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**R**esponding to an opinion questionnaire this spring, Southern College faculty preferred nearly four to one changing to an institutional name with "university" in it.

An about-face from a decade ago, what caused these teachers and administrators to change their minds?

Probably many things, including College Board approval of three graduate programs—business, religion, and education, with education attracting 50 applicants for its classes this summer.

A second influence may have been a 1992 American Council on Education (ACE) report showing that 58 percent of U.S. universities do not offer doctorates. A 1994-95 directory from ACE shows a continuing trend of colleges to change their names to universities.

Another immediate cause for favoring the name "university" may have been seven presentations at a special April 10 faculty meeting—reports given by Southern College teachers at the request of a planning group named by the faculty senate.

As first presenter, Jan Haluska, Ph.D., (department of English and speech) raised two issues. He expressed his view that taking on the name "university" without substantial changes in the institution itself could seem dishonest to many constituents. He also requested clarification of how Southern's problem/opportunity favors "university" status over other options, and cautioned that decisions not easily reversed should be considered slowly.

Second presenter John Keyes (English and speech) reported that as of 1994, 84 percent of U.S. accredited institutions granting graduate degrees no longer fit under the traditional definition of research university. Although professor Jaroslav Pelikan of Yale University feels that only research universities should use the name "university," in his book *The Idea of the University* (1992), Pelikan concedes that "the number of educational institutions in the world laying claim to the name 'university' has increased steadily," sometimes at a rate seemingly explosive.

The academically prestigious Carnegie Classification of Universities and Colleges identifies universities on six levels—from levels one and two for research universities (3.4 percent of institutions of higher education (IHE)), through levels three and four for

# Another New Name?

by John Keyes

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God gave him a new name: Israel.*



*Dannette Saguan is one of the biology students who will appreciate the new facilities for scientific study.*

doctoral universities (3 percent of IHE), to levels five and six for master's level universities and colleges (14.8 percent of IHE).

At one end of the university spectrum, the relatively few universities known as research universities give priority to research, award doctorates, and receive—at university level one—at least \$40 million a year of federal support.

On the other end of the university spectrum, a master's university or college classified by Carnegie as level six, awards at least 20 master's degrees in one or more areas. Carnegie would probably classify our school on this level.

The Association of American Colleges has granted Southern accreditation to offer masters degrees. As soon as Southern begins graduating masters degree candidates, Carnegie can classify Southern as a sixth-level university.

Third presenter George Babcock, Ed.D., (education and psychology) said that although having graduate programs does not demand the use of "university" in an institution's name, "colleges that offer graduate programs are quite likely to change their names," as 12 private institutions in Tennessee have already done.

Fourth presenter Bert Coolidge, Ph.D., (business administration) said that "Southern needs a model that demonstrates improvement, managing change, developing new program(s), and a sound financial position, a model with an active role for faculty in planning and implementation."

Fifth presenter Ben McArthur, Ph.D., (history) warned that, though becoming a university need not mean becoming a major research institution, people generally feel that "'university' carries the implication of research being an important part of the school's mission." University culture suggests "a willingness to test ideas, to entertain a range of opinions, to solicit these from students and even tolerate a degree of heterodoxy"—a range of tolerance that "has not been our strong suit."

Sixth presenter Alberto dos Santos, Ed.D., (education and psychology) pointed out that much of the world has preceded the U.S. in naming post-secondary educational institutions universities. In much of the world "college" indicates a secondary school. Dr. dos Santos said "university" rather than "college" would help Southern to become more viable in a world-church.

The final presenter, Vinita Sauder (business administration), gave examples of private colleges which changed their names to universi-



Completion of the new Hickman Science Center is expected next year.

ties and quickly increased their enrollment.

Sauder concluded her report with three "final parting questions: Do we as a college know how we wish to position or reposition ourselves for the future? Do we need an additional edge in marketing and recruitment? And finally, do we have the courage, vision, fortitude, and strategic planning strength necessary to manage the changes and opportunities that would arise from this change?"

In April, 78 percent of Southern's faculty said yes to Sauder's questions by expressing preference for a new name incorporating "university."

After one night of wrestling—an encounter that changed Jacob's life—

God gave him a new name: Israel.

For several years now Southern also has been wrestling, developing, changing. Is it time for a new name?

*Editor's Note: On July 1 the Southern College Board of Trustees voted that Southern College become a university. Its future name and structure will be considered when the board meets October 24.* ■

*John Keyes is an English and speech professor at Southern College.*

*Cover: Wright Hall is the administration building at Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists, official name for the institution since 1982.*



George Babcock prepares to "toss the first apple" to some of the first-ever graduate students of Southern. Their master of science in education classes began June 3.

# Evangelism in the Philippines

by Simon Madrigal

**T**arget 50,000 was a well organized evangelistic endeavor introducing thousands of people to Jesus for the first time. Pastors David Dobias, David Borton, and Simon Madrigal along with several laymembers of the Carolina Conference participated side-by-side in the event with dozens of other pastors and lay members from all over the world. This project, led by the Voice of Prophecy, impacted the Philippines for Christ.

During the months of March and April, evangelistic efforts were accomplished throughout the country. Madrigal of Rockingham, North Carolina, joined Stephen Chavez of the General Conference to lead out in a crusade on the island of Mindanao. God honored their efforts and 150 people were baptized in the ocean. In addition, 25 prisoners were baptized in a 100-gallon tank inside the state prison. Due to an attempted prison break, those who wished to be baptized were handcuffed to other prisoners. However, their spiritual chains were broken as they surrendered their lives to Christ in the baptismal waters.

Pastors Dobias and Borton from

*Although handcuffed together, 25 prisoners found spiritual freedom in Christ. The men were baptized in 100-gallon drums in the prison.*



Spartanburg, South Carolina, with 14 church members traveled south near the island General Santos to hold evangelistic meetings. Dobias held evangelistic meetings in the town of Polomolok. Wayne Martin, a retired pastor and General Conference worker, was the featured speaker in a town called Tupi. From the evangelistic meetings held in the sister cities, nearly 1,500 people gave their hearts and lives to the Lord.

Borton commented, "We learned the real reason why their evangelism works—they do a lot of layministry. The Bible workers had gone out two-by-two giving Bible studies and invited many people to their churches. We baptized 1,500 people and 1,490 were those who had been receiving Bible studies. It goes to show that there is no substitute for personal evangelism."

Pastor Borton told of a miraculous way the Lord protected the Spartanburg group. He reported, "We were in a dangerous location because of the Muslims. On the Sabbath we had our baptisms, more than 5,000 people had to cross a bridge to get to the beach where the baptisms were held. We were unaware that Muslim terrorists had planted a bomb under that bridge and set it to go off on Sabbath morning. However, the Lord stepped in and did not allow that bomb to explode. The police found the



*Simon Madrigal of Rockingham, North Carolina, greeted his new brothers in Christ following their baptism in the prison.*

undetonated bomb later that afternoon." The Lord is in control.

Overall, the people who participated in Target 50,000 came home with life-changing experiences to share with our people here in the Carolinas. Some of the team members noted that God really blessed the work there. Madrigal shared, "I think that we received a greater blessing than the Philippine people. They blessed us with their beautiful attitudes. They were extremely friendly and hospitable—they welcomed us as if we were family. And of course, we are—we are all one family of God." ■



*Members of the Spartanburg church watched with thousands of others as their pastor, David Dobias, and other pastors from around the world, joined in baptizing nearly 1,500 people who gave their lives to Jesus.*

► On the island of Mindanao, baptismal candidates knelt on the shore of the ocean before their baptism.



## Education

### OC Students Prepare for Business Competition

**Oakwood College—**Students have formed a team to participate in the 1996 Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) competition held annually for colleges nationwide. In May, the OC team successfully advanced from the regionals, taking first place, and winning the Kraft Foods Success 2000 competition. The team received a total of \$2,500, placing

them in the SIFE International Exposition.

SIFE is a non-profit organization devoted to spreading the entrepreneurial spirit and the understanding of how the free enterprise system works. The program has grown steadily since its creation in 1975, annually involving more than 30,000 campus students internationally.

Mayor Steve Hettinger of Huntsville has called the OC team "a source of pride in North Alabama" and praised the team's entrepreneurial endeavors.

Evelyn Tucker



Tacia Burks (left/front), Christi Burks, Dominique MacConnell, Candace Honish, and Jeremy Gordon. Back row: Elizabeth Martin (left), Wendy Berrong, Amanda Honish, Tony Neal, and Stephen Chapman.

### Jackson Students Excel in Geography

Students from the Jackson, Miss., school have participated in the National Geographic Geography Bee for eight years. For seven a

student achieved the state-level. This year's student is Elizabeth Martin, daughter of Gerald and Kathleen Martin. Kathleen is the upper grades' teacher and motivator behind the students' interest in geography.

Barry Mahorney

### OC Hosts UNCF/Department of Defense Initiative

**Oakwood College—**An effort is being made between the United Negro College Fund organization and the Department of Defense (DoD) to develop an

assistance program to strengthen the capability of member institutions to participate in DoD's educational programs, research and development efforts, and other selected grant/contract opportunities.

The program provides UNCF schools with detailed information and support through

workshops and hands-on technical assistance to increase their competitiveness for a wide variety of DoD programs.

The main focus is to strengthen UNCF member institutions' capabilities to compete

successfully for the millions of dollars of DoD grants/contracts and other program opportunities.

The first workshop was conducted during spring break at Oakwood.

Roy E. Malcolm

### Students Aid Environmental Project

**Florida—**When you think of an eagle, the image of a strong, soaring creature with a massive wingspan and tremendous far-sightedness probably comes to mind. That's the kind of presence that Walker Memorial Junior Academy's Eagle Eye Incorporated, an ongoing student-directed environmental project, portrayed at the Florida Education Technology Conference held in February at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando.

The project, which monitors the quality of Florida's fresh water lakes, was started in 1994 by Gordon (Chip) Davis and Stephen Roche. Davis and Roche are both faculty of Walker Memorial Junior Academy in Avon Park.

The project's objective was to engage math and science students in an innova-

tive, hands-on approach to learning, while interfacing with the State of Florida and using available technology to provide a valuable service to their community. Eagle Eye made its presentation on February 16 at the Convention Center which hosted nearly 17,000 teachers—approximately 15 teachers from the Florida Conference Seventh-day Adventist school system. Each teacher received a computer CD-ROM of all the information gathered through Eagle Eye research as part of the group's three-megabyte multi-media presentation. Some of that information included actual student-generated spreadsheets, databases, and how-to's for testing water quality in fresh water lakes.

"This isn't something Chip and I do," says Roche. "It's all student run. The students do all the communication, scientific work, data gathering, public relations, monthly newsletter writing, and



Jonathan Hudson of Walker Memorial Junior Academy measures the vanishing point of Lake Lillian by dropping the Secchi disc.

MELIE CHEN

grant writing. We just stand back and watch. It's interesting to (see them) discover some of those things that they just *can't* learn in the classroom."

According to Roche, one of the most beneficial aspects of Eagle Eye is that "it's not

just something that someone cooked up for them to do. There are actual people depending on their work." The students hope their efforts will encourage a network of schools to join the Eagle Eye watch.

Michele Wynter

## Health

### Winston Salem Promotes Health

**South Atlantic**—The health and temperance department of Ephesus church in Winston Salem, N.C., under the direction of Terry Little, presented a special health emphasis program Saturday night,

February 18.

The featured speaker was Phil Collins, M.D., of Fletcher, N.C., formerly of Loma Linda University Medical Center. He presented to the local members and visiting friends the important changes that need to be made in the areas of diet and lifestyle.

## Outreach

### Covington Ministers to Hungry

**Kentucky-Tennessee**—When winter hit northern Kentucky with full force in December of '95 the Covington church went into action. Joe Ewing-Chow approached his Sabbath school class with an appeal to share with the unfortunate in nearby cities. The idea ignited, and within minutes the class volunteered to bring sandwich fixings, bread, fresh fruit, lunch bags, coats and gloves.

The following Sabbath after church, and prayer, the class ate a quick lunch before setting out for the

inner city district in nearby Cincinnati, Ohio. As their vehicles pulled into Washington Park, opening trunk and van lids, the homeless slowly began to trickle by. Word spread quickly and within 45 minutes, the vehicles were emptied of their precious cargo.

As the class met together back at the church, it was decided to go back the following Sabbath. During the week, members cleaned out closets and appealed to their neighbors. Church members volunteered and even some non-members who were friends with various church members asked to join.

Before long, large

sacks of coats and other warm clothing began appearing at the church. Community service volunteers sort the clothing in readiness for the weekly distribution. It has now become a weekly adventure to go across the river to Cincinnati

one week and downtown Covington, Ky., the next week.

SIGNS magazines, various children's papers, and other literature were given to anyone interested, along with sandwiches and other nourishing food.

### Puppeteers Minister to Community

**Florida**—The Hialeah Spanish church has set an evangelism goal with their group of puppeteers. "We must preach God's Word using puppets to all those in the Miami area who don't know about God," says Puppet Ministry Leader Javier Ruiz. "The puppet ministry has also helped me stay active in the church and it's something I enjoy."

The puppets continually bring happiness into the lives of children in orphanages and the elderly at south

Florida nursing homes. Sabbath school, parks, and other church activities are other places where the puppets perform.

Before any show or practice, Ruiz' puppeteers have a 15-minute worship service. "Many lives have been changed, starting with mine," says Humberto Checa, a puppeteer and senior at Greater Miami Academy. Previously, Checa found himself in activities on the Sabbath that were not focused on things of the Sabbath. "The puppet ministry gave me something to do for Christ which was something I needed to do," he said.

Jaclyn Rodriguez

### Kendall Spanish Pursues Prison Ministry

**Florida**—This year is very important to the Kendall Spanish church as they continue to plan and implement soul-winning projects. The Holy Spirit has inspired many to preach the Gospel. Of the many people who were baptized last year, Jenny Estrada is an example of how the Lord touches and uses people.

Appointed secretary of deaconesses, Estrada is a young Columbian woman who began working for the Lord as soon as she was baptized on March 11, 1995. She began

visiting the Federal Detention Center for women in Miami. Prison ministries is a part of the missionary project the church planned for this year.

Estrada started giving out literature to women in prison which included *The Conflict of the Ages* series by Ellen White (*Desire of Ages*, *The Great Controversy*, etc.). Estrada began to see the Holy Spirit work with the inmate women in a short amount of time. The literature led to Bible studies and recently a woman asked to speak to the pastor because she wanted to be baptized into the Kendall Spanish church.

This positive experience has motivated



Covington church members with John Estrada, pastor (right), examine distribution material.

various women of the church with the desire to pray and help preach the Gospel at the Miami prison. They know the Lord will work miracles in the Kendall Spanish church

throughout 1996, and would like fellow members to unite with them in prayer for their evangelism outreach.

Ulices Mastronardi,  
Wendy Rivera

## Members Sponsor Braille Reading Material

**Florida**—Almost 2,000 blind or deaf Florida residents are benefiting from free, specially-formatted reading materials arriving at their doorstep through the mail. Blind, visually impaired, and deaf persons not receiving the free magazines and books are only an application away from receiving them. The materials are in braille, in large print, on cassette tape, on flexible talking disk (a floppy, plastic record), and in Easy Reading English.

The reading material is produced by Christian Record Services (CRS), the General Conference organization serving the blind and the deaf, based in Lincoln, Nebraska. These services are available free to Floridians because almost 4,000 civic-minded

business people, foundations, and individuals in Florida donated the \$141,357 needed to sponsor them.

CRS is supported by Florida Conference members as well as by the general public. Of the money given to support this ministry in Florida last year, \$36,133 was given by 448 Adventist donors. Their donations make it possible to provide doctrinal material, such as books by Ellen White, Bible study courses with Adventist doctrine, and Sabbath school lessons in Easy Reading English.

Magazines in Easy Reading English for the deaf use a vocabulary close to that of American Sign Language (ASL), making it much easier for the deaf to read. A monthly general-interest magazine is available in Easy Reading English, as well as a newsletter for Adventists.

Rikki Stenbakken



Jim Jordan is one of the more than 80,000 blind patrons who receive free materials from Christian Record.



Keith DiDomenico, pastor (left), and Ray Bell (back/center), with the individuals he has studied with and seen baptized.

## Bible Study Produces Domino Effect

**Gulf States**—Ray Bell began Bible studies in February to an interested teenager, Kendra, in her home while her parents listened. At the teenager's baptism, a call was given and the girl's parents came forward. Following further studies, they were soon baptized.

Then a couple who were strangers requested Bible studies. Ray Bell found this a

real challenge as they had questions he thought he had no answers for but the Holy Spirit brought all things to his remembrance. They were baptized in December.

Then Kendra, the teenager, had a friend who was interested in Bible studies. She was baptized in March and the mother is now studying, also.

In only 13 months, six individuals have learned God's wonderful truths from one dedicated man, Ray Bell, in the Milton, Fla., church.

Sharryn Mahorney



Lay evangelist Mark Carrington with baptismal candidates.

## Lay-Evangelist Crusades Covington

**South Atlantic**—While most are content to relax and let others do the evangelizing, layman Mark Carrington, a businessman, and local elder of the First Lithonia church in Lithonia, Ga., burns internally with the fire of soul-winning. Carrington conducted an evangelistic crusade May 19 thru June 9 in the city of Conyers, Ga. Preaching with

vigor and sincerity such topics as "Go for the Gold," "I Owe, I Owe, So Off to Work I Go," and "Remember It," a total of 21 people were baptized.

With the aid of his staff, Ronald Chin, pest controller, Elton Mattox, IRS auditor, and Jared Roseborough, office supervisor, they prayed, presented gifts, held Bible quizzes, and preached nightly. Bible workers Monica Elliott, a beautician, and Ida Smith, worked diligently, daily, in the community to answer



questions and draw individuals to hear the messages. Carol Brazier, dietician, and her health team presented health lectures, vegetarian cooking demonstrations, and health checks to visitors at the community gymnasium before each night's sermon.

Carrington was heard more than once proclaiming, "I know in Whom I believe and I

am persuaded that even if I fall, Jesus is there for me." Carrington's response to why he takes the time and effort to conduct evangelistic meetings is "read John 15:16 in its entirety."

Carrington has conducted successful meetings in the past and plans more for the future.

Rochelle Capers

## Progress



Camden is the 127th church of the Conference with 52 charter members.

### Camden Church Organized

**Georgia Cumberland—**Fifty-two people asked to be charter members of the new Camden church in Kingsland, Ga. The organization service was April 20 with Georgia-Cumberland Conference vice president for administration David Cress presiding.

The development of King's Bay Naval Submarine Base has made Camden one of the fastest-growing counties in the United States. The county's average annual growth between 1980 and 1993 was 6.3 percent, compared with 1.3 for all of Georgia.

In 1992, a group began holding Sabbath afternoon Bible classes

in the Base chapel. Later that year they began meeting in the Lions Club of Kingsland, where they currently meet.

The group was organized as a company in July, 1993, under the leadership of retired pastor William Peeke. In March, 1995, the members purchased three acres in Kingsland. At the beginning of April, 1996, an effort was launched to remove the \$19,000 debt by the date of organization. As Ron Faverey completed reading the history April 20, he reported that \$12,000 had been raised by the members. He then displayed a check for \$10,000 received the day before from a Bible study interest of the church.

### Miracle Church in Shelby

**Carolina—**Miracle church is what the Shelby newspaper, *The*

*Shelby Star*, called the new church. With less than 50 members, the church is constructing a 5,000-square-foot building on a major state highway on the



Kenneth Coonley speaks to church members gathered for ground breaking.

outskirts of Shelby, the county seat of Cleveland county.

Church members purchased 11 acres from the Moose Lodge. The land is valued at \$80,000 and the building at \$200,000. At the present time members are meeting at the Moose Lodge which is located next door to the property.

According to Lawrence Walton, pastor of the church, some of the work is

being contracted, but much is being coordinated by Helping Hands, a construction group of volunteers from fellow Adventist churches throughout the conference.

The Carolina Conference has designated this church as a special General Conference Global Mission project. With the assistance from "Hands Across the World" offerings, the church will be debt free.

Ron Quick

### Day Care Donates \$27,000

**Florida—**Thanks to an unexpected gift from their own Rainbow's End Day Care program, the mortgage reduction account at the Port Charlotte church recently received \$20,000. An additional \$7,000 is forthcoming, also slated for mortgage reduction.

"This financial gift

represents an accumulation of profits over the last several years, said board chairman LaDonna Blom-Antonio. "We are happy to share our financial blessings with the church."

The day care program, affectionately called "Rainbow School," is one of the larger day care/pre-school programs in the Southern Union Conference. It was established in 1989 by current director Carolyn



Rainbow's End Day Care board members present the \$20,000 gift to the Port Charlotte church congregation.



Lowe. This monetary gift is not the first the church has received from Rainbow's End. Several years ago, the day care purchased a number of metal chairs and tables suitable for potlucks or other functions, totaling several thousand dollars.

The board of Rainbow's End is committed to providing a strong outreach program as an extension of the church. "By meeting the community's

very important needs for their little ones, we are binding these families to us with love and concern," said Lowe. "We are committed to a quality program and pray constantly for the Lord's will to be done, and thus have seen our program steadily grow." The center is licensed for 90 children, and maintains approximately a 95 percent enrollment rate.

Lynn O. Huff

## Update

### Collegedale Church Sponsors Mission Projects

**Georgia-Cumberland—**Two years ago, the Collegedale church adopted the Cambodian Mission as their foreign mission project. During February Wolf Jedamski spent some time in Cambodia to arrange further support projects

for the church to adopt. The Global Mission slogan "Healing The Killing Fields" took on many new meanings during the trip.

The actual fields where the Khmer Rouge murdered unknown thousands of their fellow Cambodians were visited. Everywhere you walk there are rotten pieces of clothing sticking out of the ground. It's hard

to describe emotions when all around you see pieces of human bones and teeth on the ground.

Blood stains are still on the floor of the classrooms which were turned into torture chambers of the former Phnom Penh High School that was turned into a prison by Pol Pot.

In another classroom at the mission several kilometers away, about 30 Cambodian lay pastors were taking seminars during an intensive worker's training event. It's ironic that they probably would not know Jesus nor be members of the Adventist Church had it not been for the brutal events in recent Cambodia history. It was in the refugee camps that some of these pastors found the message. Just a few years ago, when the Vietnamese left Cambodia after dethroning Pol Pot, the refugees streamed back into the country. Those who were converted in the camps began spreading the message wherever they settled. This was the beginning of the church in Cambodia.

Dan Walter, mission president, works day and night to keep up with the task of nurturing and creating the church. Dan is having to build the church from scratch with very few funds (the GC is able to provide only half the operating funds they need) and with brand new Christians fresh out of Buddhism. Most have never seen a Christian service, they even have to be taught how to do a Sabbath worship.

Thanks to the generosity of the Collegedale members, Khmer Bibles and an additional twenty bicycles, to be used for transportation by these workers, were purchased. It is evident they have very little except the Holy Spirit. Maybe that is why the church is exploding and growing so fast!

Volunteers are currently being recruited to join a team to build a church. The site has been picked in a safe secure area of the country near the Vietnam border where a vibrant group of new members are meeting in a thatched hut.

Wolf Jedamski



Wolf Jedamski presenting Khmer language Bibles donated by the Collegedale church to lay pastors in Cambodia.



mission on their new bicycles.

### Conference Brings Camp Meeting to the People

**Georgia-Cumberland—**"Take camp meeting to the people." That's the objective behind the four convo-

cations held February to April in the Conference.

"We want each member to feel vitally connected with the leadership and every other member in the Conference," says president Gordon Bietz. "I personally value these opportunities to



Georgia-Cumberland Academy choir and handbell choir provided part of the music at the south Georgia convocation.

learn and share."

These annual events are held in the four corners of the Conference: south Georgia, the Cumberland Plateau, northeast Tennessee, and the Atlantic coast. In most cases, area members provide most

of the music, coordinate fellowship dinners, and lead out in the children's Sabbath school divisions. More than 1,200 attended the three events held February and March.

George Powell

## Church Leaders Attend Retreat

### Southeastern—

"Get ready church, let's go home," was the theme for the Elders/Deacons Retreat March 29-31, at the Southeastern Conference campground, Hawthorne, Fla. Spearheaded by Roy Brown, ministerial secretary and coordinated by S. J. Jackson, approximately 300 elders, deacons, deaconesses, and their families spent a weekend filled with spiritual upliftment, enriching Christian fellowship, and delectable meals. Facilitators for the weekend were Alvin Kibble, president



Alvin Kibble addressed church leaders.

of Allegheny East Conference and Oliver J. McKinney, stewardship and ministerial director for the Southern Union Conference.

There were presentations on lay visitation, leadership instruction, and NET '96 and its impact.

M. Muganzo

## Activity Center Planned for Fletcher

**Carolina—**A two million dollar multi-purpose Activity Center is planned for the campus of Fletcher Academy. The 33,000 sq. ft. steel and masonry building will be located on Howard Gap Road between the Fletcher church and Fletcher Academy.

The proposed Activity Center, according to Gerald Nash, president of Fletcher Academy Inc., will have a 1,750 seat acoustically designed auditorium that

can accommodate lyceum programs, evangelistic meetings, and other convocations for the community. "For many years," Nash stated, "Fletcher has had to rent other facilities to accommodate community events."

This was the case at a recent Christmas program where the event had to be held at a nearby High School. Presently the Academy doesn't have facilities to accommodate these types of community events, nor is there a place for academy students to go for recreation in bad weather, which includes most of the winter months, according to Nash.

Academy planners had the entire family in mind when they designed this new state-of-the-art facility. It will have a fully equipped fitness center with a lap pool that meets inter-collegiate standards, Jacuzzi, and wading pool for small children. Memberships to the fitness center for both individual and families will be offered to community residents.

Under the direction of Ellen White, Fletcher was established to touch the lives of the people in the area. Having its start

in 1909, Fletcher is the oldest continuously operated self-supporting organization. Today Fletcher Academy Inc. operates Captain Gilmer School—grades K-8, Fletcher Academy—grades 9-12, a natural food store, a bakery, a commercial print shop, a commercial laundry, Fletcher Park Inn Retirement Center, a greenhouse for retail sales, and rental property which includes homes, medical offices, business office space, and a nursing home facility.

Ron Quick

## Church Sponsors Car Clinic for Women

**Carolina—**Women in the Columbia First church recently sponsored a "Car Emergency Clinic." Several men in the church who are gifted at working with cars, taught the women some basic knowledge in handling minor car emergencies.

In addition, they were taught some prevention techniques such as changing a flat tire, starting a car with a dead battery, checking oil, tires, radiator fluid, and battery.

Several women who attended the clinic commented that they were glad they had



Bill Scott instructs Elizabeth Dailey in car safety.

come. They felt they had learned a lot about their automobile, how to care for it, and steps they can take in the event of an emergency.

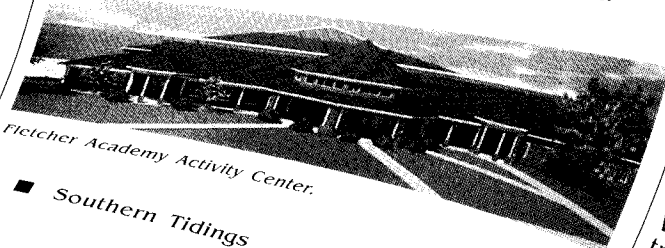
Teri Fowle

## McDonald Road Church Shares Truth On Internet

**Georgia-Cumberland—**In keeping with the command to use every means possible to spread the message 'like leaves of autumn,' McDonald Road church, along with 56 other churches worldwide, is utilizing the World Wide Web to present Adventist truths to homes with a computer and modem connection.

In recent months, more than 2,700 people took advantage of accessing information from McDonald Road

church's own private section (home page) on the Internet. Information includes sermons, activities of the church, and newsletters. A recent article to the "home line" of the



Fletcher Academy Activity Center.

related topics.

The Bible Study Collection contains a variety of Bible translations and study methods including "The Marked Word Bible Studies," by Gertrude "Grandma" Battle. You can also search E. G. White writings through this means.

To view these pages,

you need the World Wide Web access. The address is "http://www.southern.edu/people/mcdonald/sda.html." Other "search engines" can also be used to find the home page for McDonald Road and other churches.

Dean Saunders

## OC Hosts Breakfast

**Oakwood College—**In its continued efforts to build and maintain good community relations, Oakwood College for the second time, was host of a Chamber of Commerce breakfast on March 12. The event took place at the Von Braun Civic Center North Hall. Music was provided by the Oakwood String Ensemble.

Approximately 300 Chamber members attended the breakfast. Oakwood's president Benjamin F. Reaves

selected Adele C. Hall of Hallmark Cards Inc. as the featured speaker. As vice chair of the UNCF Board, Hall stressed the need for and support of Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Following the breakfast, she was given a tour of the campus at the end of which she spent nearly an hour in an informal meeting with several students who had remained on campus during spring break. Hall plans to return to Huntsville in the fall and visit the space center.

Roy E. Malcolm

## Couples Recommit to Marriage

**Kentucky-Tennessee—**The women's ministries department invited David White to present a family life seminar in the Paducah, Ky., church recently. Tim Peterson, pastor, followed up with a series of sermons entitled: "The Secrets of a Satisfying Marriage."

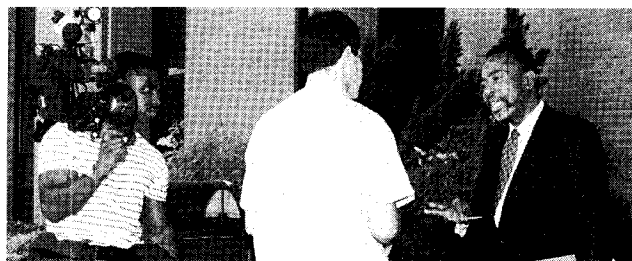
The series included a recommitment ceremony for the married couples. The church was decorated with bows, heartshaped candelabras, ferns and a unity candle. As the Wedding March began, ten beautiful brides, dressed in their finest with faces aglow, walked down the aisle to meet their hus-

bands. Peterson and his wife, Sylvia, led out in the recommitment ceremony, and Mark Stephens sang, "Heavenly Father Hear Our Prayer" to close the service.

At the reception, a beautiful two-tier wedding cake topped with the traditional bride and groom, graced the reception table. A wedding photograph was made of each couple.

Women's ministries can make dreams come true. For some of the couples, it was the church wedding they never had and for others, an opportunity to simply recommit their love. For all, it was a chance to say: "I'd do it over again."

June McIntosh



CINDY KURTZHALS

Eric Allen, (right), men's ministries director of the Maranatha church in Miami, shares his story with Ezra Marcus (center), a reporter for Orlando's NBC affiliate station, WESH-TV, and Darrell Hill, news photographer. Allen changed his ValuJet 592 flight because he was uncomfortable traveling on Sabbath.

## Adventists Cautious About God's Role in Accident

**Florida—**While the press reported some "miraculous" experiences that had caused people to miss the fatal May 11 crash of ValuJet Flight 592 in the Florida Everglades, at least two Adventist journalists cautioned against crediting God for saving some people and blaming Him for allowing others to die.

"I spend a lot of time trying to comfort grieving people," wrote James Coffin, pastor of the Markham Woods church, in *The Orlando Sentinel*. "I find that much of the talk about God that feels so good for a fortunate few, actually intensifies the pain of those not so fortunate."

He referred to the news report of one would-be passenger who'd had a flat tire on the way to the airport and consequently missed the ill-fated flight. Coffin asked readers if God could save one would-be passenger by flattening his tire and making him miss the flight, couldn't He have flattened dozens of other tires? Were others less worthy of God's help? Less important in His overall scheme?

"Crediting God with

narrow escapes often makes those whose loved ones didn't escape feel abandoned by God," observed Coffin.

The experience of a Miami family, some of them Seventh-day Adventists, who changed their flights to avoid Sabbath travel, also could have presented what Coffin described as God's seeming goodness and callousness.

Eighteen members of Eric Allen's family planned to fly to Atlanta and then drive to Tuskegee, Alabama, for a nephew's college graduation and a family reunion. They were originally booked on ValuJet Flight 592 on Saturday, May 11.

Allen, a member of Miami's Maranatha church, preferred to fly on Friday because he was uncomfortable traveling on Sabbath. All family members except one were able to change their flights. A 23-year-old nephew, Philmore Marks, died with 109 others in the crash.

The rest of Allen's family flew on ValuJet's Flight 592 from Miami to Atlanta on Friday. Ironically, during that flight, Eric recalls mentioning to his wife that perhaps it had not been wise for so many family members to be on the same plane.

Florida Conference notified selected media of Allen's experience. A

fact sheet prepared by Cindy Kurtzhals, Florida Conference communication director, noted, "We do not wish to say that just because Allen was a Seventh-day Adventist this was the reason that his life and others were spared."

Seventeen members of Allen's family realize

that they narrowly escaped death by changing their flight. At the same time they grieve for the loss of the young man who died, particularly his parents, Earl and Gwendlyn Marks, who attend the North Miami church.

Jane Marie Allen

## Adventists Help Sponsor Vacation for Bombing Survivors

**Florida**—The North American Division, Florida Hospital, Florida Hospital Foundation, Oklahoma Conference, Forest Lake Academy and many other generous businesses, brought 25 young survivors of the bombing of the Oklahoma City Federal Building to Florida for a week-long vacation. It was done as a Christ-like, understanding, humanitarian gesture and part of an on-going project to assist them in their grieving process.

Survivors were treated to a trip to Walt Disney World, a day at Wet 'n Wild, an evening at a unique Medieval-type restaurant called Arabian Nights, and VIP passes to a night space shuttle launch at Kennedy Space Center (KSC). "I'm from Oklahoma," said one boy. "Who would ever think I could see something like this."

Eleven-year-old Vanessa Moran, opened up to one of the project assistants, Donna Durske, the special events coordinator for Florida Hospital Orlando. Moran told Durske her grandmother died in the bombing. "She used to be the one who took care of me, now Jesus does."

The highlight of their stay was when they got to meet NASA astronauts at KSC. The astronauts

signed pictures, answered questions, and talked to the youngsters about how they felt when the space shuttle Challenger exploded a few years ago. Later, the children got front row seats to a night rocket launch.

Even with all the excitement, there are still reminders of what happened. One twelve-year-old girl literally carries the memory of her father with her every where she goes. "This was my baby blanket," she told Durske. "I carry it around all the time because my dad carried me home from the hospital in it."

One mother, who lost her husband in the explosion, was very thankful for the incredible amount of support they were receiving. "This is a wonderful opportunity for my family. My husband died in the bombing, and I would never be able to provide something like this."

The loving idea was that of Jeanne Edwardsen, an Adventist media consultant from California, who shared it with North American Division leaders. In the end, denominational organizations also partnered in the community with Continental Airlines and Holiday Inn.

Local television coverage, conveying a kind and positive picture of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, was carried on Central Florida's NBC and CBS affiliates, WESH-TV, Channel 2

and WCPX-TV, Channel 6. Media coverage was garnered by communication directors Betty Cooney of Greater New

York Conference and Cindy Kurtzhals, Florida Conference.

Donna Kostrub,  
Cindy Kurtzhals.

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## Youth

### Ephesus Junior Academy Takes Control

**South Atlantic—** Ephesus Junior Academy of Winston Salem, N.C., hosted Church School Rally Day March 16. This encompassed all of the Seventh-day Adventist parochial schools in South Carolina and North Carolina. A total of 12 schools and approximately 1000 students, teachers, parents, and other participants converged on Carver High School at 7:00 a.m. and stayed until 7:00 p.m.

The special rally day program began with a youth study emphasis, and continued into a divine worship hour. The speaker for the worship service was Ron Smith, Ph.D., family psychologist and pastor of Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist church in Manhattan, New York. He spoke on the subject of: The Importance of

Man To God and to Society. Ephesus Junior Academy was founded in Winston Salem in 1957. It first opened its doors in the basement of Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist church on the corner of Third and Dunleith. After having several locations such as: the old Emmanuel Baptist Church Education Building on the corner of 16th and Ivy, the old Brown Elementary School building on Highland Avenue, Edgewood Baptist church school facility on Highway 158, it moved to its current location at Cleveland and Thirteenth Street.

Ephesus Junior Academy is a Kindergarten through 8th grade facility. It has a current enrollment of 50 students. In addition to the Junior Academy, Ephesus recently opened a learning center for preschool aged children which is housed in a modular classroom unit.

Eva M. Wheeler

### ACA Goes Global

**Carolina—**Eleven youth from the Adventist Christian Academy in Charlotte, N.C., recently completed a mission trip to San Juan Opico, El Salvador. The trip, which was organized by Charlotte Sharon church youth pastor Jo Ottinger, took the 11 ACA youth, one youth from Elizabeth City, and six adult sponsors to a land far away. They joined four other academies from different areas of the U.S. there to build a home for the administrator of the local orphanage, Hogar Escuela Adventista. In addition to the building project, the youth provided a vacation Bible school program for the chil-

dren of San Juan Opico. The work was gruelling, the weather was hot, and the tension in the country could be felt by all. In fact, the collection of students and sponsors associated with the Maranatha project were awakened one morning by gunfire.

Ottinger reports that he was extremely proud of the youth who came from the Adventist Christian Academy. "I was really pleased to see how well our youth adapted to the ever-changing plans down in San Juan Opico. From the customs lines to the exiting taxes, they had a spirit of service that was shared with everyone they came in contact with.

Teri Fowle

### Ocala Shiloh Invests Youth

**Southeastern—** Parents, church members, counselors, and Conference representatives watched with pride as Shiloh Adventurers marched into the sanctuary for the long-anticipated Investiture Service. When Pathfinder director Denton Hamilton gave the command, the drum corps and candidates, clad in Class-A attire, marched into the sanctuary to the music of "Onward Christian

Soldiers." Then Conference coordinator Ivan Sankey and Martha Walker presented the seven candidates who had completed the course requirements.

During the afternoon program, the youth displayed honors and awards won at camporees. Martha Walker gave the vesper thought. She focused on the importance of proper diet and training of the children. She challenged parents to see that their children get involved before it is too late.

Willie L. Taylor

### Pathfinders Maintain Hectic Schedule

**Georgia-Cumberland—**The Conference Pathfinders began 1996 with a very busy schedule. January 19-21, the teens did a Discovery Canoeing Weekend at Camp Kulaqua with 154 participating. They canoed with all their equipment from one campsite to another for the second night of their trip.

February 16-18 a Teen Honors Weekend was conducted at Cohutta Springs. On Sabbath ten honors on nature and outreach were taught. Ten arts and crafts honors were taught to 164 teens on Saturday evening and

Sunday, making more than 900 honors earned by the various clubs in attendance. Andi Erwin, a Pathfinder council member, was in charge of the weekend.

The South Georgia Honors Weekend was held February 23-25 at Camp Patten under the direction of Lucille Mann. Honors in first aid, basic rescue, geology, and camping skills I, II, III, and IV were taught.

Who makes these weekends a reality? The Georgia-Cumberland Conference Pathfinder Executive Council has 19 individuals who meet regularly to review activities and policies as well as plan upcoming events.

Mary Lou Kirkham



Pathfinders enjoy the Discovery Canoeing weekend at Camp Kulaqua.

SHARON WICKHAM

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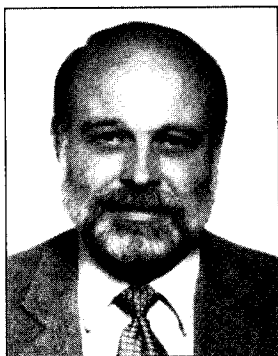
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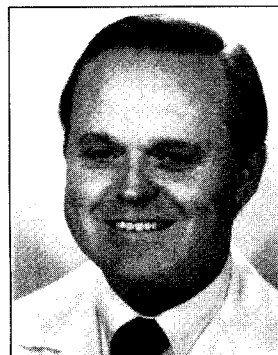
- **Obesity** Understand the type and causes of obesity, psycho-social issues, and various therapeutic options.
- **Lipidemia Management**  
Be able to evaluate various types of Lipidemia and recommend appropriate lifestyle and medical management.
- **Addictions, Including Tobacco**  
Review new understanding regarding the ideology of addictions and appropriate therapy.



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Dept of Endocrinology  
Loma Linda University

### TOPIC:

- **Incidental Findings** Review the significance of laboratory and physical findings unrelated to symptoms, and develop a rational approach to dealing with these.
- **Pituitary Problems**  
Review various symptoms and hormonal findings together with an approach to reaching a diagnosis.
- **Diabetes Review** Update on the types of diabetes and the new evidence for controlling progression.
- **Thyroid Update** Review the ideologies of thyroid problems with appropriate diagnostic and therapeutic approaches.



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### TOPIC:

- **TMD & Orofacial Pain** Discuss temporomandibular disease and various other causes of orofacial pain with appropriate therapeutic options.
- **Arm-Chair Perspectives on AIDS and AIDS-Related Lesions**  
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### TOPIC:

- **When and When Not to Use Topical Corticosteroids**  
Discussion of the value and risk of topical steroids with appropriate guidelines for use.

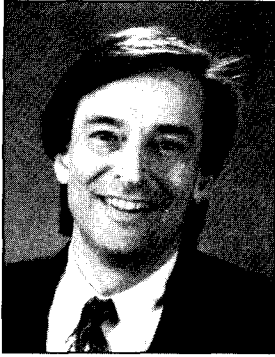


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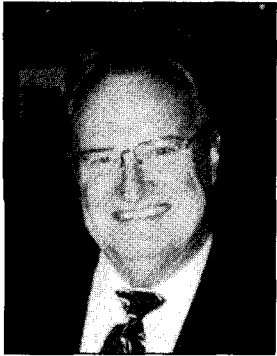
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**Clifford Goldstein**  
Editor, Liberty

**TOPIC:**

- **Conversion Story**  
Friday, 7:00 p.m.
- **The Plan of Salvation and the Gospel**  
Sabbath, 11:00 a.m.
- **Religious Liberty**  
Last Day Events  
Open Discussion  
Sabbath, 3:00 p.m.



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- **Sabbath Vespers/Banquet 6:00 p.m.**  
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# Blueprint for the 21st Century in Progress

by Homer Trecartin

**W**ith an abrupt and unexpected surge the stubborn piece of scaffolding jerked into place. Instantly, I felt a rush, though not one of pleasure, but of the blood throbbing in my thumb. I had been busy trying to keep up with 80 people all doing a variety of volunteer tasks. Most of my time had been spent ordering supplies and directing a multitude of activities. Now, finally I had the chance to grab a hammer and get some hands-on action. Even though I lost a thumb nail, I did nail down some roofing along side several retired workers who set a stiff pace.

During two weeks in May, 110 Maranatha volunteers joined with Georgia-Cumberland Academy staff and students to kick off a major campus-wide renovation program. In addition to Maranatha volunteers, helpers came with Ron Follett from Dunlap, Tennessee; and a group of young people from Duluth came with their youth pastor, Amy Beckworth. Even Conference president Gordon Bietz brought his father-in-law and worked together with Art Moffit, a brick mason from Chattanooga, Tennessee, who was volunteering his time.

Seventy to 80 people can do a lot of work a day. "They can also eat a lot," says Glynda Dick, GCA food service director, "even if their average age is 70." Feeding that many extra people meant serving six meals a day. But the cafeteria staff had help from a number of Maranatha ladies. They even managed to put on a beautiful banquet for the volunteers.

"In spite of their age, these people really knew how to work," observed John Thomas, GCA principal. "I was amazed to see some of them start roofing at 6:00 a.m. in order to avoid the heat, and then continue to work all day to get more done."

Bill Henderson, a retired cabinet maker living in Carrollton, Georgia, headed up a crew that restored all the cabinets in both dormitories. New drawers were built, scratches were stained, trim was replaced, and other repairs were



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More than \$60,000 of renovation costs was saved because Maranatha volunteers worked on the campus of GCA during two hot weeks in May. Deward Edgmon from Calhoun, Ga., and Fred Sindorf from Palo Cedro, Calif., study the blueprint of one of the faculty homes.



PENNY WHITE

Mae and Eddy Gober, members of the Cumberland Heights church in Coalmont, Tenn., worked at a variety of jobs to help with campus improvements.

completed. The cabinets look nice and will be quite serviceable until new ones can be installed.

Coming from Oregon, Mel Derby kept the painters busy as they painted the entire bottom floor of the boys' dorm, the chapel, and the trim on all of the faculty homes. Another Oregonian ran the large forklift we had rented and kept everyone supplied with materials. One man tuned the pianos on campus. A woman from Canada helped the grounds department. A man from Michigan, with experience in concrete, formed and poured a driveway, a patio, and slabs for sheds. Several of the volunteers teamed up and built seven storage sheds for faculty families.

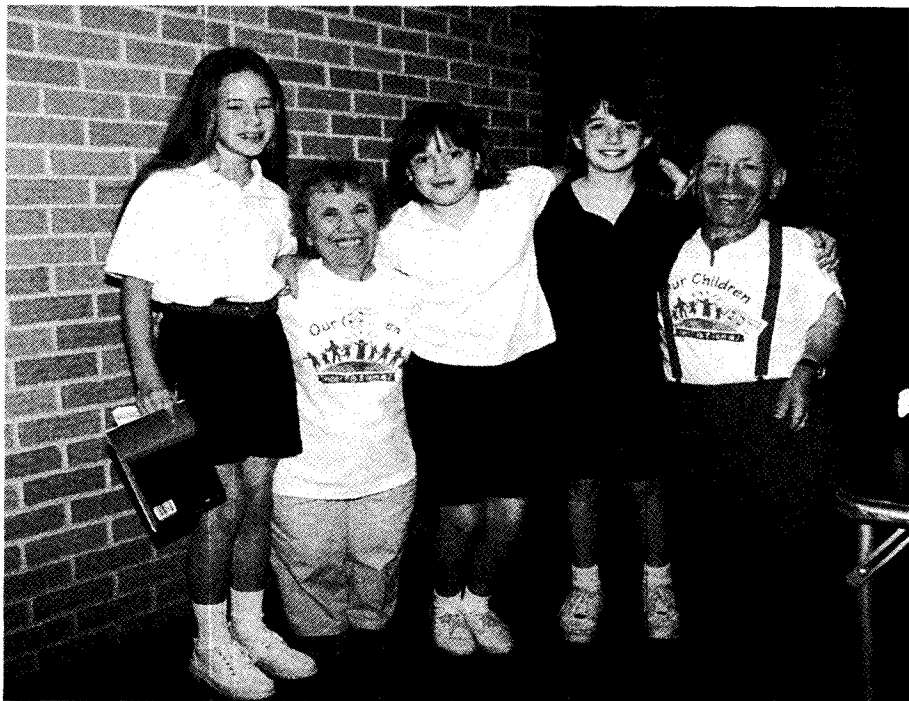
The bulk of the Maranatha group spent each day working on two new faculty homes. In less than two weeks they completed construction to where the doors and windows were in, the sheathing was on, the rough electrical almost complete, and each roof finished. In addition, two existing homes also received a new roof, each.

The total amount of work completed was amazing. But the best



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Georgia-Cumberland Academy has given 30 years of quality education. A beautiful campus lets our students and staff know how much we value them.



Tena and George Baehm took time to visit Coble Elementary School. Pictured with the Baehms are three fourth graders—Jerica Moore, Elizabeth Cargile, and Heather Tucker.

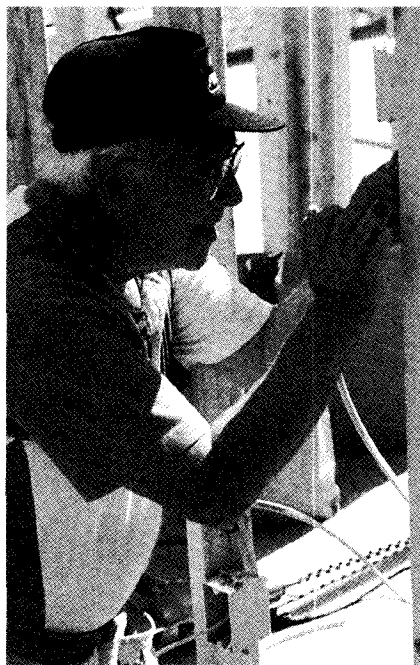
part was the fellowship the workers demonstrated in their morning and evening worships, and the way they took an interest in the academy and its young people. George and Tena Baehm were exceptional in that respect. They are "little people" from New York City. Since their retirement they've participated in several Maranatha projects around the world, but this was their first in the United States. They didn't let their size stop them from working hard at painting, cleaning, and repairing benches. Wherever they went they had a ready smile and some friendly words to share. In the evenings, they would often be in the dorms visiting with students. On Friday evening they presented the vespers program for the volunteer workers, the academy staff, and the students. They sang songs, shared their testimony, showed a video of how they handle some of the difficulties of life (like reaching things on the top shelf at the grocery store), and encouraged students and staff to commit their lives to God and to let Him help them rise above whatever problems life may bring.

We praise God for the sweet influence that still lingers on our campus as a result of Maranatha volunteers. We also rejoice in the many things that were accomplished, and look forward with eager anticipation to the completion of our campus renovation. We believe there will be people in Heaven as a result of the caring sacrifices made by these volunteers as well as by those who have donated and

those who are pledging the needed funds to make this capital improvement project possible.

On August 24, Georgia-Cumberland constituents will have an opportunity to participate in a conference-wide offering to support Georgia-Cumberland Academy's *Blueprint for the 21st Century* campaign. The future of our young people depends on our investment today. ■

*Homer Trecartin is director of Industrial Development for Georgia-Cumberland Academy.*



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Although busy studying for finals during the last two weeks of the school year, students at GCA volunteered their time along with academy staff and the Maranatha team to help renovate the campus.

◀ Elmer Leno from Centerville, Ohio, worked diligently with his crew to get the houses wired.

# CALENDAR

August

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## Carolina

**Spanish Camp Meeting**—Aug. 2-4. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

**Summer LE Rally**—Aug. 8-11. Nosoca Pines Ranch. **Adventurer/Pathfinder Leadership Convention**—Aug. 16-18. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

**Carolina Conference and Association Quadrennial Session**—Aug. 22-25. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

**Family Vacation**—Aug. 29-Sept. 2. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

**Pathfinder Field Day**—Sept. 8. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

**Hispanic Women's Retreat**—Sept. 13-15. Nosoca Pines Ranch. Speaker: Adly Campos.

**Women's Retreat**—Sept. 20-22. Nosoca Pines Ranch. Guests: Rose Otis, Hazel Gordon, Lawanna Williams, Adly Campos, Penny Estes Wheeler, David Beamish, Marilyn Justesen, Jolynne Hawthorne Gibson, Terrie Ruff, Ann Pendleton, and Beth Grissom.

**Eastern Carolina Youth Rally**—Sept. 20, 21. Raleigh church.

**Eastern Carolina Camp Meeting**—Sept. 27-29. Oak Island, N.C. Speaker: Ron Halvorsen. Musicians: David Pitt and Jennifer Lauletta.

**NET '96**—Several Carolina churches. Oct. 5-Nov. 9.

## Florida

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

### Evangelistic Meetings

July 5-Aug. 10. St Augustine. Lester and Zula Pratt and Roy and Amy Pauley.

July 13-Aug. 17. Interlachen. Bob and Mary Goransson.

July 27-Aug. 19. Brandon Spanish. Jose and Ofelia Fuentes.

Aug. 3-Sept. 14. Cocoa. Bill and Cora Waters.

Aug. 10-Sept. 28. Starke. Art and Margo Swaningson.

Aug. 24-Sept. 28. Northwest Dade. Bill and Marilyn Bornstein and Lorraine Bullis.

Aug. 31-Oct. 5. Wimauma Spanish. Robert and Mary Goransson.

**Adventist Singles Ministries Fellowship Dinners**

Aug. 3. Florida Hospital.

Aug. 10. Forest Lake and West Palm Beach First.

Aug. 24. Kress Memorial.

**Young Adult Sailing Expedition to Bahamas. (Ages 18-35)**—Aug. 4-11. Details: Youth/Young Adult Ministries (407) 644-5000 ext. 129.

**Forest Lake Academy. General Registration**—Aug. 11. School begins Aug. 12.

**Greater Miami Academy. Registration**—Aug. 11. School begins Aug. 13.

**K-10 Schools Open**—Aug. 15.

**Hispanic Convention (Campestre Hispano)**—Aug. 17. James L. Knight Convention Center, Miami.

**Unsealing Daniel's Mysteries**—Aug. 23. ACN.

Speaker: Mark Finley. See your local pastor for details.

**Natural Lifestyle Cooking School**—Aug. 25.

ACN. Speakers: Mark and Teenie Finley. See your local pastor for details.

**Pathfinder Leadership Convention**—Aug. 23-25. Camp Kulaqua.

**Family Camp**—Aug. 30-Sept. 2. Camp Kulaqua.

**Spanish Language Men's Congress**—"Men of God" Sept. 6, 7. Greater Miami Academy.

**Tenth Annual Community Services Retreat**—Sept. 13-15. Camp Kulaqua.

**Pathfinder Reveille (Friend)**—Sept. 13-15. Camp Kulaqua.

**Pathfinder-Island Navigator**—Sept. 13-15. Marathon Key.

**First Florida Singles Conference**—Sept. 13-15. Camp Kulaqua. Spiritual program, recreation, and social. Preregistration and payment required. Details: (407) 644-5000 ext. 123.

**Women's Ministries Directors' Workshop**—Sept. 20-22. Pine Lake Retreat Center, Groveland.

**Marriage Commitment Seminar**—Oct. 11-13. Camp Kulaqua. "Helping Good Marriages To Be Better" Preregistration and payment required. Details: (407) 869-8106, (407) 644-5000 ext. 123.

**Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (A.S.I.) Rally**—Sept. 28. Ft. Lauderdale. Details: (407) 644-5000 ext. 133.

## Georgia-Cumberland

**Pathfinder Leadership Convention**—Aug. 16-18. Cohutta Springs. Preregistration required.

**First Day of School**—Aug. 19.

**Hispanic Convocation**—Aug. 30-Sept. 1. Cohutta Springs.

**Peachtree City, Ga. Church 20th Anniversary Celebration**—Aug. 30, 31.

**Professional and Business Retreat**—Sept. 20, 21. Cohutta Springs.

**Retired Workers' Retreat**—Oct. 3-6. Cohutta Springs.

### Evangelistic Meetings

Aug. 2. Jasper, Tenn. Pieter Barkhuizen.

Aug. 9. Macon, Ga. Wendell Stover.

Sept. 6. Crossville, Tenn. Harold Turner.

Oct. 11-13. Cohutta Springs. Young Adult Retreat.

### Church Dedication

Aug. 24. First Atlanta Hispanic.

Sept. 7. Atlanta Metropolitan.

## Gulf States

**Pathfinder/Youth Ministry Convention**—Aug. 2-4. Camp Alamisco.

**Conference Executive Committee**—Aug. 4. Camp Alamisco.

**Ministers' Meeting**—Aug. 4-7. Camp Alamisco.

**Literature Evangelists' Summer Rally**—Aug. 8-10. Camp Alamisco.

**Registration**—Aug. 11. Bass Memorial Academy.

**Junior Academy Bible Conference**—Sept. 12-15. Camp Alamisco.

**Retirees' Retreat**—Sept. 22-25. Camp Alamisco.

### Camp Meetings

Aug. 16, 17. Birmingham.

Aug. 23, 24. Panama City.

Sept. 20, 21. N. Mississippi.

## Kentucky-Tennessee

**Association and Executive Committee**—July 23. Conference Office.

**Literature Evangelist Retreat**—Aug. 8-11. Indian Creek Camp.

**Ministers' Meeting**—Aug. 11-14. Indian Creek Camp.

**Elementary School Begins**—Aug. 19.

**TCMC Board**—Aug. 27.

**BPF Retreat**—Aug. 30-Sept. 2. Indian Creek Camp.

**Church Officers Training**

Aug. 17. Manchester, Ky.

Aug. 24. Paducah, Ky.

**Officers Town Hall Meeting**

Aug. 27. Manchester, Ky.

Aug. 28. Ashland, Ky.

Aug. 29. Bowling Green, Ky.

## South Atlantic

**Deacon Day**—Aug. 24. East Market street church, Greensboro.

N.C. Speaker: Booker Rice.

**Community Guest Day**—Sept. 7.

Ephesus church, Winston-Salem.

N.C. Speaker: Barry Black.

## Oakwood College

**Lyceum Series**

Sept. 26. Music Grads. 8:00 p.m.

Oct. 5. Pine Forge Choir. 8:00 p.m.

**Motivational Lecture**—Oct. 24-26. Mae C. Jemison, M.D., Astronaut.

## Southern College

**Academic Schedule**

July 29-Aug. 23. SmartStart for new students. Fourth summer session. Call 1-800-SOUTHERN for more information.

Aug. 26, 27. Registration for Fall Semester.

Aug. 28. Classes begin.

**Vespers**

Aug. 6. Tony Mavrakos.

Aug. 9. Wilma McClarty.

Aug. 16. Concert.

Aug. 23. Victor Czerkasij.

Aug. 30. Don Sahly.

## Southern Union

**Community Services Workshop**—Sept. 5-7. Cohutta Springs.

**Union Session**—Sept. 8-10. Knoxville.

**Medical/Dental Congress**—Sept. 12-14. Gatlinburg.

**Union Camporee**—Sept. 25-29. Cherokee, N.C.

**NET '96. "Discoveries in Prophecy: Beyond 2000—How to Thrive in Difficult Times"**

Oct. 5-Nov. 9. Forest Lake Academy, Apopka.

**Celebration of Family Recovery**—Sept. 20-22. Madison Academy. Details: (615) 865-0300, ext. 4500. Retreat is for Adventist addicts, codependents, families and friends.

## Out of Union

**Union College Academy/College View Academy Alumni Weekend**—Oct. 11-13. De-

tails: (402) 488-6751.

**Campion Academy Homecoming**—Oct. 18, 19. Details: (970) 667-5592.

**Service Station, International Children's Care Family Mission Trip**—Nov. 24-30. Baja, Mexico. Volunteers needed to build orphanage. Details: (208) 459-8522.

**Sunnydale Academy 50th Alumni Reunion**—Oct. 18-20. Centralia, Mo. Details: (573) 682-2164.

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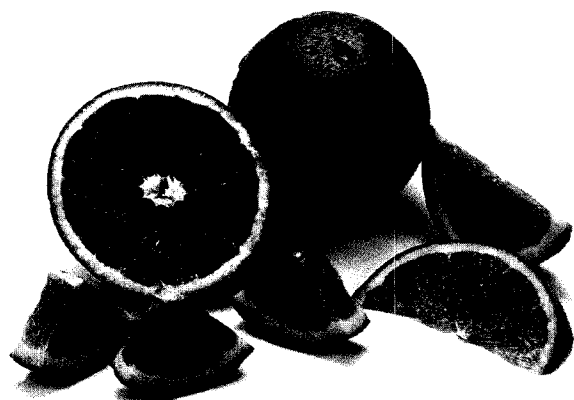
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Charleston, S.C.	8:17	8:11	8:03	7:55	7:47	7:38
Charlotte, N.C.	8:24	8:17	8:09	8:01	7:51	7:42
Collegedale, Tenn.	8:43	8:36	8:28	8:20	8:11	8:01
Huntsville, Ala.	7:47	7:40	7:33	7:24	7:15	7:05
Jackson, Miss.	7:57	7:51	7:43	7:35	7:27	7:18
Louisville, Ky.	8:51	8:43	8:34	8:25	8:14	8:04
Memphis, Tenn.	8:01	7:54	7:46	7:38	7:28	7:19
Miami, Fla.	8:06	8:01	7:55	7:48	7:41	7:34
Montgomery, Ala.	7:42	7:35	7:28	7:20	7:12	7:03
Nashville, Tenn.	7:51	7:43	7:35	7:26	7:16	7:07
Orlando, Fla.	8:14	8:08	8:02	7:55	7:47	7:39
Wilmington, N.C.	8:11	8:05	7:57	7:49	7:40	7:30

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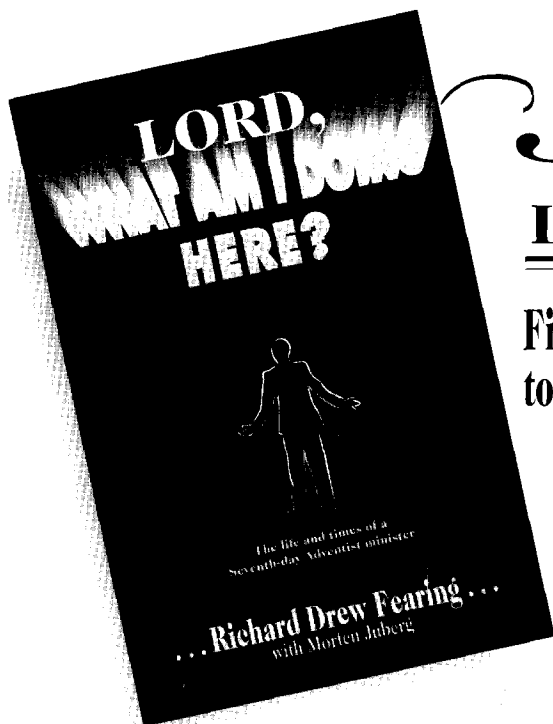
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# Heartbeat '96 in Centerville

by P. William Dysinger, MD, MPH  
Coordinator of Heartbeat '96



**D**an Matthews, via ACN down-link, opened the Heartbeat '96 Seminar May 21 to an expectant audience gathered in the Martin Memorial Adventist church in Centerville, Tennessee. There were 66 participants who, via computer, had just received results of their individual computer generated heart disease risk analysis, and were anxiously waiting to hear the interpretation. All 66 participants stated that the seminar met their expectations. Ninety-six percent committed to repeat their participation next year if Heartbeat is repeated.

There were many exciting and innovative aspects of Heartbeat '96. One of the most unusual was the fact that questions asked from the

the many different efforts this small congregation uses to make itself known in the community. Other recent activities include an International evening each quarter, a 10-session health education series last fall, and a community based smoking cessation program held in cooperation with the American Lung Association. Heartbeat '96 was cosponsored by the local hospital. It provided the facility for screening and blood drawing and allowed their telephone operators to make the appointments.

The community was enthusiastic about the program. The largest local bank and a nursing home agreed to pay the entire fee for their employees to participate in Heartbeat '96. A paid advertise-

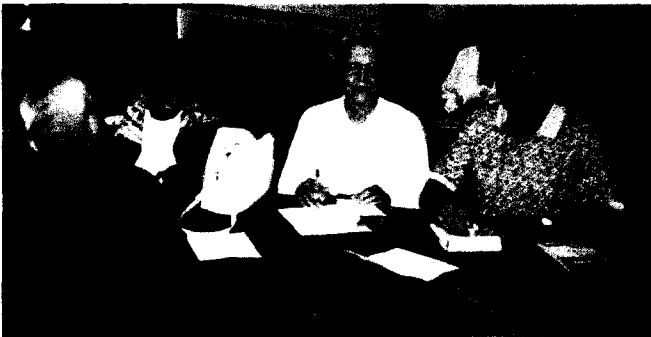
ment was placed in the local newspaper and this same paper had two news stories and three different public service announcements. The local radio station also sponsored a number of public service spot announcements.

The benefits of Heartbeat '96 are numerous. (1) A great deal of scientific credibility and name recognition was realized. (2) Fifty-six out of the 66 participants were not members of the Adventist church. (3) Strong interest for future programs was generated. (4) It was an excellent demonstration of the power and capability of satellite television.

The Martin Memorial church believes that many more people will be willing to attend NET '96 because of this positive experience with Heartbeat '96.

The Adventist Communication Network and the Adventist Health Network are providing much needed and appreciated assistance to such small rural churches as the Martin Memorial church.

Positive comments heard were: "The seminar made me realize I need to do something about my weight and diet." Another expressed appreciation for "the information and challenge to do better." One person stated, "I learned about things I have not thought about before." Others simply said, "Everything was great," or that they "liked it all." A local practicing doctor who attended the seminar said it all when he stated, "It couldn't have been better." ■



The reception/registration area. Church members Charles and Ruth Harris were manning this station at this time. All screening was done by appointment.

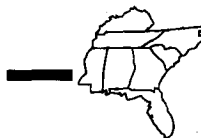


The screening clinic room was a busy place. Tony Kelley, pastor, actively assisted the program and is pictured at the left. All screening was done by local Adventist church members. The facility was provided by the Baptist Hickman Community Hospital.



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### Confidential Prayer Box

Sam Martz, president of Cedars of Lebanon, Inc., has visited many churches from coast to coast. He felt there was a need for better communication between church members and the pastor. He indicated the difficulty pastors had in providing the greatest service possible in helping and praying for individuals unless he had a knowledge of their real needs. Many others he found were hurting and had such serious problems they did not want others to know about, but would like to have the pastor knowledgeable so that he could pray for their particular needs. Notice his testimony regarding how he was inspired to develop the confidential prayer box.

"I was ill and in the hospital recovering from a serious case of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. While praying for the Lord's help in my own recovery, I pondered on ideas of how I could be of service to others. The idea came to me of the 'Pastor's Confidential Prayer Chest' which would enable the pastors to help and encourage untold numbers of their own congregation.

"In testing out this program, the response has been tremendous. Pastors tell us that it helps them to know who needs a personal visit. With the pastor having the only key, individuals tell us they are more willing to share their private burdens and request the pastor's attention. They also have the comfort and assurance that the pastor is praying for their specific problems.

"It is our prayer that this program will be a great tool in helping save many souls for the kingdom, and help in finishing the work." (Sam Martz)

The Pastor's Confidential Prayer Request Box is a beautiful work of art made of cedar wood with solid brass hinges and lock. The beauty and workmanship of this lovely cedar box is outstanding, but even more importantly it provides a way for confidential prayer needs to be brought to the pastor's attention. In these last days, more than ever, we need to avail ourselves of the tremendous power of prayer. I believe that this prayer box should be in every one of our churches as well as other places such as conference offices, schools, and hospitals.

Please note the following words from our General Conference president, Robert S. Folkenberg:

"Let me take a few minutes to say

a few words of appreciation for the beautiful cedar prayer request boxes which you so kindly gave to me. First, I want to commend you for the concept behind this project, which encourages pastors and members to be in an attitude of prayer; in addition, it keeps encouraging intercessory prayer for others. Thank you for a project which keeps these prayer attitudes alive.

"Secondly, I want to compliment you on the skillful workmanship of the boxes. They are beautiful and professionally done. They would be an attractive addition to any chapel, church lobby, or pastor's study.

May God bless you as you expand this ministry."

Here are some comments from a pastor:

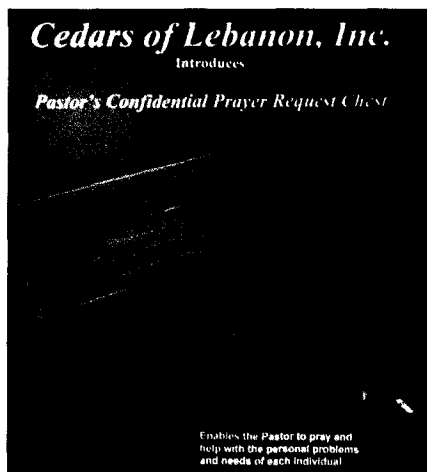
"In my 35 years of pastoring, I have never seen a tool more effective for ministry than the Pastor's Confidential Prayer Box. I have had mine only three weeks but have received more than 100 prayer requests, comments, and letters of appreciation. Many of our people have spoken to me personally as to how much they appreciate my sensitivity to their desire for confidentiality. Every pastor or spiritual leader in the world should have one of these where people can share their heart and know that only God and their spiritual leader knows. I pray God will make it possible for you to distribute these around the world."

I sincerely hope that this aid to prayer will be used throughout the length and breadth of the Southern Union. If you would like further information please write to Cedars of Lebanon, Inc., 498 E. Park Street, Gallatin, TN 37166, or phone 615/847-3770.

Yours for faithfulness in prayer,

*M. D. Gordon*

President, Southern Union Conference



# I WISH ABOVE ALL THINGS THAT YOU BE IN GOOD HEALTH

3 John: 2

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on your calendar.**

A great prayer conference will be uplinked from Orlando, Florida, at 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. EDT. This is a 90-minute program with guest musicians and a special message by Charles Bradford, retired General Conference Vice President. Also scheduled are a youth pastor and two teen-age workers.

We stand at the brink of the greatest evangelistic effort in the history of the Adventist Church. But if there aren't spiritual resources, this is only empty technology.

Pray for the success of NET '96 and watch for the Prayer Conference on Sabbath, September 14.

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