services provided by HSI.

If you would like information of how you can secure a copy of the video for \$2, please call 1-800-782-GROW.

# Sunset

	Oct. 6	Oct. 13	Oct. 20	Oct. 27	Nov. 3	Nov. 10
Atlanta, Ga.	7:17	7:08	7:00	6:52	5:45	5:40
Charleston, S.C.	7:00	6:51	6:43	6:35	5:28	5:23
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Huntsville, Ala.	6:25	6:15	6:07	5:58	4:51	4:45
Jackson, Miss.	6:41	6:52	6:24	6:17	5:10	5:04
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Memphis, Tenn.	6:39	6:29	6:21	6:12	5:05	4:59
Miami, Fla.	7:03	6:56	6:50	6:44	5:39	5:35
Montgomery, Ala.	6:26	6:17	6:09	6:01	4:55	4:49
Nashville, Tenn.	6:25	6:16	6:07	5:58	4:51	4:44
Orlando, Fla.	7:07	6:59	6:52	6:46	5:40	5:36
Wilmington, N.C.	6:51	6:42	6:34	6:26	5:19	5:13

## Carolina

**Young Adult Retreat**—Oct. 13-15. Nosoca Pines Ranch. Featured speaker: Dwight Nelson.

**Newstart Health Retreat**—Oct. 15-21, Nosoca Pines Ranch. Speakers: Pat and Willard Kaufmann.

**Collegiate and Young Adult Training**—Oct. 20-22. Nosoca Pines Ranch. Speakers: Fred Cornforth and the "Next Step" team.

**Invitation to Intimacy**—Oct. 22. Holiday Inn, Columbia, S.C. Marriage renewal for Christian couples in their 20s, 30s, and 40s. Speakers: Ron and Karen Flowers. Details: Lynn Ortel, (704) 535-6720.

**Eastern Carolina Camp Meeting**—Oct. 27-29. Oak Island, N.C. Guests: Marvin Moore and musicians Steve and Susan Zork.

**Public High School Bible Conference**—Nov. 3-5. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

**Lay Advisory**—Nov. 17, 18. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

**Charleston 78th Anniversary Homecoming**—Nov. 17, 18. Friday evening old-time youth meeting and Saturday all-day services. Speaker: Harold West. Saturday evening concert with Al and Andrea Ferry.

**Lay Pastoral Assistant Training**—Dec. 1-3. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

**Carolina Collegiate Retreat**—Dec. 1-3. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

**Caring For Marriage**—Dec. 1-3. Charlotte, N.C.

**Caring For You**—Dec. 8-10. Charlotte.

**Elders' Meeting**—Dec. 15-17. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

**Evangelistic Crusade**—Began Oct. 8. Charlotte Korean.

## Florida

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

## Evangelistic Crusades

In Progress—Nov. 11. Melbourne Spanish. Jose and Ofelia Fuentes.

In Progress—Nov. 18. West Palm Beach. Bill and Cora Waters.

In Progress—Nov. 18. Apopka Highland. Lester and Zula Pratt and Roy and Amy Pauley.

In Progress—Nov. 18. South Orlando. Bob and Joyce DuBose.

Oct. 21-Dec. 9. Pompano Beach. Art and Margo Swanington.

**Senior Citizens' Camp**—Oct. 15-19. Camp Kulaqua.

**Youth Leadership Convention**—Dec. 1-3. Camp Kulaqua.

**Central Florida Singles Roundup**—Oct. 20-22. University church. Details: (407) 774-0419.

**Island Navigator**—Oct. 20-22. Molasses Key.

**Reveille-Explorer**—Oct. 20-22. Camp Kulaqua.

**CIT Retreat**—Nov. 3-5. Camp Kulaqua.

**Men's Ministries Conferences**  
Nov. 4. Jacksonville Mandarin.  
Mar. 15-17, 1996. Conference-wide. Camp Kulaqua.

**Retired Workers' Retreat**—Nov. 3-5. Camp Kulaqua. Details: (407) 644-5000.

**Adventist Singles Ministries Fellowship Dinners**

Nov. 4. Florida Hospital.

Nov. 11. Forest Lake.

Nov. 11. West Palm Beach First.

Nov. 18. University.

Nov. 25. Kress Memorial.

**Advent Four Quartet in Concert**—Nov. 11. Forest Lake. 5:30 p.m.

**Women's Ministries Retreats**

Feb. 2-4. English. Camp Kulaqua.

Feb. 9-11. English. Camp Kulaqua.

Feb. 16-18. English. Camp Kulaqua.

Feb. 23-25. Spanish. Camp Kulaqua.

**Camp Meeting 1996**—English. May 24-June 1. Forest Lake Academy.

**NET '96**—Oct. 5-Nov. 9, 1996. Forest Lake Academy.

## Georgia-Cumberland

**Retired Workers' Retreat**—Oct. 13-15.

**Elementary Teachers' Convention**—Oct. 15-18. Cohutta Springs Adventist Center.

**National Association of Adventist Women Convention**—Oct. 19-21. Collegedale.

**Executive Committee Meeting**—Oct. 25.

**Marietta Church Homecoming**—Oct. 27, 28.

**Special Constituency Meeting**—Oct. 29. Georgia-Cumberland Academy.

**Ministerial Meeting**—Oct. 31. Georgia-Cumberland Academy.

**ABC Christmas Sale**—Nov. 3.

**Youth Festival 95**—Nov. 4. Atlanta Adventist Academy.

**Church Ministries Convention**—Dec. 1-3.

**New Members Retreat**—Dec. 8, 9.

**Evangelistic Crusades**

Oct. 13-Nov. 11. Stone Mountain. Pieter Barkhuizen.

Oct. 7-Nov. 11. Cedartown. Wendell Stover.

Oct. 14-Nov. 11. Warner Robins. Harold Turner.

Oct. 15-Nov. 20. Conyers. Cliff Vickery.

**Bookmobile Schedule**

Oct. 12-18. Cohutta Springs Adventist Center.

Oct. 21. Cumberland Heights School and Heritage Academy.

Oct. 22. Deer Lodge, Crossville, Cookeville, McMinnville.

Oct. 24. Georgia-Cumberland Academy.

Oct. 25-28. Cohutta Springs Adventist Center.

Oct. 28. Collegedale (in store after sundown).

Oct. 29. Georgia-Cumberland Academy.

Nov. 4. Savannah.

Nov. 5. Waycross, Lakeland, Thomasville, Albany (Lee Acres).

Nov. 11. Columbus.

Nov. 12. Pine Mountain Valley, Carrollton, Georgia-Cumberland Academy.

Nov. 29. Ellijay (Medical Center).

Dec. 1-3. Cohutta Springs Adventist Center.

Dec. 2. Greeneville.

Dec. 3. Johnson City, Kingsport, Morristown, Jellico School.

Dec. 3-10. ABC Open House. Decatur/Collegedale.

Dec. 6. Knoxville.

Dec. 9. Augusta.

Dec. 10. Macon, Gainesville.

## Gulf States

### Bookmobile Schedule

Oct. 28. Water Valley.

Oct. 29. Olive Branch, Corinth, Tupelo.

Nov. 4. Destin. (Women's Retreat).

Nov. 5. Panama City, Dothan, Uchee Pines.

Nov. 11. Bass Memorial Academy.

**Young Secular Campus Bible Retreat**—Oct. 6, 7. Camp Alamisco.

**Pathfinder Camporee**—Oct. 12-15. Camp Alamisco.

**N. Mississippi Camp Meeting**—Oct. 27, 28. Water Valley.

**Executive Committee**—Oct. 31. Montgomery.

**Women's Retreat**—Nov. 3-5. Destin, Fla.

**Prayer Power and Holy Spirit Renewal Seminar with Garrie Williams**—Nov. 10-12. Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. Details: (904) 651-4698.

## South Atlantic

**First Spiritual Emphasis Weekend for Singles**—Nov. 10-12. Norcross, Ga. Details: (770) 969-7934.

## Southeastern

**Mt. Sinai Church Homecoming**—Jan. 7-14.

## Out of Union

**Indiana Academy Alumni Weekend**—Oct. 13, 14. Details: (317) 345-4214.

## Southern College

**Midterm Break**—Oct. 20.

## Church Pulpit Guests

Oct. 14. "When In Our Music."

Oct. 21. Rosa Banks.

Oct. 28. First service, Joel Tompkins.

Oct. 28. Second service, By Lyn Behrens.

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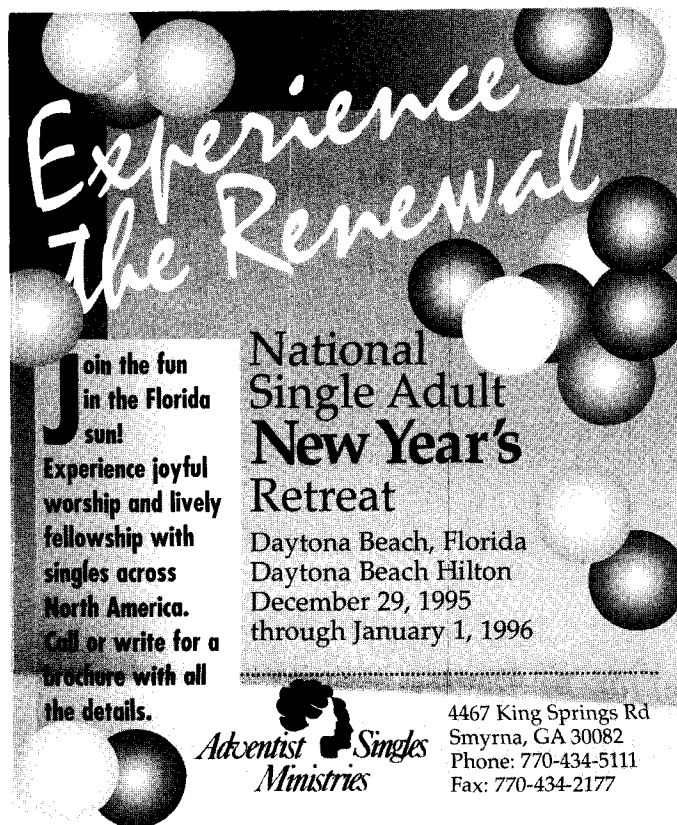
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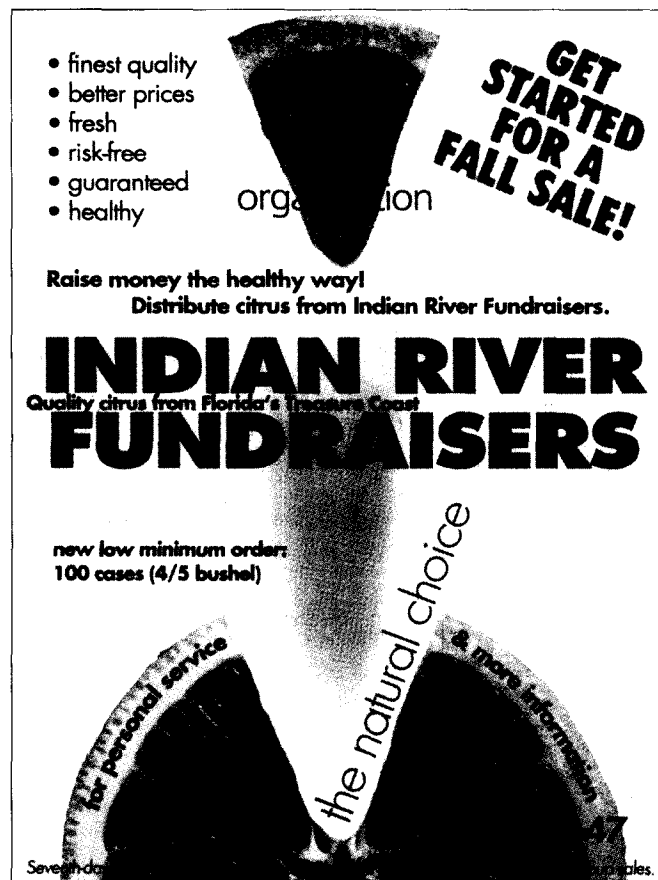
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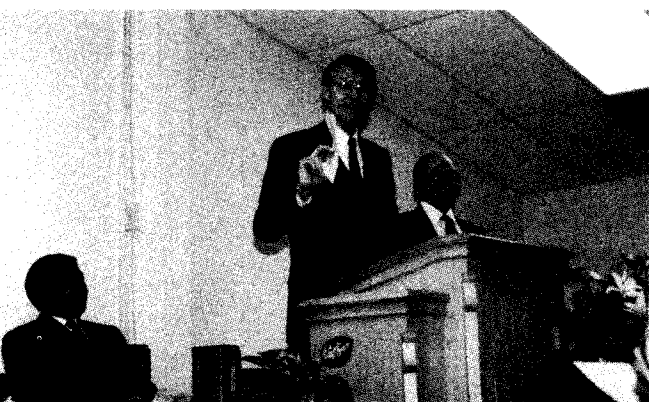
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Sevenside





Jim Thurmon (left) and John Fowler representing the conference with Ernest Clarke, pastor, assist in the organizing of the Shelbyville church.

by John Fowler

appenings wonderful and unprecedented are going on in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. God is moving on the hearts of church members throughout the conference to launch out and organize new companies and churches. Thus far this year, four active, dynamic, and growing churches have been organized, and eight new churches have been formed during the past three years.

#### Middlesboro

January 21, 1995, was a special day for approximately 50 people in Middlesboro, Kentucky. It was a special day for Elizabeth Wigfall, who was instrumental in starting the work in this important Kentucky town. With the full cooperation and support of the pastor, a company was organized in 1975. The enthusiasm and excitement led to the rapid growth of this group.

Consequently, witnessing and work brought new members. As of the middle of January, 27 committed, competent, and aggressive members were organized to form the Middlesboro Seventh-day Adventist church. James Thurmon, ministerial director for the conference, and Fred Calkins, pastor, led in this joyful occasion.

#### Shelbyville

Two visionary lay persons got the ball rolling in Shelbyville, Kentucky. Stanley Smith and David Ganote, dedicated laymen, in cooperation with Ernest Clark and Tony Kelley (pastors), rented a facility, started a branch Sabbath school, then conducted regular worship services. In 1994 a company of 16 members was orga-

## Unprecedented

nized. Just one year later, the membership had grown to 30.

Consequently, on February 11 those 30 members were organized into the Shelbyville Seventh-day Adventist church. The rented facility was not adequate for their needs. After praying and searching, the Old Henry Clay School in the outskirts of Shelbyville, became their place of worship. They were able to negotiate the use of the school, which has rooms for Sabbath school, children's programs, and a large renovated room for the worship service.

This congregation is like the Middlesboro group, restless and anxious to grow. They are persistent in distributing literature, getting various programs on radio and television, visitation, and giving Bible studies. Now they are pressing the conference to send an evangelist to conduct more evangelistic meetings. Such attitudes and actions must make the angels sing.

#### Nashville Hispanic

If anyone is looking for a thrilling place to worship, attend the Nashville Hispanic church, which presently meets at 650 Gallatin Road in a rented Presbyterian church in Madison, Tennessee.

This exciting group was organized as a company in January of 1992 with 18 members. Martha Walwyn, a dynamic lay person, Alex Morales, Vladimir Vargas, and others, spearheaded this exciting endeavor. The company aggressively conducted visitation programs, evangelistic meetings, and Bible studies. Unusual growth continued until February of 1995, when they were officially organized into a full-fledged church.

The day of the church organization there were about 150 members and visitors in attendance. Church leaders estimated that there would be approximately 40 people to become charter members of the new church. During the organization, John Fowler, conference executive secretary, called for those who wanted to be a part of this new church to come forward. More than 70 people came forward and signed the ledger to become charter members. Some of them were still taking Bible studies, and not

yet baptized; however, 68 individuals became members at the time of organization. Many other individuals are continuing to study and planning to be baptized in the near future. Again, the restless energy of this congregation has led them to begin work in another part of the city. The plan is to establish a second Spanish-speaking congregation in Nashville in 1996.

#### Louisville Korean

In 1992, Suk Ki Kim, a physician and committed Seventh-day Adventist leader, came to the conference officers seeking their support for the establishment of a Korean church in Louisville Kentucky. Dr. Kim is vice president of the Seventh-day Adventist Korean Church Council of North America (SDAKCC), and president of the Kentucky-Tennessee chapter of that organization.

The Korean Church Council provided limited funding for pastoral leadership to get the work started. Significant progress was made and soon a small group was established and meeting on a regular basis.

February 4, 1994, the conference officers joined with more than 75 Korean Adventists in the area to officially organize the Louisville Korean company. It was a high day as Korean leaders from various parts of North America participated. That was a launching pad for reaching out with an aggressive evangelistic program that resulted in the organization of the church, April 15, 1995.

The day of organization was special indeed. Not only was the Korean church organized, but they met for the first time in a beautiful church complex purchased by the Korean people located at 117 Crescent Avenue in Louisville.

The sacrificial and liberal financial support of Dr. Kim and the other Korean members, and the financial support provided by the Business and Professional Foundation made it possible for the group to purchase this church complex, renovate it, and begin having services on the day they became a church. Dr. Kei Chung Kim is the pastor.

#### The Dynamism of New Churches

These newly organized churches, along with the others recently organized and those who are working towards organization in the fu-



# Number



Suk Ki Kim, M.D., lay leader, and Kei Chung Kim, pastor, lead out in the organization of the Louisville Korean church.

ture, provide a powerful impact in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. That dynamism is catching. A growing number of individuals and groups want to launch out and establish new work in areas where there is presently not a Seventh-day Adventist church, or among language groups where there is no established congregation. These new churches are positive proof of the dynamic growth taking place in the conference.

We give God the praise, glory, and honor for what is happening; but at the same time, recognize that He can work only through individuals and groups of individuals such as we have reported in this brief article.

We trust that this is only the beginning, and the best is yet to come!



Martha Walwyn leads out in the Nashville Hispanic congregation.



▲ The Louisville Korean congregation.



◀ The Shelbyville group.

Inside the newly organized Middlesboro church.



▼ Middlesboro church.

▲ Nashville Hispanic church.



by Ron Quick

**ABC** television, McLeod Medical Center, Harris Teeter, the Florence YMCA, Florence/Darlington Technical School, and Wheels 92.5, the top country radio station in Florence, were just a few of the many sponsors who joined the Florence, South Carolina, church in Health Fest at the Florence/Darlington Technical College.

Robin Jester, pastor of the Florence church, stated, "This is the first time ever an event of this nature and importance has been held in the Florence area."

The idea was conceived when church members were looking for a new approach to evangelism. They felt traditional evangelism was not having the effect in their area it does in other areas.

Seventh-day Adventist pediatric neurosurgeon Ben Carson, M.D., was the featured guest speaker. Carson

team in South Africa. Siamese twins joined at the back of the head required the neurosurgeon's skills.

In 1987, Carson successfully separated twins who had the same complexly joined occipital cranio-pagus, or joined at the back of the head and sharing the sinus. According to Carson, the procedure waiting in South Africa could take as little as eight to ten hours, but most likely would be closer to 24 hours. The ABC television program "Turning Point" joined him on the flight to cover the story. Locally, the broadcast and print media were

interested in Dr. Carson. A local radio station did a half-hour talk show with him.

There were many other notable health care professionals also invited to speak at Health Fest. The topics ranged from dia-

betes, prevention of acute childhood infection, child nutrition, mental health awareness, nutrition, and medical consumerism. Along with the health risk assessment, lung capacity testing, and the cholesterol and blood pressure testing, there were also golf

and tennis tips.

Florence church members, after studying recent lessons on the health message, decided to do more in the health emphasis area for the church. A recently-baptized member, Susan Muse, attended a fellowship lunch with her husband who was visiting the church one Sabbath. During a conversation, Muse, the vice president of academic affairs at the Florence/Darlington Technical School, expressed an interest in having the college cosponsor a health fair.

"Because of this joint effort, we hope to see many prejudice barriers in the community collapse. The Lord is blessing beyond what we dreamed, and it is exciting to see so many being used by Him," stated Priscilla Jester, assistant pastor of the Florence church. Her husband, Robin Jester, chaired the community steering committee for the event. Carolina Breakthrough helped subsidize the cost of Health Fest.

The church followed with vegetarian meals, cooking classes, a breathe-free program and weight-loss seminar on health living.

Ben Carson, M.D., Florence pastor Robin Jester, and church members Jerry Flemming, Steve Wyatt, Patsy McCutcheon, Carolyn Floyd, assistant church pastor Priscilla Jester, and church member Dianne Evans pose for a photo in front of the Adventist exhibit.

Florence church pastor, Robin Jester, served as chairman of the steering committee for Health Fest. Also serving on the committee were Ed Bethea, public relations director, Florence/Darlington Technical College (left); John Quinn, director of School of Health Studies, Florence/Darlington Technical College; Jerry Fleming, account executive Wheels 92 radio and Florence church member; Jester; Morris Kesler, Continuing and Industrial Education, Florence/Darlington Technical College; J. E. Cox, assistant to Kesler; Marshal Schuler, Florence/Darlington Technical College; and Lisa Westmorland, Florence YMCA. More than \$40,000 of free radio and television air time was donated by the ABC television station WPED and Wheels 92 FM station. The Harris Teeter grocery stores in Florence donated advertising on their plastic shopping bags.



Seventh-day Adventist Charles Knapp, M.D., an invited speaker discussing medical consumerism, is interviewed by the media.

The South Carolina Health Fest featuring world-famous neurosurgeon Ben Carson, shown with radio reporters, created a spectacular media event for the Florence church.

## Carson Headlines Health Fest

scheduled two lectures—one Friday evening and another the following day.

However, due to an operation he had to perform at the Medical University Hospital in South Africa, he could stay only for the Friday lecture. For several months Carson had been working with a surgical



# Commitment

by Doris Burdick

One of the first things students did this fall at Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists was to make a commitment.

"Commitment Weekend" actually began on September 7 with a Thursday assembly by Jose Rojas, youth director for the North American Division. Rojas was also pulpit guest for Friday evening vespers and Sabbath morning church services.

Their commitment was not only a heart commitment to God but also a commitment of time, energy, talent, and enthusiasm. A special Sabbath school program provided students the opportunity to learn ways in which they can become active in outreach ministries and on-campus spiritual ac-

tivities. Next, they acted on their commitment with a decision for service and completion of an interest inventory.

"There is a growing attitude among students today that they are ready to commit to doing something for Jesus," says Ken Rogers, campus chaplain. "They want to make a real difference in this world, and it's exciting to have them participate in outreach activities," he adds.

Besides the mainstay programs of long standing—Sunshine Bands and Afterglow, for example—a couple of new programs were introduced. Mom's Day Out will allow mothers in the community some personal time for shopping, etc., on Sunday afternoon while students provide child care and recreational activities. Another avenue of service is targeted at single mothers

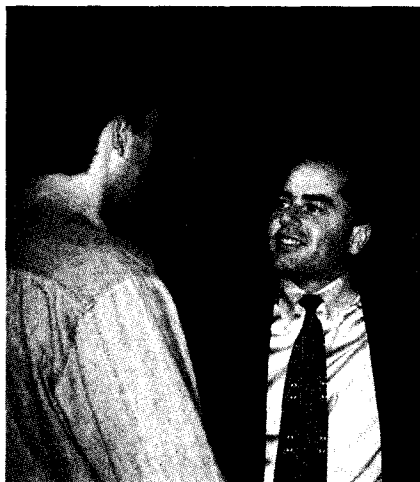
who will appreciate a helping hand from students who know how to change auto oil.

The special weekend was planned by the chaplain's office and CARE (the student organization also known as Collegiate Adventists Reaching Everyone). Within the framework of the chaplain's office, CARE leaders, directed by Ron Lizardo, had prepared a list of campus ministry and outreach programs with something for everyone.

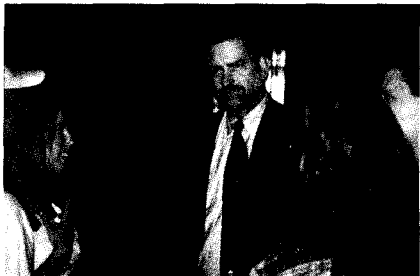
"What we're trying to do is to match the spiritual gifts of each student with a special avenue of service," explains Ron. "Whatever students choose to do can become their ministry."

All of the conference and union youth ministries staff come in each fall for the weekend. Sunday morning they demonstrate the spirit of service to others by serving up a big outdoor pancake breakfast for students.

Echoes of their example will be heard early every third Sabbath morning as students prepare a meal for the homeless at the Chattanooga Community Kitchen.



His campus visit puts Dave Cress, youth ministries director for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, in touch with students.



Bill Woods, youth ministries director for the Gulf States Conference, talks with students.



Theme for Southern's Commitment Weekend was "More to this Life." The CARE team includes, back, left to right, Campus Ministries director Tom Goddard; campus chaplain Ken Rogers; CABL (Better Living) director Jeane Hernandez; public relations director Jennifer Attaway; assistant chaplain Ron Lizardo; secretary Sherrie Norton; and front, Creative Ministries director Rey Descalso; Destiny Drama director James Appel; and Collegiate Missions Club president Travis Patterson.

# VoiceNOTES

## Voice of Prophecy Philippines Goal: 50,000 Baptisms in Six Months!



VOP director-speaker Lonnie Melashenko talks with Nestor Dayson, VOP speaker in Manila, about the "Target: 50,000" campaign goal of 50,000 baptisms in the Philippines during the first six months of 1996.

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Victoria VanHager was baptized December 17, 1994 by Pastor Keith Mulligan. She was the first graduate of the Voice of Prophecy's DISCOVER course.

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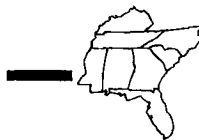


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## The Morning Star 1,000 Years of Miracles and Mission

Seventh-day Adventist African-American roots grow very deep in the soil of the Southern Union. From the initial beginnings of Adventism among the Blacks in the South in the 1880s to the present membership of 71,343, growth among African-American Adventists has been phenomenal.

Ellen White believed that more should be done on behalf of the Blacks in the South and therefore, presented the very first special appeal to leaders present at the General Conference Session in 1891. In her appeal, which was entitled, "Our Duty to the Colored People," Mrs. White challenged the church to begin an expanded work among Black people in the South. Ellen White's son, Edson, was convicted by her message and compiled it along with several of her other messages on the same subject in a little book called the *Southern Work*. This book was first published in 1898 and 1901. In 1966 the *Southern Work* was republished.

Not only did Edson White compile her messages regarding the work to be done, he decided to comply with her call for workers by going to Mississippi himself. Edson White hired a Captain Orton to build the frames for a steamboat they would call the "Morning Star." The boat's frames were built in Battle Creek, Michigan, and shipped down the Kalamazoo River to Allegan, Michigan, where the boat was completed in July 1894.

They followed the Illinois River to the Mississippi River, stopping at major cities along the way to sell the book *Gospel Primer* as a means of support. In St. Louis, after an unsuccessful search for a licensed pilot which brought an additional challenge, they hired a Black teenager, Finis Parker, to pilot the "Morning Star" for the 300-mile trip to Memphis. Because he had no license, every time they came in sight of another vessel, he would hand the wheel to White or Palmer.

In Memphis, they were fined \$500 for operating without a licensed pilot. While waiting to clear up the fine, they visited a local First-day Adventist church. In a short time, the pastor and most of the members accepted the Sabbath truth, and the Seventh-day Adventist Church was established in Memphis. Thus, God turned the delay into a blessing. Meanwhile, God had been preparing Vicksburg, Mississippi, for their arrival. The Blacks there sensed a need for revival. They were under conviction from the preaching of Alonzo Parker, a Black man, who had come from Louisiana preaching from *Bible Readings for the Home*. When the locals heard him, they soon beat him to death in the streets of Vicksburg. As he was dying he said, "There will come to you people of Vicksburg just one more chance from God one year from now."

Conditioned by this experience, the Blacks of Vicksburg were curious, excited, and uneasy on Thursday, January 10, 1895, when the "Morning Star" with ministers and teachers on board came steaming into Centennial Lake and docked just below Fort Hill.

Edson White and his group visited Mt. Zion Baptist church, and soon a class was started at Katie Holston's home. Within weeks, Hannah Washington, Katie Holston, Will Maxie, Grant Royston, and Duncan Astrap became the first Sabbathkeepers.

Soon a church was constructed in Vicksburg with a home adjoining it for colporteurs. This building was named the Morning Star Seventh-day Adventist Church and was the place of worship for Seventh-day Adventists in Vicksburg until it was destroyed by a tornado in 1954.

In time, almost 40 schools were opened in the state of Mississippi where Blacks could learn reading, writing, arithmetic, and Bible. To further organize the work he was doing, Edson organized the Southern Mission Society in Yazoo City. Later he moved the headquarters for the Southern Mission Society to Nashville and it became known as the Southern Publishing Association. In the early 1900s the "Morning Star" was beached in Nashville, Tennessee, where it was to be used as an office, but someone set fire to the boat. After the boat was burned, the star was removed from where it hung. It was later donated to Oakwood College where for years it hung on the old Normal Building and now is in the Oakwood College Archives in Huntsville, Alabama. Oakwood College is another benchmark in the history of Black Adventism located in the Southern Union. Its centennial will be held at the college in 1996.

Even now, in 1995, there are literally hundreds of African-American Adventists who can trace their membership in the Seventh-day Adventist church to the fact that one of their relatives attended school on the "Morning Star." Two well-known North American Division leaders' mothers were students on the boat. Etta Littlejohn, mother of Charles Bradford, former president of the North American Division from 1980-1990 and Cynthia Gertrude Johnson, mother of Dr. Garland Millet, former associate director of education for the North American Division.

The influence of the "Morning Star" gave strong impetus to the evangelization of Blacks throughout the South. Writing to Edson in 1902 about the influence of the "Morning Star," Ellen White said, "Novelty of the idea excited curiosity, and many came to see and hear. I know that through the agency of this boat, places have been reached where the light of truth had never shone—places represented to me as 'the hedges.' It has been a means of sowing the seeds of truth in many hearts, and many souls have first seen the light of truth while on this boat. On it angel feet have trodden." Letter 139, 1902.

An historical centennial celebration of the docking of the "Morning Star" in Vicksburg, Mississippi, on January 10, 1895, was held at the Morning Star SDA Church in Vicksburg on May 26-28, 1995. Hazel and I had the privilege of attending this inspiring 100-year celebration. It was a meaningful celebration because it was made very clear that from very small and humble beginnings, great works have resulted because of God's divine guidance. The weekend was special because the "Morning Star" was built in Hazel's home town of Allegan, Michigan.

Truly a star shines its light from the past to the present and the future. Those who received the light have spread it and now pass it on to succeeding generations. The past, present, and future of African-American Adventism is ever present in the Southern Union.

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