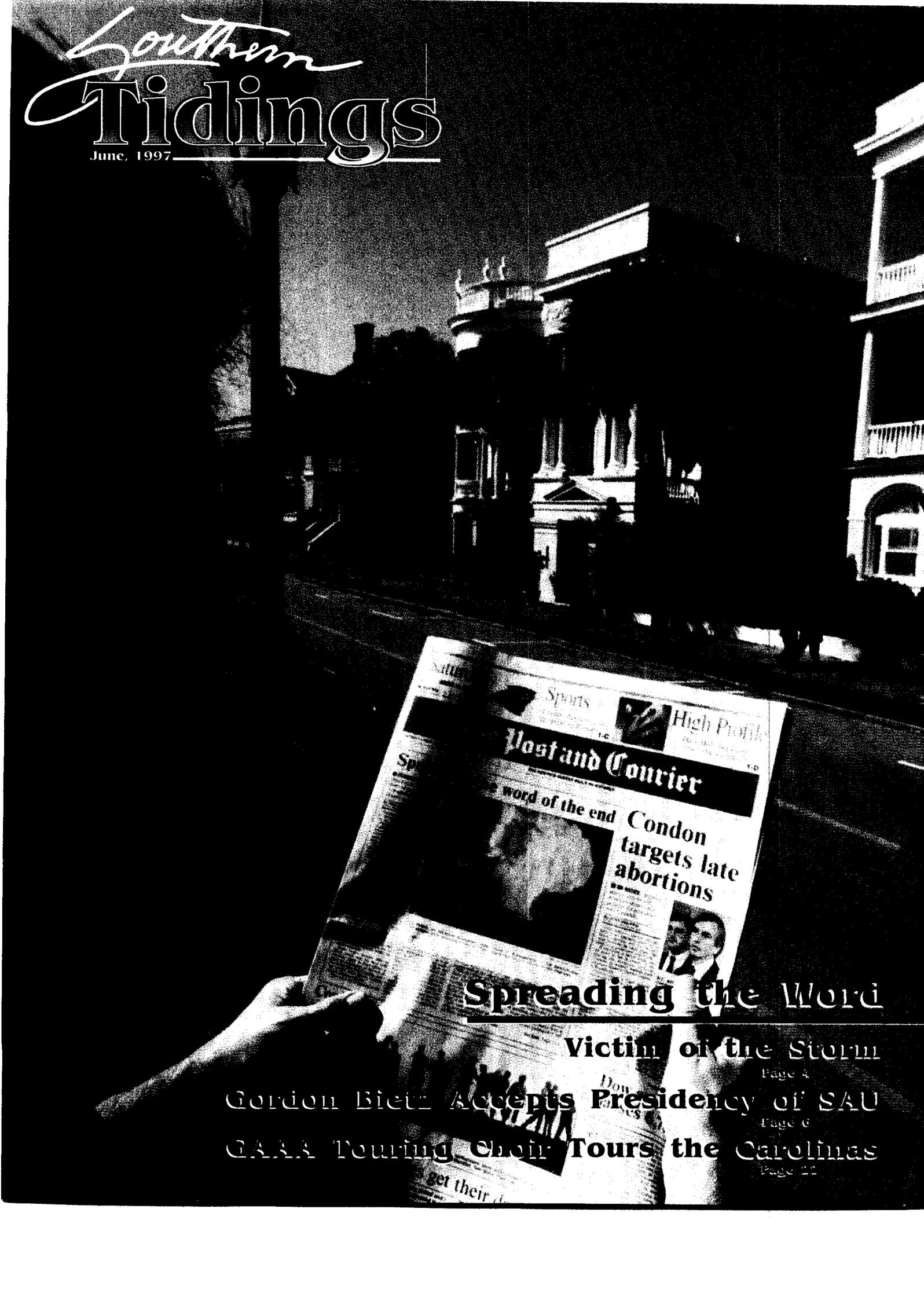


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Spreading the Word

by Ron Quick

When Charleston residents picked up their morning paper, they read the front page headline that proclaimed the "end-time." The sub-head read . . . **"EVANGELIST IN TOWN: Dale Pollett warns that many of the signs of the Armageddon have already appeared."**

What got the attention of the newspaper reporter were the television commercials that were produced for the event. The television spots told the viewers that, **"Christ said that 20 events would take place before His return . . . 19 of those events have already happened."** The 30-second spot, which was produced by the Carolina Conference communication department, ran in prime time and saturated the Charleston area just prior to the evangelistic event.

When the religion editor from the newspaper called the church pastor, Ken Crawley, he wanted to know what in the world was going on at the Adventist church. "I see

your ad all over television." The reporter mentioned, "The commercials state that the world is coming to an end; What's going on at your church?" Pastor Crawley told the excited reporter, Eric Frazier, about the meetings. Plus, Crawley mentioned that since Dale Pollett is in such great demand, Charleston was really fortunate to have him at this time.

The reporter was there opening night, Friday, January 10. While Frazier was taking notes and interviewing several of the people, the photographer who accompanied the reporter was working to get just the right shot. What Pollett and Crawley thought would be a small story, buried on the religion page, turned out to be front page with bold headline reading, **"Spreading the word of the end."** The next morning every newsstand carried the story with a color picture of the evangelist. Behind Pollett, projected on the giant screen, is a picture of what looks like a nuclear blast. On opening night nearly 500 visitors came to the Adventist church

to attend one of the two sessions of **Preludes to Armageddon.**

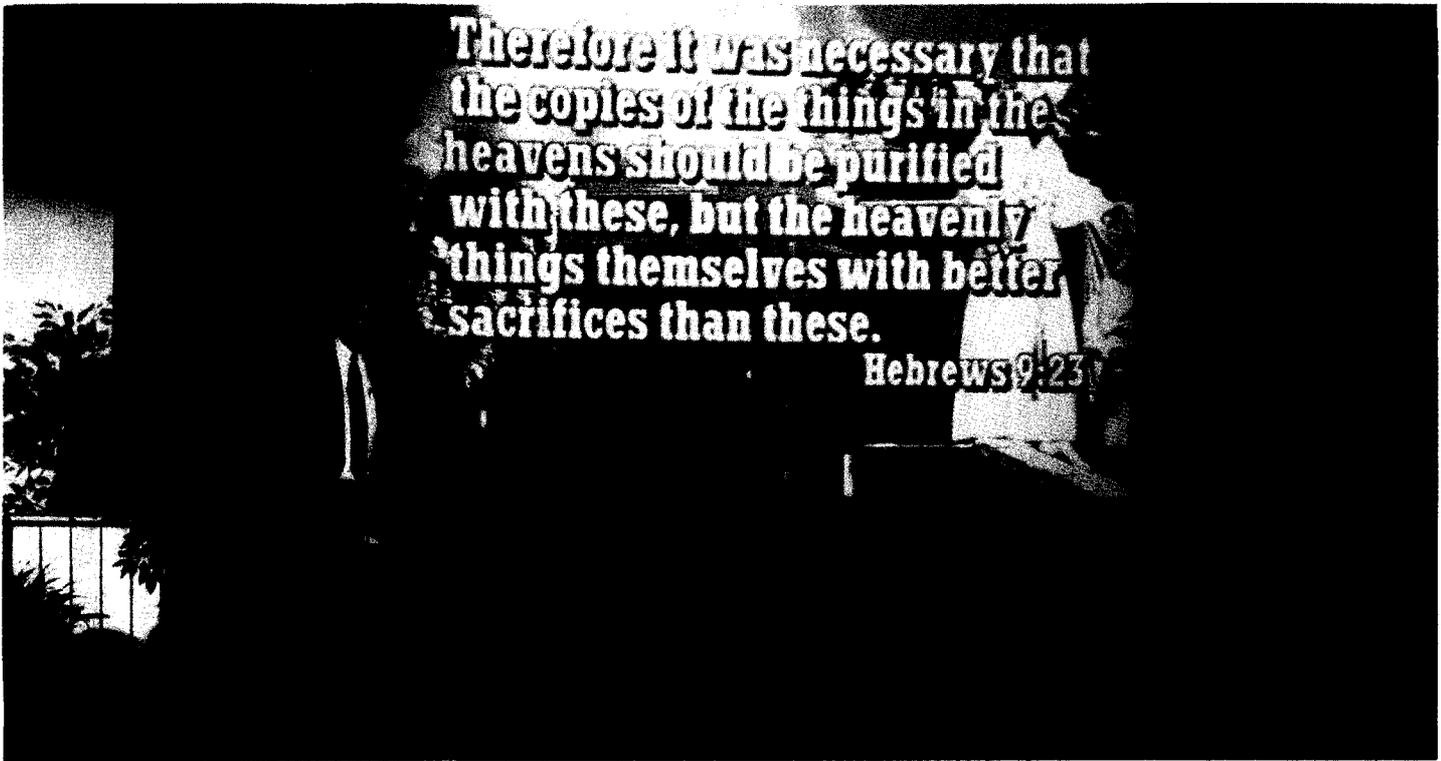
Charleston readers read a very favorable account in their morning paper of the evangelistic event going on at the Adventist church.



Costs are held down by producing television commercials in-house. Conference communication staff prepare evangelist Dale Pollett for a new television commercial.

While Clara was flipping through the channels she came across a commercial about prophecy meetings. She and her husband Jim were in attendance that very night. Jim, a general contractor, and his wife Clara were baptized and are very excited that they have found the answers they were looking for.





Pollett spoke to a packed house of visitors.

Frazier began his article:

"Raymond Gilliard sat patiently in the back of the church, waiting for the presentation to begin. During the next two hours, vivid pictures of nuclear explosions, natural disasters and famine-stricken children would flash across the giant screen at the front of the sanctuary.

Though Gilliard isn't a member of any church, the 45-year-old Army retiree sat through it all in rapt attention.

"I figured I'd come and see," he said. "I like things like this."

He was one of 285 people who squeezed into the Seventh-day Adventist church on Savannah Highway Friday night for the first session of "Preludes to Armageddon," a two-hour lecture and slide show by Carolina evangelist Dale Pollett. Another 180 or more folks showed up for the second session later that night.

The turnout was so heavy that the parking lot couldn't handle all the cars, and church officials requested police help with the traffic. Ushers had to break out the metal folding chairs to handle the crowd overflow."

Advertising Facts

To promote this evangelistic event the church mailed 50,000 color brochures; and then another 5,000 brochures were distributed by church members. In addition to newspaper and radio advertising, the church purchased television time. Prime time spots ran on the Fox network during programs such as Melrose Place. Also cable time purchased on CNN, Headline News and ESPN proved to be a good investment. ■

Cover: All around Charleston folks picked up the morning paper and read about the "Prophecy" meetings at the Adventist church.

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Victim of the Storm

by Patricia Foster

What is it like to be in a tornado? What do you do?

March 29 at approximately 1:00 a.m., Kim Beck's neighborhood in Chattanooga, Tennessee, was hit by 150-mile per hour winds. Kim is a social worker at the Samaritan Center (Adventist Community Services Center) in Ooltewah, Tennessee. This is her story:

It's a night I'll never forget. As I recall the events of that evening, I remember our lights going out and hearing a loud roar as if an airplane was going to land on our home. Gary, my husband, said it was hail hitting our windows and breaking them. We immediately fell to the floor, and I lay there praying, trembling, and holding my little dog.

My husband wanted to see what was going on, but I was too frightened to move. After looking outside, he exclaimed, "Kim, our whole neighborhood is gone. I've got to see about our neighbors."

When I first glanced through the broken window, the scene looked like a bomb had exploded. Homes were totally destroyed. Trees were uprooted. Shingles, rafters, glass and siding were scattered everywhere. I heard hissing from a broken gas line. Someone was screaming, "Please help me." A lone dog covered in black grease stood shivering in the pouring rain among piles of rubble and a transformer from a telephone pole.

I immediately called the gas company on my cellular phone because of the broken line. As I spoke on the phone, I watched as a train of ambulances and rescue vehicles approached my neighborhood to assist where moments before all was quiet.

As daylight approached, I was amazed how many people came to help. While picking up some personal belongings in my yard, I noticed items from others whose lives had been victimized by the storm. I saw pages of a school album, a piece of a stick pin, parts of toys, various pieces of books, and an old picture that looked to be from the late 1800s. I'd experienced a couple of "disasters" in my lifetime, but nothing in comparison to the devastation of the tornado.

As I looked around at those helping, I really saw "who my neighbors were." I watched as employees from the Coca-Cola Company handed out water. I saw workers from Subway and a pizza restaurant providing food. I felt proud to be part of an organization like the Samaritan Center as volunteers delivered boxes, bags, food, and comfort kits to victims. I noticed the Red Cross and Salvation Army setting up posts. I saw individuals from the electric power board working feverishly to restore power. I observed as police and rescue teams manned the area and helped where they could. The list goes on. . . .

I'm usually the one who assists when a disaster strikes. This time I was a victim, and I thanked God for the people who gave of themselves with their prayers, time, and donations.



SUSAN MONK

The community response with donated clothing, furniture, and other household items was overwhelming. In addition to the Adventist Samaritan Center's regular operations volunteers, more than 120 community residents volunteered to pick up debris, distribute information flyers, pick up and deliver furniture, and sort through mountains of donated clothing.



Kim and Gary Beck had major structural damage sustained to their home.



EMIKO MIYAGI

Approximately 60 students from Chattanooga's Baylor School picked up metal roofing and other debris for farmers in the Lead Mine Valley Road area of Bradley County.

Of the 13 confirmed tornado touchdowns on March 29, those in Hamilton County caused the most damage. Fifty houses and 18 townhouses were destroyed. Another 600 homes were damaged. Total damage was estimated at \$45 million. Homes and apartments in the Hickory Valley area of Chattanooga, Tennessee, were among those that sustained the most damage. Kim and Gary live in this neighborhood.



JAMES AKMAN

"Stand-Alone" Revelation Seminars Originator Retires

compiled by Cindy Kurtzhals

Harry Robinson, originator of the widely used "stand-alone" adaptation of the Revelation Seminars, and Jean, his wife, recently retired. Robinson served the Seventh-day Adventist worldwide for 40 years, most recently as pastor of the South Orlando church since 1990.

The seminar approach to teaching the Bible and the book of Revelation has an interesting history found in the *Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia*, Vol. 11, p. 443-445, in the two sections on Revelation Seminars and Revelation Seminars (Seminars Unlimited).

This concept of evangelism began in "exchange of ideas between John Coltheart, Northern European Division ministerial secretary, and George Knowles, evangelist at the New Gallery Centre (church) in London, England, in 1969." In 1975, 22 years ago, the first *It Is Written* Revelation Seminar with George Vandeman and George Knowles was hosted in San Diego, California. The Revelation Seminar concept was first suggested by Knowles who had experimented with a classroom-type approach in England and Canada before he became Vandeman's associate. Finding Vandeman had so many requests to conduct soul-winning reaping meetings, he suggested that instead of spending weeks in a city, Vandeman could conduct one-day seminars. *It Is Written* television viewers could meet local pastors there and attend follow-up seminars in nearby towns and cities.

Vandeman and Knowles worked by satellite downlink and personal appearances in conference rooms and auditoriums across the U.S. Initially, the seminars were all day, followed by 18 evening sessions conducted by local pastors.

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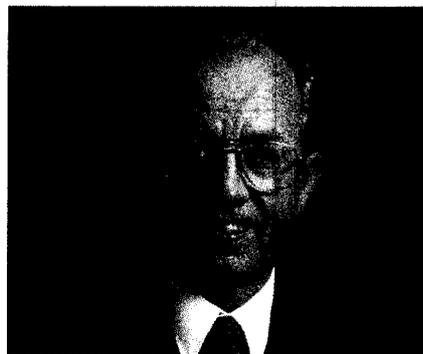
Robinson, then pastoring in the Texas Conference, experimented with a "stand-alone" Revelation Seminar that could be successfully held by pastors and laypeople independent of a national television personality. He found that a pastor with the gift of pastoring and evangelism, who was not necessarily a public evangelist, could hold a Revelation Seminar and be just as successful as the evangelist in the public auditorium. Robinson's first objective was to conduct 10 Revelation Seminars and monitor the results. He did, and the results were encouraging. He held one class in Houston, Texas, with 476 in attendance.

In years prior to using the Revelation Seminars, the Texas Conference averaged 500-900 baptisms. When the Revelation Seminar concept was accepted and used by pastors and laity, there were 1,400 people baptized the first year, 1981. In 1982, the second year, 1,782 were baptized. The denomination took note.

Robinson received calls from all over North America. He traveled and spoke at every conference or union conference in North America. From there, the concept spread around the world.

From 1983 until 1990 he was director of Revelation Seminars in the Southern Union Conference. Since 1990, Robinson held at least two seminars a year at the South Orlando church, and baptized many into the Church as a result.

Robinson graduated from Washington Missionary College, married Jean Olney, and entered the ministry, all in 1956. Between 1960 and 1966 he served as mission president in Lebanon and Jordan in the Middle Eastern Division. After postgraduate work at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, he pastored four churches in the Texas Conference. The Robinsons will spend their retirement years in North Carolina.



Harry Robinson.

A. LEE BENNETT, JR.

Revelation Seminar

The Revelation Seminar is a tool popular among evangelists, pastors, and especially laymen. In 1992, more than 100,000 people attended over 10,000 Revelation Seminars held in Romania, the largest coordinated effort to date in that union, with nearly 10,000 being baptized as a result. More than 150,000 sets of lessons were distributed in the former Soviet Union in 1993. Millions have attended a Revelation Seminar and tens of thousands have been baptized as a result, making this simple approach one of the top soul-winning tools worldwide. —Source - Carl Johnston, Seminars Unlimited.



George Knowles.



George Vandeman.



Revelation Seminars.

CINDY KURTZHALS



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CAROLINA

Recently, several Carolina pastors have made headline news in their local areas—in fact, front page news. The Richmond County *Daily Journal* featured **Simon Madrigal** on its front page for the work he performs with the Hispanic congregation in Rockingham, N.C. Staff writer Jeff Holland wrote, "Simon Madrigal, at the age of 26, has packed a lot of living into a brief two and a half decades. While two decades of his life have been spent without any defined purpose, the young pastor has begun his third decade of life with a strong sense of direction and with a passion to be a positive influence on the lives of others." Madrigal spent his latter teen years on the streets of East Los Angeles as a gang member. He now finds contentment as the shepherd of the Rockingham, Fayetteville, and Asheboro Hispanic congregations.



GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Christina Teresa Hogan, graduate of Southern Adventist University, is included in this year's edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. Hogan graduated in May with double majors in English and print journalism. While at Southern, she was editor of the school newspaper, the *Southern Accent*, an English club officer, and a member of the writers club. Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory chose Hogan and 44 other students from Southern based on academic achievement, community service, leadership in extra curricular activities, and potential for success.



OAKWOOD COLLEGE

Graduation is an exciting time of the year for all families, but one family of an Oakwood



Gordon Bietz Accepts Presidency of SAU

Gordon Bietz has accepted the invitation of trustees to become the 23rd president of Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tennessee. Selected for the post at an April 20 board meeting, Dr. Bietz had been reelected two days earlier to the presidency of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. After a week of serious reflection and prayer, he gave an affirmative answer to Malcolm Gordon, board chair and head of the 17-member search committee. The week also gave him opportunity to meet with faculty, staff, and students. "I wanted to get a feel for whether my gifts match what is needed," he said. He fielded questions and took a straw vote which indicated widespread acceptance. "It's my conviction that the board can give me the position, but the faculty gives me the authority," he said. "Because most of them already knew me, I felt that for me not to have their

support, I'd be unable to do an effective job."

After he accepted the position, Bietz told employees, "I look forward to working with all of you in continuing to build the legacy of spiritual life and academic excellence for Southern."

Since 1994 Bietz has been in church administration as president of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference with headquarters in Calhoun, Georgia. From 1981 to 1994 he was senior pastor of the Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist church on Southern's campus. Cynthia Bietz is a receptionist at the University.

The new president earned his doctor of ministry degree at Andrews University (Michigan) in 1976. His undergraduate degree is from Loma Linda University, La Sierra Campus (California), in 1966. In his junior year of college he attended Seminaire Adventiste in France. In the fall of 1991 he was a Merrill Fellow at Harvard University Divinity School.

His writing has been published in several church periodicals—*Adventist Review*, *Insight*, and *Ministry*. His Fenton Forest parables are currently appearing weekly as a column in the *Chattanooga Times*. He also wrote *Witness*, the senior academy Bible textbook published by Pacific Press Publishing Association in 1975.

He and his wife, Cynthia, have twin daughters, Gina Gang of Orlando, Fla., and Julie Kroll of Loma Linda, Calif. Both of them are physical therapists.

In February outgoing president **Donald R. Sahly** accepted a position as associate director of education at Seventh-day Adventist Church headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland. Concluding 11 years as president, he left Collegedale after the University's May 4 graduation. Doris Burdick



College graduate was especially excited. Nine members of this family graduated between April 26 and May 31, 1997. **Kiesha Fraser** was the first of the nine members of the family to graduate (April 26). All of the other graduations occurred in May. In her immediate family of four, there were two other graduates. Her father, **Trevor Fraser**, vice president for student services at Oakwood, received his D.Min. from Emory University on May 12, and brother **Vincent Fraser** graduated from Oakwood Academy on May 25. Other May graduates in the family include **Angelique Clay**, Master of Music, and **Cooatay Stafford**, both from the University of Kentucky; **Adjamu Stoner**, BA,

(Indiana University); **Brian Stoner**, AS (Jefferson Community College); **Yvette Clay** and **Dana Turner** (Louisville Male High School).

SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY

Chris Hansen, Ph.D., joined the physics department in December as an assistant professor of physics. Since earning his doctorate at Colorado State University in 1995, he worked for a year at Argonne National Laboratory in Chicago as a post-doctoral appointee. His research interest is the study of light interacting with atoms and molecules. Throughout graduate school, he held teaching and research assistantships, including one at Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico.



Tribute to My Dad

William Leonidas Ellis, 98, of Collegedale, Tennessee, passed away on March 2, 1997.

As the baby of the family, I want to thank my Daddy for the Christian home he and Mother established for me. I have been told by some people that I led a very sheltered life as a child, but now that I look back, I am glad I was sheltered. I was able to grow up in a happy stable atmosphere, untouched by the horrors of war and world violence. My parents never burdened me with the problems surrounding us. The second world war was far away—the blackouts and air

raids were rather exciting to me. It was eerie to see the whole city completely blacked out, but I was not afraid. I knew my uncle was in the war, but I was confident he would come back home—and he did. My world revolved around school, piano lessons, jumping rope, play friends and counting stamps to buy food and shoes.

As I grew older, my sisters were grown up, married and many miles from home. I was the only one home, and I grew very close to my Daddy. He would take me on trips with him as he called on farmers and sold them farm machinery. He would explain things to me as we rode along, like what a hay bailer was, or how the corn picker worked. Daddy always took time to help me with my school work and enjoyed reading my textbooks. Whenever he would come across something in my science books that did not agree with Bible teachings, he would explain to me about creation and how God made the world and the heavens. He devised a plan whereby I could answer the test questions truthfully. I would simply write "the book says. . . ." That way I would only admit that the book taught a certain way without jeopardizing my grade or telling a lie.

Church and worship was most important to Daddy. He would study his Bible and discuss it with his family every night. He wrote sermons and

spoke at the church every other week for years. His knowledge of the Bible became widely known—even the Christian Church invited him to teach them on Sunday mornings. He did this for many years—attend and preach at his own church on Saturday and teach Sunday School at the Christian Church on Sunday.

In Daddy's elder years, he experienced the terror of growing old and losing control of his life. This was very hard for him to accept. He began to rely on me more and more and wanted me to do things the way he wanted them done. Sometimes it was impossible for me to do everything he wanted, and this bothered me. After a little discussion, he would agree that he would have to do things another way.

You couldn't help but love him. He loved his family and friends so very much. He was so happy to see our big family gathered around him last Thanksgiving as we sang his favorite hymns. The nurses in the Life Care Center said that you could always get him to sing with you. They enjoyed taking care of him. His belief in his God was strong to the very end. He was always ready to tell others of his faith.

So long, Daddy. I look forward to meeting you again when the Lord comes to take us all home. May that day come soon!

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Carolina

AFTER THE RECENT CRUSADE WHICH MADE HEADLINE NEWS IN CHARLESTON, S.C., MORE THAN 13 PEOPLE WERE BAPTIZED at the conclusion with several more studying and praying about their decisions to follow Christ in baptism.

Erwin Hills church member Vicki Griffin has recently been heard on Asheville, N.C., radio station WMIT 106.9 FM, a **CHRISTIAN RADIO** station covering most of western North Carolina. She has been on USA Radio News, and is now doing a one-minute spot dealing with health principles. She is also talking with people at WLOS-TV about some health-spots to air during their morning newscasts.

Members of the Foster Memorial church in Asheville, N.C., welcomed over 34 families to their **COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER** on a recent Tuesday. The center services the local area by providing food, clothing, and a few other interesting items.

Eulene Gallimore, an elder and member of the Greensboro church and the mother of two pastors, had a burden to have **PRAYER GROUPS** at the church. The first group started on Tuesday mornings four years ago. The group has grown together spiritually and emotionally as they have lifted the burdens of their church and each other to the Lord in prayer. Several months after the

Tuesday morning group began, they began a second group on Sabbath afternoons to involve another group of people who can't attend on Tuesday mornings. The two prayer groups have united their prayers and have experienced many miracles of healed families, renewed relationships, and even physical healing.

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS in High Point, N.C., with Carolina evangelist Dale Pollett concluded recently. As a result of the inspired messages, 18 people have already been baptized. There are others still pondering the messages and studying further.

The Gospel Worker's Training program created by Morganton church pastor Tony Cirigliano has officially opened a **GOSPEL WORKER'S TRAINING SCHOOL**. The historic first session welcomed nine students from New York, Florida, and North Carolina. During the lunch break on the first day, the nine students made phone calls to get Bible studies and obtained 14 studies. The Gospel Worker's Training School is a ministry of the Morganton church.

Pastors John Earnhardt and Tom Hughes have been working together to bring **EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS** to the Rutherfordord area. So far, ten people have made decisions for baptism with another 30 pursuing studies and praying for their decision.



Florida

MORE THAN 45 PEOPLE WERE WON TO THE LORD BECAUSE OF THE DIRECT INVOLVEMENT OF YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS IN EVANGELISM IN 1996. They planned, directed, and held their own evangelistic meetings. As part of the process, they visited former Adventist friends, and gave Bible studies.

Ninety-five percent of all south Florida churches have weekly **ADVENTIST YOUTH (AY) MEETINGS**. The strong Caribbean and Latin American background of members provide a unique foundation for strong youth programs. Youth involvement in meetings, support of adults and pastors, coupled with the opportunity for creating and training of youth leaders, all contribute to retaining youth in the church.

Two people were baptized at the Sarasota church and six more people are preparing for baptism. These came as a result of a **PROPHECY EXPO CRUSADE** held March 7-April 12. The Expo was conducted by the Florida Conference evangelistic team of Lester and Zula Pratt and Roy and Amy Pauley.

Florida Conference family life directors Ken and Helen Bryant presented a **FAMILY LIFE SEMINAR** as one of eight seminars offered at the Church Ministries Convention in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, March 21-24. More than 1,200 people attended the convention. Most were from

the Ontario Conference and some came from across the Canadian Union Conference.

Eight youth from the Ocala church participated in the national **30-HOUR FAMINE** in February and raised about \$200 to benefit the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA). On June 14, the Ocala youth group will hold their own local 30-Hour Famine. They hope to raise at least \$500. The fast is a reminder that anyone who is willing to give of himself can make a real difference in the world.

The Ocala youth group also participated in the annual **BRICK CITY FESTIVAL**, celebrating the city's rebuilding after it was devastated in a 1920 fire. Each year, the city chooses local residents such as the mayor, pastors of prominent churches, and local business owners to participate in the opening ceremonies. Mike Goetz, Ocala church youth leader, was invited to have the opening prayer, and Samantha Straughter, an Ocala church high schooler, sang the national anthem.

Based on the **SUCCESS OF THE 1996 HONDURAS MISSION TRIP**, the Lady Lake church voted to plan another trip this summer. The church will soon decide whether to return to the bay islands of Roatan and Utila or to install a prefabricated children's hospital at an orphanage on the mainland.



Georgia-Cumberland

Attendance reached 130 at the 13th annual retreat of the **COHUTTA SPRINGS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES** April 25-27. Kenneth Mittleider, retired vice president of the General Conference, was the speaker. The Associates, who contribute \$500 or more per year, have given more than \$1.5 million to develop Cohutta Springs. This year's projects include a three-bedroom chalet, extension of the camp road to form a one-way loop, waterfront gazebo/outdoor classroom/pontoon boat dock, and a playground for toddlers. Randy Craven, an experienced builder, has been

employed to direct the construction. The special offering during the retreat purchased a multiple tape duplicator to make copies of presentations more readily available.

COHUTTA SPRINGS WILDLIFE REHABILITATION PROGRAM WAS FEATURED IN THE LIFESTYLE SECTION OF THE CHATTANOOGA TIMES NEWSPAPER, April 2. Information about the animals and activities available were highlighted.

COLLEGEDALE HISPANIC CHURCH HAS OUTGROWN ITS SANCTUARY. Two services

are now being held each Sabbath.

The Cedar Ridge, Tenn., church had a **GROUND BREAKING** for a new sanctuary March 30.

AUGUSTA, GA., CHURCH PURCHASED A 12-ACRE COMPLEX. First service in the new church was May 3.

A GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY FOR THE HARRISON, TENN., company was held April 13. Construction of the 6,000-sq.-ft. church will begin immediately.

ELLIJAY, GA., CHURCH PURCHASED 21 ACRES FOR A SCHOOL. A church and community services center will be added later.

McDonald Road, Tenn., church reports that over **20 STEPS TO CHRIST** have been sent around the world. The first request came from X'ian Province in China. Currently, 72 individuals are enrolled in the updated 20th Century Bible Course through E-mail. One lady in British Columbia is

now ready for baptism. Don Gettys, pastor of McDonald Road, contacted the pastor in her area to let him know of the interest. More than 600 people visit the home page each week utilizing the directory to link to over 264 Adventist churches with web pages. A pastor from Korea sent a note stating, "I'm using your sermons in my church." Visit the site at: <http://www.southern.edu/~mcdonald>.

ADVENTIST DISTRICT ATTORNEY STEPHEN KELLY FROM BRUNSWICK, GA., WAS FEATURED FOR A WEEK ON COURT TV in the case of Georgia vs. Osby Jackson Jr. Court TV is a cable television network dedicated to educating viewers about the judicial process and is distributed to 28 million households across the United States. Kelly was elected district attorney for a five-county Judicial Circuit of south Georgia in 1996.

Kentucky-Tennessee



Under the direction of new youth leader Jerry Mahn, the Youth Advisory Council met March 18 to lay plans for the remainder of 1997 and 1998. Special guest was Dr. Jaiyong Lee, director of the 1000 Missionary Movement, who explained how the 1000 MM operates and who sponsors this movement. Plans were announced for a **NEXT STEP SEMINAR** in October featuring special

presenter Steve Case of Piece of the Pie Ministry.

Conference Secretary John Fowler returned from London, England, March 28, where he was guest **PRESENTER TO THE WORKING FORCE OF THE BRITISH UNION.** He reports a positive response from the pastors as far as soul-winning is concerned. He has been invited back to conduct an evangelistic meeting next year.

South Atlantic



On Sabbath, April 26, **MT. OLIVE CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICE HAD A SPECIAL CELEBRATION.** The guest, district vice president of the community service M. Kelly, was recognized.

Speaker was William Winston, pastor. Music was by Mt. Olive's Gospel Choir with special visiting soloist Rico Stackhouse.

Oakwood College



HUNTSVILLE METRO YOUTH ORCHESTRA PERFORMED THEIR SPRING CONCERT, April 13, at the Von Braun Center. Participants were: Robyn Lang, second violin; youth orchestra Lauren Lott, violin; Prelude Strings Lindsi Green, first violin; debut strings Joyce Pressley, first violin; and debut strings Robert Pressley, second violin. Debut strings Robyn Lang was honored for performing for the youth orchestra for a number of years and for being a graduating senior.

roll list; 22 on the honor roll mention list.

Evelyn Adams was nominated to receive the **CARING HEART AWARD.** She was presented \$500.00 at graduation, May 25.

STEPHEN GUNN WAS NOMINATED AS POET OF THE YEAR, 1997, by the International Society of Poets. His poem was entitled "The Way We Were."

On April 20, Oakwood Academy held its **ANNUAL HONORS PROGRAM.** Eighteen students have remained on the Principal's List for three marking periods: Carrie Roddy, the highest for all three periods; 20 students on the honor

Donald Monroe, a senior, was selected to participate in the 1997 **SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL APPRENTICESHIP RESEARCH PROGRAM** sponsored by NASA/Marshall Space Flight Center.

Lorian Bridgeforth and Robyn Lang are recipients of a **NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT \$2,000 SCHOLARSHIP.**

Southern Adv. Univ.



ON GRADUATION DAY, MAY 4, THE SOUTHERN SINGERS HEADED TO RUSSIA AND FINLAND. Director of the 57-member group is Marvin Robertson, Ph.D. He predicted that a concert tour highlight would be a joint performance with the choir at the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary in Zaokski, south of Moscow.

cational applications, marriage and family therapy, or youth and church ministries.

DURING SPRING BREAK 14 STUDENTS AND TWO TEACHERS TRAVELED TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC to apply the principles taught in the class Frontier Nursing. Working with local churches, they held six clinics, seeing 200 to 300 patients at each, and teaching health principles. As patients left, they were given *Steps to Christ* in Spanish.

A large enrollment of freshmen and transfer students is anticipated for **SMARTSTART**, July 28 to August 22, just prior to the regular fall semester, when free tuition and room are offered to new students. Many make their initial contact by calling 1-800-SOUTHERN.

Students for whom English is not their first language will appreciate Southern's expanded **ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)** program. Entering the program on the intermediate level requires a TOEFL test score of at least 450. The advance level requires a minimum score of 500. At this time Southern does not offer a level below intermediate.

A MASTER'S DEGREE IN COUNSELING is offered by the School of Education and Psychology at Southern. The degree gives graduate students a choice of three emphases: edu-

Education



WTLN representative Darlene Brandel visits with Expo visitor Dixie Sandefur.

FLEC Expo Raises Money and Awareness

Florida—Forest Lake Educational Center (FLEC) in Longwood raised \$2,800 for new computer technology, and created positive community awareness about Adventists by hosting its first Christian Business Expo, February 27. Thirty-two central Florida business owners participated as exhibitors.

The event attracted 400 and was co-sponsored by the Apopka Christian radio station WTLN-FM 95.3, Florida Hospital, and the Printing Stone. Special attractions included a silent auction for Orlando Magic basketball tickets and drawings for exhibitor-donated door prizes.

WTLN owner Tom Moffit, Jr., says his radio station has been sponsoring such functions for the past 10 years. "We feel these Expos not only expose our station to the community at large but

allow area Christian businesses to network together. Many become aware of each other for the first time. It helps draw our Christian community together."

One exhibitor especially happy to be part of FLEC's Expo was JoAnna Violante Hamlin. Hamlin, along with sister and brother-in-law Eva and Armando Bonaduce, runs Roma, a well-known Italian eatery in Apopka. Many Seventh-day Adventists have been customers at the restaurant which started 33 years ago by Hamlin's parents, Donato and Maria Violante. "My husband, Landon, and I have many Adventist friends and neighbors," says Hamlin. "Our family's respect for Seventh-day Adventists has grown over the years as we've witnessed their generosity and willingness to help others in the community."

The Hamlins have a special connection with FLEC through their six-year-old son, Luciano, a hearing-challenged student at the school. "We wanted the best for Luciano and his

special needs," says JoAnna. "We'd heard of FLEC's positive reputation in the community and felt it was the school for Luciano."

Another exhibitor, Embassy Suites Hotel in Altamonte Springs, joined the school in a "Partners in Education" program to motivate and reward FLEC students. Embassy will sponsor a job-shadowing program where students fill out applications for "employment," are interviewed by Embassy personnel, and "hired" to job-shadow an employee for a day. The hotel is also providing money and prizes for an upcoming geography bee and essay and art

contest at FLEC.

"We've gained many new community friends because of this Expo," says FLEC principal Linda Patrick. "Many businesses knew about Adventists, but had never networked with an Adventist institution. They were impressed with what they saw and experienced."

Many exhibitors report new business as a result of the Expo and want to return next year. "We'd like to make it an annual happening," adds Patrick. "After all, what more could you want than an event that raises money for the school and promotes positive community awareness about Seventh-day Adventists."

Terry Hall, Debbie Payne

Outreach



Krista Collins, with wheelbarrow, Jennifer Riley, with bucket and sunglasses, and Hope Shorter, with bucket, were a part of the building team.

Students Help to Build Orphanage in Baja

Carolina—The excitement and anticipation could be felt on Sunday morning, March 16, when 26 eager students and four well-prepared sponsors gathered for one central cause—to build

an orphanage in Baja, Mexico.

Arriving in Mexico, everyone was ready to hit the cinder blocks and cement mixers. The next few days were filled with long, hard, eight-to-ten hour days working in the Mexico sun. Those hours were spent doing everything from digging seven-foot deep holes for septic tanks to stacking heavy

cinder blocks to make walls for the orphanage.

By the end of the week, all felt aches in places they didn't know they had muscles; but, they were satisfied knowing they had done

something that was for a wonderful cause.

The time spent in Mexico was a time of closeness with old friends, new ones, and especially with GOD!

Laura Lee



Members of the Collegedale Academy Choral Union enjoy the sunshine outside Mann Memorial United Methodist church in Augusta.

School Choirs Witness to Others

Georgia-Cumberland—Collegedale Academy Choral Union, Madrigal Singers, Bell Ringers, and A.W. Spalding Elementary School Carolers shared their faith through music in seven non-Adventist churches, from Minnesota to south Georgia during the school year. Most recently the Collegedale Academy Choral Union traveled to Augusta, Georgia. After presenting a Sabbath vesper service for the Adventist church, they provided all the Palm Sunday

music for Mann Memorial United Methodist church.

Although it requires rising early on the one day of the week they can usually count on sleeping, the young people enjoy singing for non-Adventist audiences, and see this as an important part of their outreach mission. Exposure to other faiths tends to solidify confidence in their own Adventist beliefs as well. With consistently enthusiastic responses from these churches, the youth sense they are not only positively representing Adventism, but more importantly, positively representing God and His power in their lives.

Jeffrey K. Lauritzen

Radio Ministry Provides Joint Outreach

Florida—"No matter where you are and no matter what you are doing, God is always watching you. He loves you so much He can't take his eyes off of you." These are the closing words of Jack Copeland as he closes

his daily radio ministry on Wildwood, Florida's station WHOF, "Central Florida's Gospel Giant."

Three years ago, the radio program concept began as a joint ministry of Ocala laymen Whalley Leach, Mike Goetz, and Jack Copeland. Area church boards in Ocala, Silver Springs Shores, Lady Lake, and others were canvassed for support by Leach in order to

bring together funding and available air time. Leach's idea, Goetz's drive, and Copeland's personality made for a successful match.

Sponsored by local Ocala and area churches, the half-hour broadcast format combines the daily *Voice of Prophecy* and *Quiet Hour* programming with Copeland's friendly, light style. "We reach out to people sharing the good news of salvation," said Copeland who is known on the air as Jack Cope. His daily, Monday through Friday, program invites listeners to "worship Saturday at their local Seventh-day Adventist church," and urges them to "come early for Bible study."

Copeland also hosts a Saturday one-hour broadcast titled, *It's Not the End of the World, But You Can See It From Here*. "It is challenging to keep the daily and weekly broadcasts going," said Copeland, "but if one person is reached with the Gospel, it is worth all the time and money invested in the program." Ocala pastor

Robert Schwebel commends Copeland and the other involved laity. He said, "It's encouraging to see lay people take the reigns of this ministry and follow it through." Community involvement with the program has been gratifying. A number of listeners responded by attending a recent health day at the Ocala church.

The station's call letters WHOF, stand for "He's Our Friend" and the personal approach Copeland uses matches the station's image. After the inception of the program, station operation's manager Joseph Ruggiero visited the Ocala church. He shared his testimony of how this extraordinary high quality program had impressed him. In a recent conversation, on April 28, he reiterated, "I go back to the days of H.M.S. Richards, and we are happy to have such quality programming on our station."

Jack, "Brother Cope," plans to keep this ministry vibrant and alive 'till Jesus comes.

Walter Maier

Romanians Respond to Gospel

Florida—"My dear friends, Cathy and Barry—I thank the Lord very much for your coming to Romania to preach the gospel of Christ," says 16-year-old Olanda Gusatu. "I also pray to the Lord to help you come again for earning more new hearts for Christ."

Those heartfelt words were just one of the rewards experienced by Palatka church members Barry and Cathy Seals during their

recent three weeks stay as lay evangelists in Romania.

The Seals were part of a 20-member team evangelistic effort sponsored by radio and television's *Amazing Facts*. Barry is credentialed as a lay pastoral assistant through the Florida Conference.

"We stayed in Urziceni and worked with Benu Mărgărit, pastor, in a district wide evangelistic series," says Cathy. "Pastor Ben's district includes the churches of La Helena, Glodeanu Sarat, Pitulicea, and Amaro. Total membership is 450."



CATHY SEALS

Barry Seals, lay pastoral assistant, baptizes six people into the Pitulicea church in Urziceni, Romania. They were part of a group of 16 who gave their lives to God because of evangelistic meetings.

According to Seals, more than 75 visitors attended the meetings held each night at the Glodeanu Sarat church. One church member, 16-year-old Olanda Gusatu, became very special to the Seals. "Olanda is a ward of the State and lives at one of Romania's state schools for girls," says Seals. "She brought three of her classmates to the meetings and helped them in their decisions to be baptized. It gave us great joy to see these young people give their hearts to Christ."

At the series' conclusion, 16 people were baptized and 20 more

are preparing for baptism," says Seals. "Barry and I also had the opportunity to visit people in their homes for one-on-one counseling. These people are very serious about turning their lives around and being ready for Jesus to come."

The Seals hope to return to Romania in the fall of 1997 for another evangelistic crusade in Urziceni. "Political unrest may make it difficult for us to go as planned," says Seals, "but Barry and I know that God will open the door if it is His will for us to return."

Cathy Seals

the experiences.

For several years another Salisbury businessman faithfully gave \$35 until during one of Thelma's visits he said, "You know, I don't think I give you enough for the fine work you folks do." With that, he increased his gift to \$100. Then one day, Thelma learned that the gentleman passed away. When it came time for her to visit again, she was unsure about going to the widow.

After a nervous prayer, Thelma was soon to find out. When Thelma called at the

home of the businessman's widow, she was greeted with a big smile and was amazed when the widow called her by name. They hugged and visited. The lady told Thelma that her husband always looked forward to her visit and would always bring the literature home for her to read. Thelma's prayer was answered again when the lady said she wanted to continue giving what her husband was doing. With that, she gave Thelma \$100, and said, "I look forward to seeing you next year."

Ron Quick



RON QUICK

Thelma Lombard prepares for another day of Ingathering appeals.

Progress

Food Lion Founder Donates Thousands

Carolina—It was almost 40 years ago when Thelma Lombard nervously asked the founder of the Food Lion chain for a donation for Ingathering, a Seventh-day Adventist humanitarian program. When Thelma, who was a new member of the Salisbury church at that time, returned the following year, the gentleman readily gave a donation. Thelma recalls his mentioning how impressed he was with

the literature and his desire to be part of the program. His comment was always, "I'm looking forward to seeing you next year." Each year his gift would increase.

Thelma has never missed a year since that first visit in 1958. She never left without first giving a tract or a book along with the Ingathering literature. Over the years, this founder donated thousands of dollars to the humanitarian program.

Even though Thelma consistently receives the highest awards the church has to offer for her faithful work, she feels the awards are in

McComb Rebuilds Church

Gulf States—The ad in the newspaper reads, "Church for

Sale. Corner of Locust and Pearl River Ave."

In 1939 Adventists held the first tent meetings in McComb, Miss., and soon a group began meeting each



Raymond Smith was 12 years old when his church family began meeting in the old structure that is now for sale. He has been there longer than anyone else.

week in the current building, formerly a mattress factory.

Fourteen acres of land were recently donated to the church, giving the members a boost towards their dream of having a new building. With a slab already poured, a volunteer team came

in May to build the fellowship hall where the group now meets.

The old, white, wooden structure is for sale. A new brick edifice will now be the lighthouse in the McComb area.

Sharryn Mahorney

Evangelistic Potential Found in Paid-out Accounts

Florida—Imagine hundreds of potential customers for your business and you will understand the enthusiasm of publishing director Joe Holloway as he talks about the names from customer paid-out accounts that are serviced by the Florida Conference literature evangelists. "These customer lists represent potential interests for Bible studies and invitees to evangelistic meetings," says Holloway.

Each listed name represents a quality evangelistic interest because each has already demonstrated a positive religious interest by inviting a literature evangelist home. This greater interest is usually translated to a greater response to evangelistic contacts by pastors, Bible workers, and evangelists.

The interest is enhanced for two reasons, first, almost every home has received at least one full-message book such as *Desire of Ages*, *Triumph of God's Love (Great Controversy)*, *Bible Readings for the Home*, or other titles

from the *Conflict of the Ages Series*. Second, most homes will have the unique message of Adventism as found in *The Bible Story* or other books literature evangelists have placed. Themes such as the Plan of Salvation, the Sabbath, creation, and the flood, are all a part of the content of the books they are reading which highlight God's providential leading in human history. Holloway said, "Ninety-nine percent of these homes are not Adventist homes."

The list changes monthly as new paid-out customers are added. Holloway suggests, "These literature evangelist customers should be invited to local church evangelistic and other outreach meetings and given an opportunity to nurture the seeds of Christ-likeness."

The current list is available from the publishing department and is sorted by area zip codes. Use of these interests will enhance a church's evangelistic outreach and will give the active church new and unique, prime interests for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and His promised hope of eternal life.

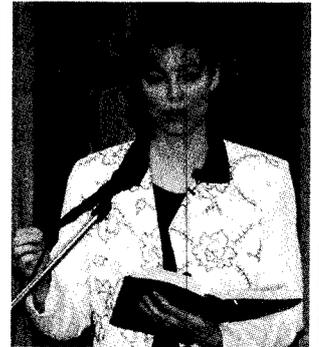
Walter Maier

Update

430 Attend Women's Retreat

Georgia-Cumberland—More than 430 women, one as far away as England, attended the Joyful Journey Women's Retreat at Cohutta Springs April 4-6. While many were returning for another retreat, nearly half were attending for the first time.

Guest speaker for the weekend was Tami McGrew, associate pastor of the Azure Hills church in Grand Terrace, Calif. The theme of her messages was the truth shall set you free. One Voice, a ladies singing group from the Atlanta North church, gave a concert Friday evening. During Sabbath school, a mission pageant and a report from the General Conference Women's Ministries Department told of work women are doing around the world. Sabbath evening



Tami McGrew's messages were timely and an inspiration to attendees.

featured a unique fashion show and a concert by Adventist recording artist Bill Young.

The weekend concluded by participants releasing hundreds of helium-filled balloons representing being set free from lies, guilt, and untruths to which Satan holds us hostage.

Because of the overwhelming response, two retreats are being planned for 1998.

Patricia Foster

Highland's Cantata Wins Friends

Florida—Since 1991, the Apopka Highland church choir, directed by Dan Lewis, has presented Christmas and Easter cantatas attracting audiences of 500 from the community and area Adventist churches. The choir members decided to perform the cantata "Alone on the Altar" this season and invited the Westminster Presbyterian church choir in Casselberry to join them.

Positive relationships were formed between choir members during the three months of rehearsals. One

Westminster member commented to Apopka member Bill Allen, "I could never understand why you keep Saturday. I will have to study more about it." "This is the first time we've sat down with Seventh-day Adventists," said another Presbyterian member at a joint potluck.

By the end of the cantata performances, the wary-of-Adventists Presbyterian members felt that Seventh-day Adventists were friendly and happy and they wanted to associate again.

The cantata partnership began with Apopka choir member Cindy Durham, long-time church organist for Westminster Presbyterian. She asked Lewis if the Apopka choir could

perform at Westminster Presbyterian church. The results of the partnership were great. The choirs merged and expanded the cantata to four performances. The attendance topped 800. More people from the community came than ever before.

A cantata publicity notice sent to the *Orlando Sentinel* got top billing in a feature article highlighting area Easter plays and musicals. Apopka's "Alone on the Altar" was on the front page of the *Sentinel's* Living section.

Appel soon received a phone call regarding the cantata. A woman tentatively asked, "Is this the Seventh-day Adventist church in

Apopka? Is the program free? You guys believe in Jesus Christ, don't you?"

Appel assured her that the church did believe in Jesus Christ—and if it didn't, it wouldn't be putting on a cantata depicting the last days He spent on earth. She accepted his answer and attended that evening's performance with her four children plus three neighbor children.

Several guests from the community who attended said they would like to come back and visit a regular church service.—This is what outreach is all about.

Trish Turner

Tarpley, the religion editor, with an award for the excellent coverage the paper gave the new church.

Kenneth Coonley, conference president,

delivered the consecration address and prayer. The new Shelby church sits on an 11-acre hillside overlooking highway 74.

Ron Quick



Lawrence Walton, right, and Carolina Conference President Ken Coonley, present an award to Cassie Tarpley, religion editor of the *Shelby Star*, for the excellent coverage given to the new church.

RON QUICK



Choir members dressed in robes depicting Bible times. Some carried baskets or babies, as if part of the crowd following Jesus. The scenes stirred the individuals, especially as Jesus, portrayed by Apopka member Dwayne Allen, struggled down the aisle with the cross, followed by a Roman soldier cracking his whip.

TRISH TURNER

Shelby Called Miracle Church

Carolina—The *Shelby Star* newspaper, in its front-page feature article, called it a "miracle church." On February 15, this new Shelby church, the only one in the country built and completed by the special **Hands Across the World** program, held an open

house and consecration service.

When funds from the program enabled construction of the church, the *Shelby Star* frequently gave the church coverage, including a front-page color feature. Out of appreciation, church officials invited the reporter to be present on the day of the consecration service. They presented Cassie

Couples Meet at Ranch

Carolina—When you think of February, and you're in love, you think **romance**, right? Or that's the way it traditionally works. Well, here in Carolina, that's the way it is. It's **Romance at the Ranch** in February at Nosoca Pines Ranch. Forty-two couples met at the **Ranch** for a special, romantic weekend sponsored by the family ministries department February 6-8.

Along with all the

nice intimate moments and special events planned for the couples was the unique ministry of Kay Kuzma from Chattanooga. Music for the weekend was provided by Dianne and Oscar Kosarin.

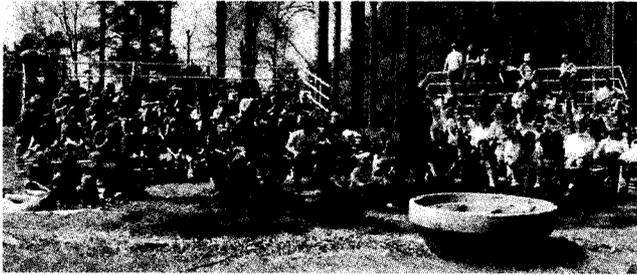
This successful annual event takes teamwork. Team members include: Lynn Ortel, Family Ministries director, Mike Ortel, Don and Debbie Grant, Don and Anita Shelton, Ralph and Mary Sorrells, and Jim and Jeanne Nephew.

Ron Quick



Enjoying a few moments of casual conversation at Romance at the Ranch are Kay and Jan Kuzma, Sandie and John Howells, Lynn and Mike Ortel, and Mark and Teresa Mosher.

RON QUICK



BRIAN DUDAR

Pathfinders learn that the one key in being a disciple of Jesus is service.

Pathfinders Learn to Represent Christ

Carolina—March 21-23, Pathfinder clubs converged on Nosoca Pines Ranch for a weekend of emphasis and service. It was the annual Pathfinder workbee and 203 Pathfinders representing 15 clubs showed up to share in the worships and participate in service projects for the camp.

The keynote speaker for the weekend was Roberto Henriquez, the youth pastor at the Kernersville church. His emphasis on the need of every individual to make a decision for Jesus led 18 Pathfinders forward to take a stand for Jesus, committing their lives to Him and indicating their desire for baptism. The tremendous step these Pathfinders took represents the reason the Pathfinder program exists—to make disciples for Jesus of our kids.

The one key ingredient in being a disciple of Jesus is service. The Pathfinders have shown their commitment by the great amount of work they performed this year and every year for the Conference: a trail from the RV area to the gym, a nature trail, to raking pine needles in front of the cafeteria and cleaning the children's playground, painting the pump house, barns and fencing, and cleaning up brush and dead wood for the spring burn piles.

Many people have benefited through the years by the Pathfinder program and the ministry that takes place as the staff members mentor and disciple the Pathfinders into a vital relationship with Jesus. The sole purpose of Pathfinders is to make disciples for Jesus. All the activities and classwork are the tools used to form the relationship. It is through relationships that Jesus is conveyed.

Brian Dudar

Conference Sponsors Men's Retreat

Carolina—*"Finally ... now I have hope,"* exclaimed one man as he prepared to leave the men's retreat. More than 130 men attended

the third annual men's retreat at Nosoca Pines Ranch April 4-6. This Carolina event is gaining popularity since the first retreat in 1995.

You're probably asking, "What do men do at a men's retreat?" Well, for starters, Dr. Richard Neil flew in

from Loma Linda to speak to the men on topics that reached both the head and the heart: **How Not to Attack After Being Hurt, Shame and Guilt, and The Head vs. the Heart.** Then elders Carl Ashlock and Mike Ortel presented seminars on **How to Heal Your Spouse's Childhood Hurts and How to Bond with Your Children.** Joel Tompkins told the men about **Jesus—Man's Best Friend and How to stay in Shape . . . Spiritually.**

Accenting the events of the weekend, right around sundown Sabbath evening, was a baptism down in the lake. **Healing Relationships**, this year's theme for the retreat, healed and restored the most important relationship when two men gave their hearts to the Lord in baptism. Inspired participants returned to their homes and families with renewed commitment to be better husbands, fathers, and Christians.

by Ron Quick



RDN QUICK

Several men gathered around Dr. Neil, speaker at the third annual men's retreat. Pictured are Chauncey Gause (left), Neil, Darryl Parker, Kelvin Hayes, Oliver Hayes, and Dusky Miller.

Hodges Speaks at Mt. Calvary

Southeastern—Sabbath, April 5, Dr. Clarence E. Hodges, vice-president and director of public affairs and religious liberty at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, was the guest speaker for divine worship service at Mt. Calvary church in Tampa, where Wesley Bruce is pastor.

Hodges' sermon centered around the greatness of God and how this greatness cannot be measured by the minds of men. Hodges asked, "Why should we fear God since he has the master plan to save our souls?"

If we have plans of going to God's Kingdom, we must, accord-



Clarence Hodges.

ing to Hodges, "go through the Gate of Tribulation," and we just might be persecuted because of our religious beliefs.

Hodges closed by admonishing to not get caught up in the successes of the devil because he can't see us through. Only God is willing and able to deliver us in the time of trouble.

Ozzie G. Mitchell

Howard Calls for Contentment in the 90's

Southeastern— Marcellus Howard of Wilmington, North Carolina, was the guest speaker recently at Mt. Calvary church in Tampa, where Wesley Bruce is the pastor.

Culminating the week's celebration was Sabbath's divine worship service where world renown Carlton Burgess and his group, Complete Praise, rendered special music.

"Finding Contentment in an Age of Discontentment" was the title of Howard's sermon. According to Howard, "when people join the church, they feel that everything will be alright, however, this is not true, because this is when the devil gets busy, and like the apostle Paul, we need to learn to be content in all things."

Howard admonished the congregation to turn problems over to Jesus who will supply all of their needs when they



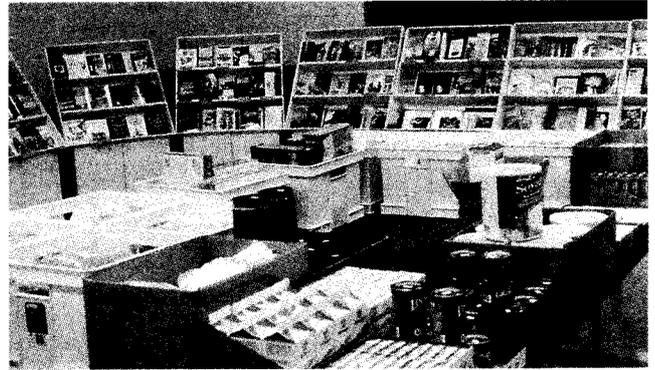
Marcellus P. Howard.

need it instead of allowing temporal matters to weigh heavily on their minds.

Pastor Howard related five important steps to getting along and being content in the 90's: separate your past from your present, and your present from your future; recognize that life is not a rose garden; enjoy what you have; live within your means; fly as high as God allows, and be the best you can be.

Howard challenged, especially the youth, to rededicate themselves to God, learn to be content in all things, and most importantly, to be strong in the One empowering us.

Ozzie G. Mitchell



Memphis Junior Academy book sale display.

ABC Buys Equipment

Kentucky-Tennessee

—The Adventist Book Center recently purchased a new truck and fifth-wheel trailer. The trailer will be used to deliver books and foods. The ABC will be setting up large book displays in regions throughout the Conference, and a free delivery service is being offered to many churches.

The first book display took place at the Memphis Jr. Academy Saturday night, March 29. The display was erected in the school auditorium. There was a good response of

people from the area churches. Six members drove more than 45 miles and one couple drove over 60 miles to get to the display.

ABC manager Don Erickson reports that total sales for the night were \$4,395.50. The best news is that \$1,792.68 of that was in books. That is nearly four times what it was the year before. This is the largest sale of books at one book sale in the Conference for the past 10 years.

The ABC ran a shorter schedule in the spring, but will be expanding the schedule in the fall.

Don Erickson



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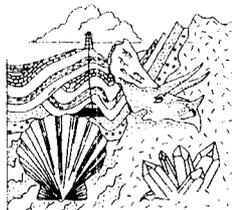
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 June 2. Central Florida. Details: Youth/
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 5000 x 129.
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The Heart of Youth Ministry—June 8. Sem-
 inar for local church youth leaders. Greater
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Estate Services Clinics

June 14. Emmanuel Company. 8:30 p.m.
 June 15. Sunshine State. 10:00 a.m.
 June 21. Melbourne Spanish. 8:30 p.m.
 June 22. Daytona Beach. 10:00 a.m.

**Adventist Singles Ministries Fellowship
 Dinners**

June 14. Forest Lake and First Church of
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 June 21. Apopka Highland.
 June 28. Kress Memorial.

Evangelistic Meetings

July 11-Aug. 16. Lester and Zula Pratt and
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 Aug. 1-Sept. 6. Ric Swaningson. Starke.
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Sept. 11-Oct. 11. Bob Goransson. Cocoa.
ABC Bookmobile Schedule

July 12. Naples.
 July 13. Ft. Myers Jr. Academy, Port Char-
 lotte, Arcadia, Walker Memorial church,
 Winter Haven.
 July 19. North Miami.
 July 20. Ft. Lauderdale, Plantation,
 Lauderdale, Pompano Beach.

**Hispanic Children's Ministries Con-
 vention**—Sept. 5-7. Camp Kulaqua. Details:
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Women's Ministries Workshop—Sept. 26-
 28. Pine Lake Retreat Center. Details: 644-
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Georgia-Cumberland

**Maryville, Tenn., Church 25th Anniver-
 sary**—June 21.

Adventist Community Services Rally
 June 28. Albany.
 July 5. Macon.

August 2. Lakeland.
Pathfinder Project Reach-Out—July 13-
 20. Cherokee, N.C.

Gulf States

Executive Committee—June 30. Montgom-
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Teen Mission Trip—July 14-27.
Phenix City, Ala. Homecoming—July 26.

South Atlantic

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Huntsville, Ala.	7:58	8:01	8:04	8:04	8:03	8:03
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Louisville, Ky.	9:05	9:08	9:10	9:11	9:10	9:10
Memphis, Tenn.	8:13	8:16	8:18	8:19	8:18	8:18
Miami, Fla.	8:11	8:13	8:15	8:16	8:16	8:16
Montgomery, Ala.	7:51	7:54	7:56	7:56	7:56	7:56
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Baker's Inauguration Draws Raving Reviews

(Excerpts from *Huntsville Times*, April 14, 1997, A-1, A-7. by David Person)



President Delbert W. Baker, Ph.D.

by Roy E. Malcolm

A line of dignitaries in flowing academic regalia—including local, state and national political, business, academic and religious leaders—joined a crowd of 1,500 at the Oakwood College church Sunday morning to celebrate the inauguration of the college's new president, Delbert W. Baker, Ph.D.

The service was the culmination of a weekend of inaugural activities, titled "From Vision to Service," which drew more than 3,000 visitors to the church Friday and Saturday.

"I anticipate that the challenge 'vision to service' will become a reality," said Baker in an interview before the ceremony. "We are the ones by our choices and by our characters that will make the difference."

With Baker, Oakwood begins its second century under its 10th president. The school recently ended a year-long celebration of its centennial.

Baker joins Dr. John Gibson of Alabama A & M University as new presidents of an historically black institution in Huntsville. . . .

Gibson joined Dr. Frank Franz, president of the University of Alabama in Huntsville, and Dr. Gary Green, executive vice president of Calhoun Community College, in representing the local academic community on the platform.

June, 1997

"We are very pleased with the appointment of Dr. Baker," said Franz. "I'm very impressed with the knowledge and experience that he brings to Huntsville."

Franz also said that Oakwood and UAH have established formal ties. Fifteen Oakwood students are enrolled in the "3 + 2" engineering program at UAH, taking courses that will enable them to graduate with a bachelor's degree from each institution, including an engineering degree from UAH.

Other local officials participating in the ceremony included Mayor Loretta Spencer, State Representative Laura Hall, D-Huntsville, and Brian Wilson, the executive vice president of the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce.

Official greetings were also extended to Baker by letter from President Clinton.

The speaker for the inauguration service was Dr. Calvin B. Rock, a former president of the college who now serves as a vice president at the Church's Washington, D.C., headquarters.



Before the service, Rock said the ceremony is a rite of passage that will become a part of the college's memory. "It reminds us of the past and allows us to start anew for the future," he said.

And the future, where the flow of information directs most activities, is now, he said.

"We've got to calibrate our systems to the Information Age," Rock said. "Other schools are doing it, and we will be left behind (if we don't)."

In welcoming the crowd to the service, William A. Murrain, an Atlanta lawyer and vice chairman of the

college's board of trustees, said that just over a century ago the campus was a slave plantation "where our forefathers once toiled under the slave master's whip."

"Today," he said, "we celebrate the selection of their sons to assume the mantle of leadership of this special institution, dedicated to preparing servant leaders for mankind."

Among those who have been part of the Oakwood community's study, work and worship was Dred Scott, the famous slave who sued for his freedom. The case eventually reached the Supreme Court, which ruled against him, saying that slaves were not U.S. citizens.

Baker, 44, is a native of Oakland, California. He graduated from Oakwood in 1975 with a bachelor's degree in theology. He has a master's degree from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Michigan, and a doctorate from Howard University.

Last year the institution's board of trustees selected him to replace Dr. Benjamin Reaves, who now works for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the denomination's governing body in Washington, D.C. Before coming to Oakwood, Baker was the director of diversity at Loma Linda University in California, also a church-affiliated school.

He and his wife, Susan, have three sons: David, a student at Oakwood, and Benjamin and Jonathan, both students at Oakwood Academy.

Some 1,700 students from throughout the United States and from other countries are enrolled at Oakwood. The institution offers 36 bachelor's degrees and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. ■

Delbert and Susan Baker and sons.



GAAA Touring Choir Tours the Carolinas

by Jacqueline Ross and Angela Fields

April 10, 1997, marked the fourth consecutive year that the GAAA choir has implemented a touring schedule.

This year their tour took them to the Carolinas. The choir was on a mission. This mission took them into the city of Columbia for their first concert. When they arrived, the members were anticipating a blessing, which they received later in the evening. The 29 students and four chaperons were greeted with warmth and enthusiasm. The Columbia church, pastored by Alex Todd, had acoustics that gave the choir an experience of a special anointing. The sound of the Spirit was everywhere, and everyone knew that we were in the presence of much more than the GAAA Touring Choir, but rather in the presence of God.

The students were graciously housed by the Columbia members. The next morning they gave an 8:30 a.m. concert to the Columbia Jr. Academy. There they were greatly appreciated and invited to return.

While in Columbia, the choir spent a day at the famous Riverbanks Zoo. The day was breathtaking and they were able to see firsthand the awesome work of God through nature.

From Columbia, the choir went to Florence. There they were greeted with a high degree of love and enthusiasm just as that received in Columbia.

The Florence concert, which by this time was the third one, was in a very intimate setting and as the Sabbath came in, participants were greeted by a special unction of the Holy Spirit during a special presentation of the Cross. The audience was seemingly focused every step of the way. There was an unusual connection as the choir progressed through the ministry of the Friday evening concert. William Winston, pastor, and his wife Eula, were the perfect host and hostess and their congregation was simply precious. As we were ministered to in the homes of the members there, words are not adequate to describe the kindness shown by God's people.

After a night of rest, the next stop was Wilmington, where Marcellus Howard is the pastor. James Lamb, GAAA principal, joined the choir for the final day of the tour and traveled back to Atlanta with them. Choir members greatly anticipated this stop because the students had relatives living there. They arrived to rain on the outside and bright sunshine on the inside as they began to worship and fellowship with the members.

They sang for the morning service and after dinner they visited a nursing home where they sang and interacted with the residents as a part of the mission.

The Sabbath evening concert was in no respect ordinary. The students were very tired, this was the fifth performance in three days. They were totally dependent on God for strength, voice, energy, power, and spirit. He gave all in

copious showers. We say, "to God be the glory, great things He hath done." We arrived in Atlanta, Sunday morning, April 13, at 6:30 a.m.

The choir has traveled to Bermuda for the 1993-94 school year, Georgia and the Carolinas for the 1994-95 school year, and London, England March 28-April 3, 1996. In England they performed in front of the Buckingham Palace and at Newbold College.

The criteria for students traveling on these tours include a high grade point average and good behavior. They were excellent in representing GAAA and our God.

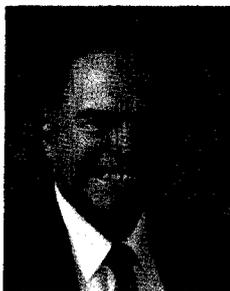
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The Southeastern Conference held its triennial session on April 13 in the Mt. Sinai church in Orlando, Florida. Roy Brown was re-elected Conference president. The Conference departmental directors and executive committee will be elected in Orlando on June 8. The administration and departmental directors' reports were given at the session.

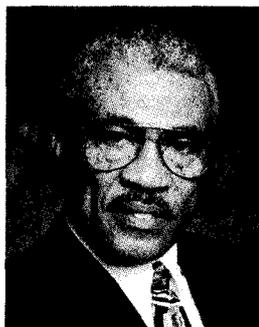
The Georgia-Cumberland session was held April 18, 19 in the Dalton, Georgia, Convention Center. Gordon Bietz was reelected as president. Dave Cress, secretary, and Errol Eder, treasurer. All of the vice presidents and departmental directors were also reelected. It was voted to hold the Georgia-Cumberland session every five years. Significant time was spent discussing future plans and goals for the Conference in a document entitled, "Vision 2000."

April 20, the Southern Adventist University board elected a new president, Dr. Gordon Bietz. This election followed a search process

by a special search committee made up of board members, faculty, staff, and student representation. Dr. and Mrs. Bietz were introduced at the Southern Adventist University graduation on May 4. Dr. Don Sahly, who has completed 11 successful years of visionary service as president, accepted a call to the General Conference Education Department. There will be more about Dr. Sahly's leadership in next month's Vantage Point. A search process is underway to find a new president for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

The Gulf States Conference session was held April 27 in the Montgomery, Alabama, church school gym. Mel Eisele was reelected president, Don Eckenroth, secretary, and Dennis Millburn, treasurer. Also, all departmental directors were reelected. Administration and departmental reports were given.

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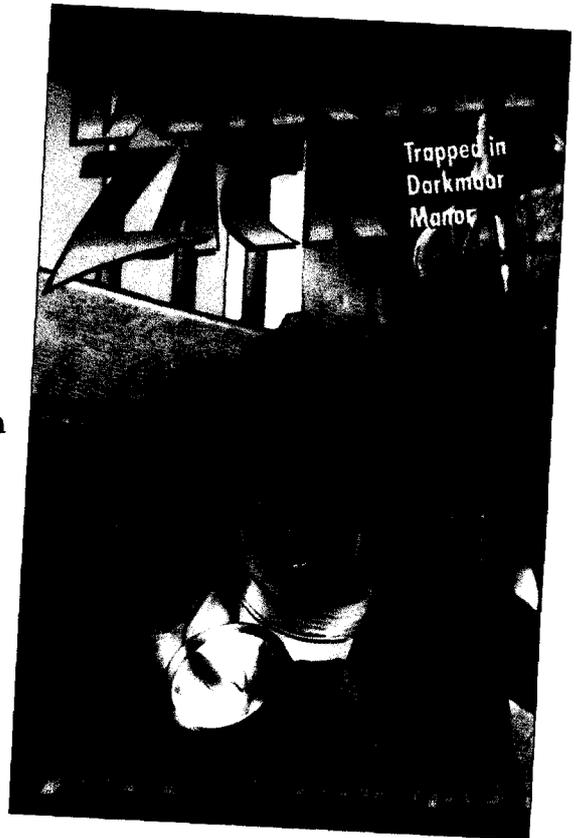
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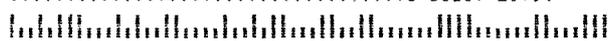
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