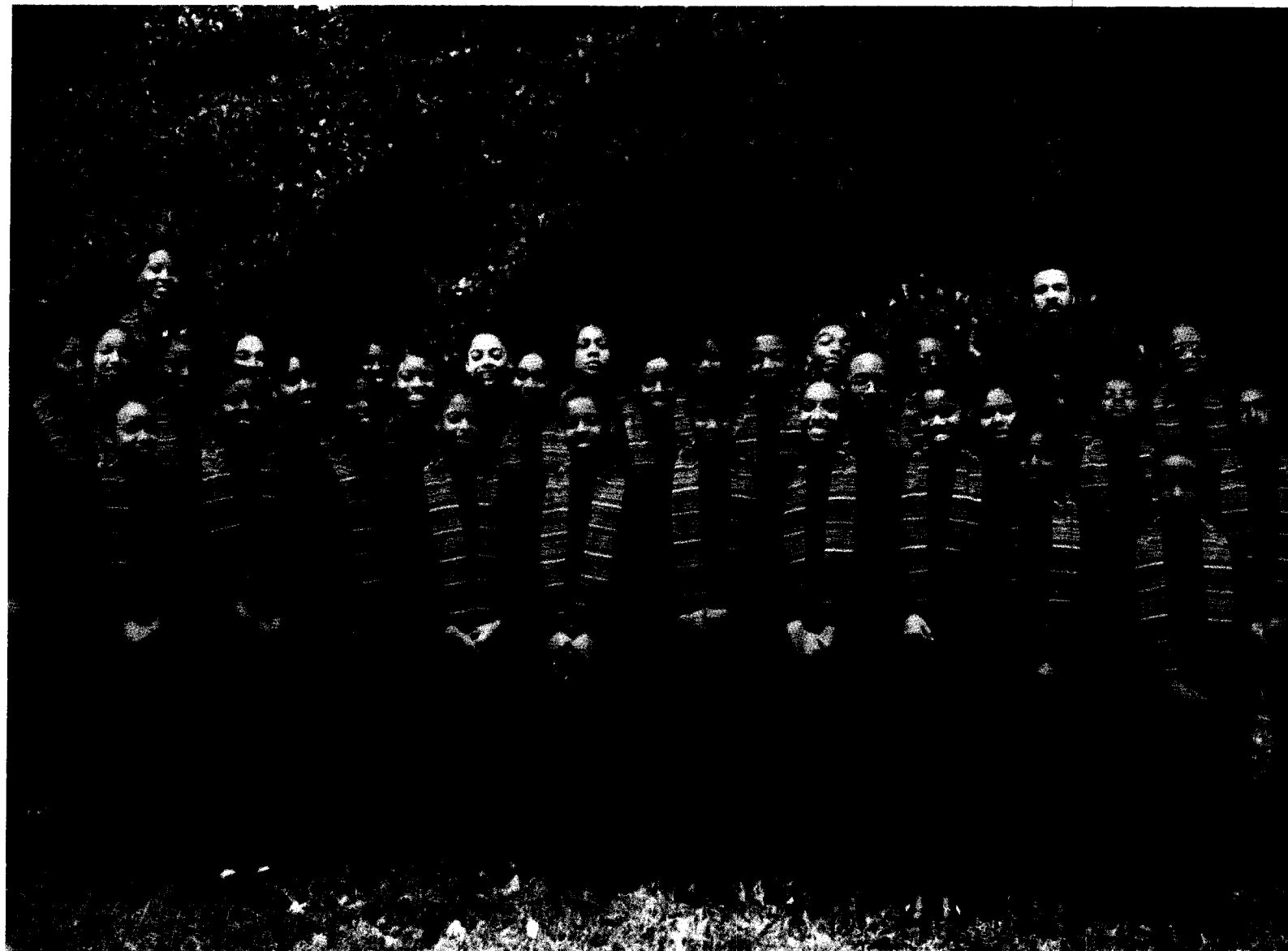


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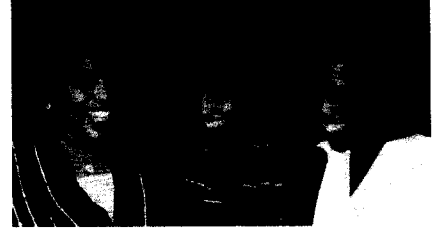
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Vickie Winan, host of the Voice of Tomorrow Competition (left), Marsha Peters, and Vanessa Vaughters, manager of the Quaker Oats Company Voices of Tomorrow, admire the plaque received by Peters moments earlier.



With God, It's Possible

by Olson Perry

Screams of anticipation and excitement echoed throughout the auditorium. The piercing cheers of 6,000 people caused the walls of the massive Cathedral to vibrate as all anticipated the announcement.

The placement of the other seven winners didn't matter. They would each receive \$500 in scholarship funds; however, the first three winners had a lot at stake in scholarship funds, financial earnings, and the prestige of winning the Quaker Oats contest. The decision was especially significant to Adventists. There were three Adventist choirs, First Lithonia, Maranatha, and New Gainsville, represented in the top ten from 324 entrants, and they were about to learn the top three winners.

Gospel singer and recording artist Vickie Winans teased the audience as she shouted into the microphone, "third place winner in the 1997 Quaker Oats Company Voices of Tomorrow Youth Gospel Choir Competition is," she paused, then cried out, "Mount Carmel Baptist Church." The amplitude level moved up a decibel notch as the crowd cheered and the choir di-

rector stepped forward for his prize.

Just when it seemed impossible for the noise level to gain any further, it did. People stood to their feet. Members of the Adventist churches represented clutched each other's hands in anticipation of the announcement. Some Lithonians thought, "Could it be? Is it possible? 'Could the little church with the muddy parking lot and where visitors have to appear before Sabbath school in order to find a seat, possibly outshine these musical giants?'"

"Ladies and gentlemen!" Vickie's voice again echoing throughout the pews and up into the rafters, the second place winner," she deliberately read slowly, causing the momentum, the tension to build, "of the 1997 Quaker Oats Competition is Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist church, and the winner," this time she didn't pause, "is First Lithonia Seventh-day Adventist church."

Total pandemonium reigned. How could this be possible? That question was reflected on the faces of Lithonia members as they inched through the crowd towards the stage. Most of its 200 members were present. The choir members, ranging in age from 14 to 17, stood on stage in shock and disbelief.

Their jaws dropped open as they lingered on the stage. Others staggered between the synthesizer keyboards, guitars, bass amplifiers, drums and cymbals used by the other groups. Parents, friends, fellow members hugged each other. Tears of joy streamed down their faces. Kisses of appreciation and relief sent messages which would long be remembered about the day the little church in Lithonia did it. Lithonia had won. It won \$17,500 in cash and scholarship funds.

First Lithonia was introduced to the contest through 10th grade student Elena Bell. She heard the contest announced on the radio and shared the information with her teachers. Without any hesitancy, Marsha Peters, choir director, and Derek Sharpe, principal, responded and pursued. They made it clear to the students from the beginning that "we are entering a competition out of our element," said Sharpe. "We are not changing who we are or ourselves to enter."

Celebrating its 50th year, the Quaker Oats Company Voices of Tomorrow Youth Gospel Choir Program is the first competition created exclusively for youth choirs. Winans is the national spokesperson for the program.

The competition was opened to church choirs in eight cities and their surrounding areas: Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, Memphis, Oakland, and Washington, DC.

The finalist choirs participated April 7 at the Chapel Hill Harvester Church in Decatur, Georgia, and were judged by an independent panel of gospel personalities. They were judged on vocal quality, clarity of sound, selection of song, and stage presence.

Following the performance, the Quaker Oats Company awarded finalist choirs \$35,000 in cash and scholarship funds.

First Lithonia is located 20 miles east of Atlanta. The church started nine years ago following a tent evangelistic series by Oliver J. McKinney, ministerial director of the Southern Union. The 27 member congregation, at the time of its inception, conducted its services outdoors, in members' basements, and at a public school gymnasium. Eight years ago the small body of believers started a K-4 school with three teachers on a semi volunteer basis.



Maranatha church choir placed second in the final competition, receiving \$10,000.



The New Gainsville church Adventist choir which topped in the final ten.

The Lithonia choir performing "A Quiet Place."





Horace Malone, Lithonia church pastor, receives a congratulatory hug from Cherie Roach, a school boardmember, as Kenneth Fields, Sr., school board chairman, looks on in agreement.

Today, First Lithonia church is about to move into its 22,000 square foot church/school complex with a sanctuary which seats 450 people. The complex houses classrooms, computer room, lab, cafeteria, and an official regulation size gymnasium. The complex sits in the middle of 18 acres, surrounded by upscale homes. The school now operates with 160 students in grades K-10—8 full time and 4 part time teachers. There is a waiting list.

The motto of the 1997 eighth grade graduating class, "With God's help, Conceive it, Believe it, Achieve it," permeates everything the students do. The recent eighth grade class of 19 contained 16 students with a 3.00 GPA or higher. The highest was 3.94. This same attitude of excellence occupies the consciousness of choir members during rehearsals where strict attendance, behavior expectations, and individual performance is required for maintaining membership; and more specifically in performing for the Quaker Oats competition.

In planning a winning strategy, Peters and Sharpe presented an entire sermon built around the songs: "Rock of Ages," "There Is A Quiet Place," "I Know I've Been Changed," and "Hallelujah." Peters' goal for the choir has always been an emphasis on ministry, not just a good sound. Once Lithonia decided to enter the competition, Peters' emphasis has been "when we perform, I want the audience to say, 'my soul was blessed...my heart was changed....' Performing here tonight, to me, was God's way of saying He is going to widen this ministry."

The constant prayer of the students and faculty during prepara-

tion for the challenge was: "Lord, allow the music to bring us closer to you, and to bring others closer to you. If it will not work a detriment to us, please let us win it all."

In reacting to his choir winning the top prize, Sharpe said, "it meant reinforcement of the message to those 35 kids. We don't have to lower standards, compromise, or bend our principles in order for God to bless. Amongst the motions, loud instrumentation, and different elements, we were distinctly different and God chose to bless.... We were the only choir with transitional bridges, and singing a cappella with bridges from song to song. We presented a drastic difference. The message is, we can do it God's way, and it works."

Peters agrees with Sharpe. "The odds were against them. The simplicity of the word shone through when compared to the power, volume, choreography, and instru-

mentation of the other groups. To me, it was a message to the kids that they don't have to compromise. God takes up the slack in our lives. We have been plagued for years with no consistent pianist. We finally saw tonight how God fills in, and the kids saw it. They saw how God answers prayer, and the hands of God at work. They were rewarded for their time and effort."

Members of the audience agreed as they made such statements as: "excellent stage presentation...it reveals positive home and classroom training...talent...musical skill...judges overwhelmed with pure quality...demand respect...a cappella, no hiding, pure music...will improve quality in competition...forces judges to stick to judging criteria."

As the hours ticked away April 7, 1997, moving close to midnight, the mass of people which filled the pews earlier was now gone. Dimmed spotlights hovering over the first two or three pews shone on a few members of the First Lithonia church still lingering to relish the winning environment. The congratulations were over. The accolades were well spent. It was now just a memory. A memory with a lesson. No matter what the odds, "...with God, all things are possible." (Mark 10:27). ■

Cover Photo: First Lithonia Seventh-day Adventist church school choir.



Directress Marsha Peters contemplates her method of approach in facing the challenge ahead of her—directing students through a successful performance.



Cedric Jackson—"It was a miracle. I saw what practice can do."



Shalamar Bloodworth—"It was definitely an opportunity to witness, and show Christ in music."



Lydia Suddler—"The Lord helped us win. We were there to praise Him. Rather than swaying to the music, and including a lot of instruments to sway and impress the judges, we wanted to save people."



Pashlon Floyd—"It was just a miracle. All the sacrifice was worth it. It was an answer to prayer and hard work. In one day, we mastered some musical techniques which it takes some groups weeks to grasp."



Kevin Smith—"It was just a miracle. We are chosen children for something. Our faithfulness was rewarded."



Danette Bell—"It was God. Thank God. Just a miracle. We saw how God can use us in simplicity to witness. They just didn't expect it from us."



Matt Dodd of Nashville, Tenn., is among the student employees at Southern Carton Industry on the university campus.

BRYAN FOWLER

Building Character

Parents may wonder how much a student can earn on campus. Pay ranges from minimum wage (which will soon be \$5.15) to \$9.50 (the latter rewards the truly motivated producers at Southern Carton Industry who may also qualify for additional bonuses). At

\$5.15 per hour, a student working 15 hours a week for the school year (30 weeks) would earn \$2,300. An individual's rate takes into account many factors: quality of work, dependability, initiative, skills, and experience among them.

The student who has learned since toddlerhood to help at home and has worked throughout high school or academy has an advantage. "Computer skills or other special skills—anything from photography to piano accompaniment—can give a student an edge when applying for a first job at Southern," says Els Hetke, director of personnel and student employment.

"We have more jobs than applicants. Sometimes the available job is not the applicant's first choice, but still there is work to be done and the opportunity to grow," adds Hetke. "Evidence of dependability on a first job can lead to better things, even before graduation. And every year I get 50, 60, maybe

100 reference requests from prospective employers. Campus employment can give students a good start for the rest of their working lives."

The proximity of off-campus job opportunities and an increase in student-operated cars has shifted the campus job market. "But sometimes students who want to work off campus overlook the extra costs entailed, both transportation and time," says Hetke.

"Every summer since elementary school, I've worked to help pay the next year's school bill," says Jennifer Artigas, a senior who enjoys the convenience of campus employment. "It was at one of my first jobs, as a librarian's assistant, that the idea of pursuing a communications degree developed," she adds. Now she is a senior with a summer journalism internship in the Publications and Media Relations Office.

"Ever since I was young, my parents instilled in me the importance of honest work. They have done all they can to ensure that I have a Christian education," says Jenni. "Working has built my character, taught me responsibility, and given me many of the skills I will need after I graduate."

What more could a future employer, parent, or graduate ask?

Students or their parents may reach the Student Employment Office at 423-238-3396. ■

* Bennett was U.S. Secretary of Education under the Reagan administration.

by Doris Burdick

Self-discipline, work, responsibility, compassion, honesty, courage . . . It sounds like a list straight from William J. Bennett's* storybook compilation, *The Book of Virtues*.

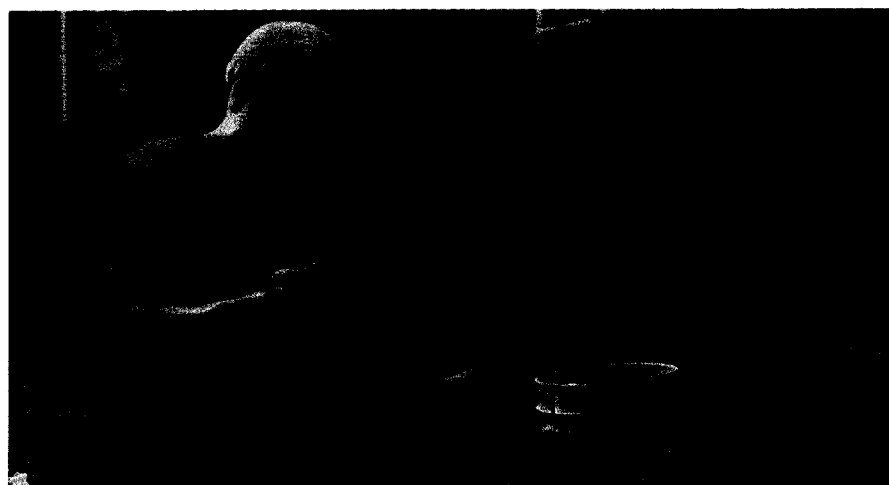
It's also a list of areas in which most student employees at Southern Adventist University grow while academic study is helping prepare them for a future career.

About 750 students are employed on campus during the school year, according to Betty Ashlock, secretary in the Student Employment Office. Some work more than 20 hours a week and still keep up with a full 16-hour load of classes. Students who work generally get grades that match or excel those of nonworking students. The majority of students work 10 to 15 hours per week.

Some students seeking a balance in their lives, look for a job that involves physical rather than mental exercise. Landscape Services and Southern Carton Industry are two such employers. Others prefer a job that will give them a specific career boost. Some pre-meds assist in a biology lab. A broadcast journalism major might work at FM90.5, the radio station.

"My work teaches me responsibility, and it keeps me in shape because I'm constantly moving, taking care of the vans," says Sunda Willison, a sophomore religion major. Willison works for Southern's Motor Pool, which maintains and repairs its fleet of 11 vans and 10 cars. She is working there this summer, and plans to continue in the fall.

Students working for the Grounds Department help maintain Southern Adventist University's beautiful campus.



Prayer Was the Preparation, Prayer Was the Benediction —and the Holy Spirit Continues to Call

by Rufus Lloyd

At 7:15 p.m. on October 5, 1996, all was in readiness for NET '96 in the small town of Savannah, Tennessee (population 7,000). By 7:30 p.m., more than 140 members and nonmembers had arrived. The members watched in total amazement, and began to rejoice as more than 50 nonmembers returned night after night. Forty-three of those nonmembers never missed a single meeting.

After a few meetings when the first appeal cards were distributed, they were brought forward for Merle Finley, evangelist, to offer a prayer. Finley made an altar call during his prayer, and at the conclusion, one-third of those attending came forward. Unexpected and unprepared, the pastor could only promise to visit each individual. This particular appeal card included a request for baptism. Fifteen persons requested baptism. Because of the delay in getting to each home, and because of their urgent desire to accept Christ and be baptized, four adults found other local revivals taking place in the community and were baptized the same night.

People continued to come night after night. Many nights following the meeting, people lined up at the pastor's study waiting to ask "How does one accept Christ?" and requesting baptism. New faces continued to appear through the 26th night. A truly Pentecostal experience has happened in this little spot. The Holy Spirit is being poured out in a wonderful way. Fifty-two people have been baptized or rebaptized. And there are still more who are preparing for baptism.

One family of five drove 100 miles round trip every night and on Sabbath mornings. This family had been self-supporting, nondenominational missionaries and had met an Adventist family in Belize. As a result, they had been keeping the

Sabbath for two years. They are now studying diligently, getting ready for baptism. They will be ready to go back to the mission field, wherever in the world the Lord calls. They just want to be used by the Lord.

Another young man at first refused to let his wife and child attend the meetings and even came one night and took her out of the meetings. The pastor visited him in his home and now he is studying and requesting baptism.

Another attender was raised an Adventist but had become a member of another denomination. He and his wife came on the second night, then attended every night thereafter. The morning he was baptized, his wife told him with tears, "A house divided will not stand. You might as well pack your things and leave." But he didn't. She accepted his decision and now she will soon be baptized.

A mother of six grown daughters attended the meetings every night. All of them were baptized because of her faithfulness in witnessing to her family and in-laws. Not only were her daughters baptized, but also their husbands and one granddaughter. One of her daughters and husband are already out witnessing for the Lord.

NET '96 came to an end on November 5, but there was still a

tremendous interest. A "Bible Marking" class began on Sunday night following the close of the meetings. About 60 people were attending. Then the church began a series of meetings on Wednesday evenings. The people kept coming. Special friends were assigned to each new member to keep him encouraged, answer questions, invite people into their homes, and help them feel that they have come into a loving fellowship.

The members are saying, "I have been a member of this church for 40 years, and I have never seen anything like this." "You can just feel the Spirit of God in our midst." "Our church is getting so full, it's hard to find a seat."

It was time to go. As Pastor and Mrs Lloyd pulled their fifth wheel R.V. out of the parking lot, they had an ache in their stomachs and a sadness in their hearts. It was so hard to leave the wonderful people they had been working with for the past four months. They are sure that there is rejoicing in heaven as they have watched the people of Savannah work together to lay the groundwork for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. ■

Rufus Lloyd is a retired pastor/evangelist from White House, Tenn.

Pictured are the new converts at the Savannah church.



Recounting the Past



Leland Straw recounts the history of ASI.

by George Powell

An organization that spends much time looking back rarely gets ahead. But drawing courage for the future by recounting the past is a hallmark of ASI. Especially this year.

In 1947, Adventist laypersons, largely from schools and sanitariums, met in Cincinnati. Twenty-five privately owned organizations formed the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Self-supporting Institutions. A string of mergers, two name changes, and 50 years later, membership is more than 1,000.

The Southern Union Chapter met at Cohutta Springs April 11 and 12 to mark the anniversary. Attendance reached 400, one of the largest in Southern Union ASI history.

Supporting ministries have always found fertile soil in the Southern Union. In 1904 work began at Madison, Tennessee. From that center, nearly 40 outpost schools and health units were established. Some continue today, such as Fletcher Academy, Harbert Hills Academy and Sanitarium, Heritage Academy, Laurelbrook School and Sanitarium, and Little Creek Sanitarium.

Others became part of the church organization, including Highland, Madison, and Mt. Pisgah academies, Park Ridge (Fletcher) Hospital, and Tennessee Christian (Madison) Medical Center and its satellite in Portland (Highland Hospital).

Still others sprang up independently, including Wildwood Hospital and Lifestyle Center, Hialeah Hospital, and numerous nursing homes.

About 1970, the membership base was broadened to include Adventists engaged in commercial enterprises, the professions, and various ministries.

During the Southern Union Convention, Alice and Leland Straw and Mavis Sutherland, founders of ASI, shared highlights from the early years.

Principal speakers were Willie Oliver, from the North American Division, and Lewis Walton, an attorney and author.

A special offering raised more than \$30,000 to supply Bibles in U.S. prisons, upgrade a slum in India, and purchase Bibles and lessons for use in Eritrea.

L. Louie Dickman is the ASI president in the Southern Union. W. Maurice Abbott is the executive secretary. ■

George Powell is the general vice president at Georgia-Cumberland Conference.



Laura Nyirady, associate professor of nursing at Southern, and students.



4-HOPE of Atlanta provided a musical ministry.

Sabbath attendance reached 400.



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Jesus, The Gateway

by Celeste Ryan

Nearly 600 delegates from South Atlantic, South Central, and Southeastern conferences represented the Southern Union at the seventh United Youth Congress held in April. Convening this year in downtown St. Louis, the United Youth Congress is reported to be the second largest gathering of young Adventists.

Using the theme "Jesus, The Gateway," G. Alexander Bryant and his team of workers planned events that clearly identified issues that young adults are dealing with in the world today. More than 30 workshops were conducted by internationally known educators, religious leaders, and community activists addressing issues such as teen pregnancy and parenting, dating, sex, marriage, violence, self-esteem, career planning, values, and beliefs. "The main thing that our youth were excited about in this conference is that it seemed more relevant to their needs and concerns for the upcoming years," said Claude Matthews, a youth ministries director.

Sponsored by the Black Adventist Youth Directors Association (BAYDA), the regional conference youth directors organization that focuses on addressing issues facing Black youth, and led by Central States youth ministries director Alexander Bryant, this year's congress attracted 2,400 registered delegates and 15,000 non-delegates.

To attend the congress, delegates raised money by sponsoring car washes, creative fashion shows, and selling magazines. Many of the churches subsidized most of the registration fee for its delegates.

Organizers, youth, families and children from the Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, England, the United States, and the Caribbean brought with them a strong message that promoted a healthier lifestyle by promising to stay away from drugs and violence.

"I was excited at the opportunity to show St. Louis and America that all Black young people are not ripping and running around the streets stealing, in gangs, on drugs, or in prison," said Bryant. "We have Black young people who are doing positive things in our churches, our communities, and our country."

In addition to planned workshops, congress officials set up times for delegates to visit 13 St. Louis public schools and put on programs for



Some members of the Decatur church Bible Bowl team listen attentively to answer the next question.

students ages 5 to 15. After sharing testimonies and presenting skits, delegates and students publicly vowed to take a stand against drugs and violence.

"If you're a youth director, it's a lot of work and an enormously large venture," said Dana Edmond, youth ministries director for South Central. "However, it is gratifying to see that young people can make a change in their lives and a difference in the world."

Having the greatest number of participation in the National Bible Bowl Championship, the South Atlantic Conference, represented by the Decatur church in Decatur, Georgia, won first place in the young adults and juniors division of the Bowl. "It was enlightening to play different teams and expand my knowledge," said Chelauna Davidson, member of the junior team. Debbie Ann Sinclair, member of the young adult team and two-time Bowl winner said, "The winning keeps me going and it makes me feel great."

Members of the South Atlantic Conference were proud when their very own Vanard J. Mendinghall, youth director for the South Atlantic Conference and recently elected president, was introduced as speaker for the divine hour service. "We are very proud of Pastor Mendinghall and the leadership he is providing," commented Ralph Peay, former president of the Conference.

On Saturday afternoon, 4,000 congress attendees, joined by representatives of the National Conference of Black Mayors, marched and rallied at an outdoor park in downtown St. Louis. Participants met by state and country affiliation to form national chapters of a new antidrug



Ralph Peay, former president of the South Atlantic Conference, speaks at one of the devotional services.

organization called YAD (Youth Against Drugs). According to Bryant, YAD is about "young people reaching out to young people, challenging each other to be drug-free."

The weekend's events were culminated by a mega gospel concert featuring artists Yolanda Adams, Byron Cage & Purpose, Witness, Theresa Morton, Angella Christie, and Dynamic Praise of Oakwood College. "I thought that the concert was magnificent," said Grammy and Dove Award winner Yolanda Adams. "Young people being excited about gospel music is a wonderful thing. To see them hanging around for the last song was totally amazing because most kids are tired and ready to go. They stayed and they really enjoyed the service and the Lord. I want and like to see young people enjoy the Lord."

Other activities of the congress included a celebrity basketball game with the Dallas Cowboy Legends, including Tony Dorsett and Drew Pearson, a slam dunk competition and halftime step show, a dinner cruise on the Mississippi, and tours of the St. Louis Gateway Arch and the St. Louis Zoo.

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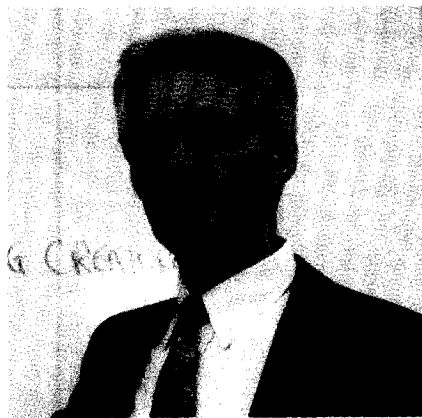
Vanard J. Mendinghall delivers the sermon for the divine hour service.



Pastor Leclaire Litchfield, chaplain of Collegedale Academy, delivers the message for a morning devotional service.

CAROLINA

David Hughes is in the seventh grade and is a member at the Foster Memorial church in Asheville, N.C.. He attends Captain Gilmer church school in Fletcher. He loves science and swimming. In fact, David is a member of the Mountain Swim league and swims on the Hendersonville H-Cats. He has won 52 races in the last two years. Last year, the New Zealand Olympic team visited Asheville, and David was coached by Guy Callaghan, the world-record holder of the butterfly stroke. At the end of the summer, Guy gave David the swim cap he wore in the Barcelona Olympics. David says: "Training is hard work. Sometimes I get upset with my coach or think some of the exercises are hard to do; but it will prepare me for my next race. I know if I listen to my coach, he will help me—I can win. I guess that is the way I can look at God—as my coach. I make mistakes, but He is always there for me, encouraging and helping me with the biggest race." For the last two years, David has qualified to swim in the Mountain Swim league All Stars; however, the competitions were on Sabbath. David was given the choice to swim, but chose not to. When he was asked the question, "Who is the person you would most like to meet?" David's response was, "God—because He created everything. He would be a great science teacher." To the question, "What can't you wait to ask Jesus?" David responded, "What were His favorite things to do?" A deep, compassionate love for God starts early in life. Keeping God's commandments is wonderful, but falling in love with God makes keeping those commandments a joy and an easy decision.



"A Great Day"

It was an emotion-packed moment at the Atlanta Belvedere church earlier this year when Albert Ellis introduced member **Bill Chambers** as the newest employee of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. Bill will serve as a Bible instructor in the Atlanta area as well as associate pastor of the Belvedere church.

Pastor Ellis came to Atlanta nine years ago about the same time that Bill—a recent convert—attended a lay pastoral training seminar at Cohutta Springs. When Ron Halvorsen, church growth director for the Southern Union Conference, challenged those in attendance to pray for holy boldness, Bill confronted his shyness and decided to hold a Revelation seminar. Eighteen people came, three were baptized and Bill was "on fire."

Ellis recalled, "During the past nine years, Bill has held 19 seminars and has been responsible for more than 50 baptisms. With just a little more than a year left in my career, I have said the crowning achievement in my ministry would be to experience what's happened today. Bill is one of the finest Christian gentlemen it has been my privilege to know."

Bill's volunteer soul-winning endeavors were accomplished while working in management for a large automobile dealership. But he didn't hesitate a moment when asked to consider working for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference on a one-year pilot program. He believes his future is in the Lord's hands.

In response to Ellis' comments Bill said, "I'll be doing something I love to do. I know there are people who are better educated and better qualified—but I don't know of anyone who is more willing to sacrifice whatever it may take to do this. This is a dream of a lifetime for me. I love my Jesus, I love sinners, and I love my church. I'm at your service. It's a great day for me."

March 1 was a great day for Bill—and a great day for the future of God's soul-winning work.

Martin Butler

FLORIDA



Joan Bova, a member of the South Orlando church, was awarded the Community Service Award from the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) during

the annual conference held in Orlando April 12. AOTA recognizes individuals who have devoted outstanding service to their community. Bova was selected because of her contribution to people with disabilities. As the director of consumer services at the Center for Independent Living in Central Florida, Inc., Bova manages a department that provides one-on-one assistance to disabled individuals in the areas of housing, employment, life skills training, advocacy, referral services, and peer counseling. She also impacts her community by serving on numerous advisory boards of local non-profit disability-related organizations.

GULF STATES



Kelli Adams, a graduating senior at Bass Memorial Academy and a member of the Florence, Miss., church, was one of eight high school seniors chosen from among nearly 300

applicants for a 1997 scholarship of \$1000 granted by the National Association of Electrical Distributors. NAED required the submission of a transcript, letter of recommendation, and a 500-word essay on "Why I wish to pursue a post-secondary degree and how I intend to use the skills I will learn in my future life." This award is especially beneficial because each winning scholar will be entitled to receive another \$1,000 for each year of his or her undergraduate studies—for a total of \$4,000—provided

satisfactory progress is made toward a degree. Kelli will be a premed student at Southern Adventist University beginning in July of 1997.

Gwen Stinson, grades K-2 teacher and principal of the Pensacola school, received the 1997 Excellence in Teaching Award. Gwen has just completed her 15th year at Pensacola. With a degree in music education and elementary education, music plays an important role in the education, not only of the boys and girls in her room, but for the whole school. Significant donations have been made to the school from parents who wanted to show their gratitude for what Gwen did for their children.



OAKWOOD COLLEGE

Mardian Blair, president and CEO of Adventist Health Systems/Sunbelt, was the recipient of the President's Award from Oakwood College in Huntsville, Ala., recently. The award was presented at the 101-year-old institution's annual Commencement ceremony, during which Blair was presented with an impressive plaque and lauded before the 375-member graduating class and nearly 5,000 visitors. Blair serves on the college's Board of Trustees and the Capital Campaign Steering Committee. "He is an effective Board member, trusted advisor, and committed donor," said Delbert Baker, the college's newly elected president.



Edith Fraser, Ph.D., acting chair of the social work department of Oakwood College, has been selected by the Boston University School of Social Work (BUSSW)



Ambushed ... Then Saved for NET '96

It all happened so quickly, Rhonda recalls. It was late at night at the convenience store and **Rhonda Brown** was alone. Suddenly the door burst open and out of nowhere a young man had a knife at Rhonda's throat. "Give me the money!" he demanded. Then made his get-away in Rhonda's car ... with Rhonda at the wheel. They drove for about two hours and ended up in a cornfield. Rhonda was certain he was going to kill her. The robber met his uncle there and began dividing the money between them.

Meanwhile, back at the store, people who knew Rhonda had come into the store, and finding no one there, knew there must be trouble and immediately called the police. In an all-out effort to find Rhonda, the police finally spotted her car in the cornfield and came to her rescue.

Following this traumatic experience Rhonda vowed this would never happen to her again and enrolled in a karate class. Rhonda is now a first degree Blackbelt.

It was the opening night of NET '96 when Rhonda was visiting family members who live out of state. The family was watching the worldwide program NET '96. Rhonda realized that the same program was airing in her hometown of Greenville, South Carolina. She determined to see it upon returning home. Rhonda never missed a meeting. She won the hearts of all who met her and was baptized at the close of the meetings. Her daughter and son are now both in Pathfinders and her son attends the Greenville church school.

God had a plan for Rhonda's life and it did not include being killed in a cornfield. The miraculous way in which the police spotted her car is proof of that. Praise God for NET '96 and for saving Rhonda to be led to Him through this worldwide effort.

Alumni Association Board as the 1997 recipient of the Outstanding Contributions to the Field of Social Work Award. This year's special BUSSW 60th anniversary awards dinner is being held on November 1 at the Boston Museum.



Frances Bliss, Ph.D., was the recipient of the Zapara Award for Excellence in Teaching at Commencement, April 26, at the Vaun Braun Center. Bliss, an associate profes-

sor at Oakwood College, received the MS degree at A & T State University, 1974, and the Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University in 1984. She has been at Oakwood since 1974.



S. Haywood Cox, Sr., D.D., associate executive director for development at Oakwood College, was honored by the Black Youth Directors Association at the recent United Youth

Congress in St. Louis, Mo. (April 23-27). The Association was proud to recognize him for having served 20 years in youth ministry in the Black work (10 years in Central States Conference as youth director and educational superintendent and 10 years as Oakwood College chaplain). In 1979, Cox became the first Black youth director to become president of a black conference and remains the only former conference president to rise to the office of president directly from the office of youth director. Cox showed a genuine interest in the development of young people by making it a priority to get to know each youth by name.



Carolina

The Carolina Fitness for Witness department, headed by Lawanna Williams, sponsored a **WALK AROUND THE CONFERENCE** program during camp meeting. In the program, participants attempted to walk each day, recording the miles they walked. During camp meeting, the fitness for witness goal was for the accumulated total to equal 1,080 miles, the circumference of the Carolinas. They covered 489.5 miles for the week.

Rose Otis, presenter for the packed **WOMEN'S SEMINAR** during the Carolina camp meeting, explained the new NAD reclaiming program called "Heart Cry." This women's ministries project is to be launched in August and September of this year. It is an exciting, step-by-step plan that will lend a personal touch to reclaiming former church members. Last year, through women's ministries, 30,000 worldwide were rebaptized or rededicated their lives to Christ.

Standing room only. That's the challenge Crystal Whitten, registered dietician from Loma Linda, faced as she began her **NUTRITION AND WELLNESS SEMINAR** at the recent camp meeting. Pat Kaufmann, a member of the Salem, S.C., congregation assisted Crystal with the class on cooking. Whitten also conducted a class in the afternoon on nutrition certification.

The Conference honored seniors at camp meeting recently with a canvas tote-bag. Special recognition was given to 98-year-old Isabel

Pruitt of North Wilkesboro, N.C., who was the "most senior" of all the seniors present. Lonnie Melashenko of the Voice of Prophecy was the **FEATURED SPEAKER** during the recent Carolina camp meeting held at Lake Junaluska.

Recently, the Mt. Pleasant, S.C., church welcomed more than 150 guests during a **HISTORIC HOUSE AND BUILDING TOUR** of the Old Village of Mt. Pleasant located on Charleston Harbor. Built in Eastlake architectural style, the church was beautifully decorated with candles and flowers complementing the uniquely designed wooden interior.

A group of **JUNIOR SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT MEMBERS FROM THE FAIRVIEW CHURCH DELIVERED 30 HANDMADE TEDDY BEARS** to residents of a local nursing home. Over the preceding five weeks the members of the department had made from scratch an average of six teddy bears each week. They were assisted by several adults: Clarise Sweede, Marcia Trott, Jeannie Danner, and Jeff Gaver. This same group of young people have also made cards for the nursing home residents for Valentines, Father's Day, and Mother's Day as well as making colorful autumn leaf displays. One parent remarked that her daughter had learned how to sew as a result of this goodwill effort and had even hand sewn her own Christmas stocking.

MURPHY, N.C., CHURCH CONTRIBUTED \$1,000 recently to the Murphy Medical Center (MMC) for capital development.



Georgia-Cumberland

THE AUGUSTA, GA., CHURCH MOVED TO A 12-ACRE COMPLEX at 4301 Wheeler Road. The sanctuary seats 800. Work began in Augusta in 1922 with approximately 19 members. Frank Courtney was acting pastor. Within five years, membership doubled and a church on Walton Street was purchased. Growth has been constant resulting in moving to larger facilities four times over the past 75 years. Dale Tunnell is optimistic about the possibilities of outreach at the new location.

BEING RETIRED AND BLIND DOESN'T STOP ALDEN HUNT from being an active member in the Johnson City, Tenn., church. In March, Hunt conducted a week-long series in his church

focusing on the topic "From Calvary to Pentecost." Nightly attendance averaged 50. Each meeting included special stories for the children and inspiring music. "Power Hour," the youth group under the direction of Dale Grant, presented a skit entitled "Stomping Out the Darkness."

NINE INDIVIDUALS JOINED THE WIMBISH ROAD CHURCH IN MACON, GA., MARCH 29. The church's emphasis on strong Christian homes combined with dedicated Pathfinder and youth leadership was evident as six young people made a commitment to follow Jesus. Three adults also joined; one by baptism and two by professions of faith.



Gulf States

The small Sylacauga church is actively assisting in the **COMMUNITY NEEDS**. They are providing meals for the homeless, giving blankets and comfort kits to burned-out families, and providing transportation to the hospital when needed.

THE JACKSON, MISS., PATHFINDER CLUB WAS THE FIRST CLUB IN THE WORLD TO REGISTER FOR THE WORLD CAMPOREE to be held in Oshkosh, Wisc., in 1999.

Three youth of the Floral Crest church in Bryant, Ala., have started a **SPECIALIZED OUT-REACH PROGRAM**. Susan Higdon, Sonny Pemberton, and Elizabeth Segee get together, cook a meal, and then deliver plates of food

and literature to people in their neighborhood, including the sick and shut-ins.

In Athens, Ala., some nonmembers found **NET '96** broadcast by 3ABN in their homes. Their interest mounted and soon they sought out the local church. Several of these seekers were amongst the ones recently baptized in Athens.

THE SKYLAND CHURCH IN TUSCALOOSA RESPONDED TO THE TORNADO that struck the east Tuscaloosa area with the most devastation. Approximately 80 homes were affected. Members responded with blankets and care packages to let the community know someone cares.

Kentucky-Tennessee



Approximately one year ago, James Uselton was confined to a nursing home in Lawrenceburg, Tenn., after undergoing surgery for cancer of the spine and being told by his doctors that he would never walk again. He was paralyzed from the waist down. Mary Burnes introduced Pastor David Saguan to Uselton, and they studied the Bible together for about six months. Uselton began attending church in a wheelchair, then progressed to a walker, and now is able to walk without any aid. He was accepted into the fellowship of the Lawrenceburg, Tenn., church April 5, 1997, by profession of faith. Mr. Uselton testified of **THE MIRACLE OF GOD'S HEALING** and how happy he is to be a Seventh-day Adventist Christian.

A SPECIAL CEREMONY WAS HELD TO DEDICATE THE NEW SABBATH SCHOOL WING IN THE OWENSBORO, KY., CHURCH. Dr. and Mrs. Suk Ki Kim's initiation and financial contributions were largely responsible for turning this long-awaited project into reality, were presented with a plaque in memory of their daughter, Jane, who lost her young life in a traffic accident in 1990. In addition to the four classrooms, a large Pathfinder room, two bathrooms, and the fellowship room was doubled in size. The Kims have dedicated their lives and means to spreading the Good News.

THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 28-30 FOUND THE BPF (BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL FOUNDATION) MEMBERS AND GUESTS ENJOYING THEMSELVES AT PARK MAMMOTH RESORT. The special speaker for the weekend was G. Edward Reid, stewardship director for the North American Division. His timely messages Friday evening, Sabbath morning and afternoon were appreciated and very informative. Special music for the weekend was provided by Juan and Joyce Portela from Highland Academy. Special thanks also goes to Carolyn Marshall, Bob and Debbie Wint, Myron Johnson, Amy Hack Johnson, James Ladd, Marilyn Ladd,

and John Fowler. It takes many different gifts and talents to put together a weekend like the one enjoyed by BPF members.

Charlotte Torkelson of the Boulevard church in Madison, Tenn., and Cindy Fisher of the Ridgetop church, participated in the second annual **MEDICAL ENHANCEMENT SEMINAR** for professional and paraprofessional personnel at the VA Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn. Retired Army Reserve Major Keith Wilson, also of Ridgetop, arranged for this continuing education seminar for both naval and army medical reserve personnel before his recent retirement. In her presentation, Torkelson, a registered nurse, discussed disease-borne parasites and arachnids. Ms. Fisher, a registered dietitian and certified health educator, discussed general dietary guidelines for Americans. Both presentations were an hour in length and included visuals brought by the presenters.

On April 13, the Nashville First church had its first **INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR** where the international members had an opportunity to display their country's cuisine. Dishes from Cuba, South Africa, Korea, the Philippines, Germany, Puerto Rico, Denmark, Barbados, Yugoslavia, Papua New Guinea, and U.S. food from the South, the Southwest, and Northwest was sampled.

In preparation for an **AMAZING FACTS CRUSADE** June 20-July 19 in the Grove/Winchester, Ky., district, Drs. James Miller and Jim Marcum, Adventist cardiologists from the University of Kentucky, conducted a five-day health seminar in the Stanford, Ky., city library. The doctors were assisted by Pastor Chuck Williams and members of the Grove church. Christa Schmidt, nutritionist and member of the Winchester, Ky., church also conducted a four-day cooking school in the same Library in Stanford, Ky. Between the health seminar and cooking school, a total of approximately 115 nonmembers attended.

Southern Adv. Univ.



AN EXPANDING WORLD WIDE WEB SITE for Southern Adventist University (www.southern.edu) is opening new doors of communication. An online information request form and this fall's alumni homecoming schedule are among its many new resources.

The first classes to be offered by Southern toward a **MASTER OF ARTS IN RELIGION DEGREE** began May 4 for 24 graduate students. Derek Morris, D.Min., taught advanced preaching methods, and Steve Case, Ph.D., was a guest professor for youth ministries in local churches.

THE JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INVITED TO ASSUME CONTROL OF LOCAL PROGRAMMING AND PRODUCTION for low-powered TV Channels 5 and 26 in the Collegedale and Chattanooga areas. Constituent members of the White Oak Mountain Broadcasting Association have approved a recommendation from the board

of directors to dissolve the nonprofit corporation and donate all cash and equipment to the university. WOMBA was chartered in 1994 to broadcast local and 3ABN network programming. The WOMBA name will be dropped from use.

THE 1997-98 SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY CATALOG is in the mail to students accepted for the new school year. It is also available to prospective students by calling 1-800-SOUTHERN.

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Since 1991, Adventist Risk Management has sponsored a Safety Poster Contest for all schools within the North American Division. For the 1996-97 school year, there were 2,985 entries. Amanda Graves, a student in the sixth grade at Highland Elementary, was the third place winner for grades 5-8 category. William Craig presented her with a certificate and a \$50 check. Shelly and Sandy Haviland, also students at Highland Elementary, received honorable mention.



The Clarksville, Tenn., church recently held a prophecy seminar with Kim Kjaer of Amazing Facts. The series opened at Austin Peay State University with 289 visitors. Pastor David Lea, his family, conference workers, and church members all pulled together. When the seminar closed, 42 new members had been added to the Clarksville church and three members had renewed their commitment to Christ through rebaptism.



VAN HALL

The Ridgetop, Tenn., Adventist Elementary School recently celebrated the arts with a program of music and an exhibition of artwork. The musical segment included the Suzuki violin group, and flute, piano and vocal numbers by the students. Musical instructors were Ellen Francisco, strings; Debbie Candy, piano; Penny Hall, choir; and Donna Miller, choir and chimes. Julie Estella and Linda Raines were the art teachers. The eight-grade, two-teacher school will add a kindergarten and a third teacher this fall. Jim Jaines and Ken Grant were the teachers for the 1996-97 school year.

Coalfield, Tenn., church held a ground-breaking ceremony for a new church April 20, 1997. Pastor George Sharpe, former pastor Paul Carlson, associate ministerial director of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference Walt Williams, and Horace Beckner of Knoxville, Tenn., joined Coalfield members and community visitors in the ceremony. Charter members Helen Wormsley Maston, Armethia Wiggins Lively, and Lois Wormsley Treece were the first to dig their shovels where the new 140-capacity sanctuary will stand. Contractor Joe Sexton plans to have the sanctuary completed by fall of 1997. The Coalfield church was organized in 1937 under the leadership of the Risiter family.



IMAGES



The Samaritan Center (Adventist Community Services Center) in Ooltewah, Tenn., unveiled an oil painting "Who Is My Neighbor?" by artist Daud Akhriev May 31, 1997. The painting was commissioned by an anonymous donor to remind us that at various times in life's journey we can be the wounded traveler or the one who exploits others; the indifferent Levi or priest; or the Samaritan who relieves a stranger's pain. It hangs in the lobby of the Samaritan Center to honor the many community Samaritans who support the humanitarian work of the center through their gifts of time, talents, goods, services, and dollars. The Samaritan Center operates in the spirit of the Innkeeper, a place where people wounded by life find help for today and hope for tomorrow.

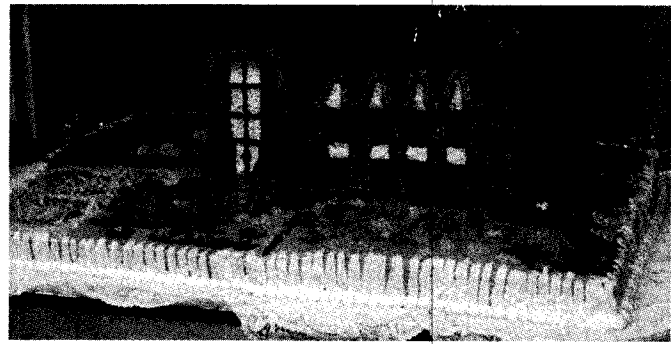


More than 50 Pathfinders and staff from Douglasville, Macon, and Ellijay, Ga., worked April 13 at Cohutta Springs preparing for the annual Pathfinder camporee held April 25-27. One major project was individually placing stones to secure the new vehicle crossing to the camping area.



Johnson City, Tenn., church hosted a vegetarian cooking class March 25-April 15. Attendance at the weekly class averaged 40. More than 75 percent of the participants were visitors from the community. Mary Butler, the instructor, along with church volunteers, prepared dishes and provided recipes for attendees. Kenneth James, Ph.D., professor at East Tennessee University, also gave a lecture at each session. Plans are underway to hold another cooking school in the fall at a larger facility for the growing interest in vegetarian cooking.

BILL GROVER



March 15 was a grand and glorious day for the Nashville Spanish church members. This was the day they moved into their new home and celebrated with an all-day Open House service. There were many different and unusual events that took place to make the day unforgettable, such as the large tent set up outside to accommodate everyone during the delicious and bountiful lunch, Conference president Richard Hallock and his wife were in attendance, as well as Conference treasurer Douglas Hilliard, the parade of flags, and special music. However, one of the most outstanding treats was the giant cake prepared lovingly by one of the male members of the church. This special cake was an exact duplicate of the new Spanish church. Not only was it beautiful to behold, but delicious to eat as well. With the dedication and enthusiasm of this lively group, good things are bound to happen.



The first 50-year honor class for Highland Academy celebrated April 5. Of the 15 members of the Class of 1947, 10 attended the reunion. Two of the members are deceased. Left to right: Mary Jane Smouse Davis, Daisy Marie Rosel Champion, Norma Dean Yates Spencer, Edith Bethea Allen, Don Crook, Marguerite Sanderson Jansen, Ruth Dysinger Harris, Nelda Mitchell Reid, and Bernita Ortnier Wallar.



Montez and Ila Genton celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary March 30, 1997, in Inverness, Fla., with a program and reception given by their children and grandchildren. The Gentons were baptized on Nov. 11, 1939, after attending tent evangelistic meetings in Bradenton, Fla., where they resided for 40 years before moving to Inverness in 1972. They have been a blessing to the church all these years. Their nine children (one deceased) have all been employed by the church.



Ft. Walton Beach church was the host church on youth day for the Panama City church, Jordan Street church, and Ft. Walton Beach church. Their theme for the Sabbath service conducted by the youth was "Heaven is ready for our youth. Are we ready to show them the way?" A skit entitled "Judgment Day" was presented to illustrate the importance of having a right relationship with Christ so that we are not disappointed on judgment day. After services, a full day of activities included fellowship lunch, a nature trail hike, skits, and a social at the YMCA Swim and Gym.

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Assistant Director, Behavioral Medicine
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Suzanne Graham-Hooker, MD
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Topic: Domestic Violence: A Family Health Hazard

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Topic:
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• **Management of the Multidisciplinary Patient**
• **Acute Care/Severe Manifestations of Trauma**
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- Motor Control Areas of the Cerebral Cortex
- Other Major CNS Centers Regulating Descending Pathways

Bonnie J. Forrester
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Health/Temperance Leaders, Pastors



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Topic: Anesthesia for Cleft Lip
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BELL, Jerry, 47, born March 30, 1949, in Pensacola, Fla., died April 2, 1997, in Milton, Fla. He was a member of the Milton church. He is survived by his wife, Belinda of Pace, Fla.; his mother, Marguerite Bell of Pace; two brothers; and three sisters.

BENTON, Iva, 80, born June 4, 1916, in Zeleski, Ohio, died April 5, 1997, in Lecanto, Fla. She was a member of the Hernando church in Inverness, Fla. She is survived by her husband, Alfred of Inverness, Fla.; one son, Michael of Safety Harbor, Fla.; one daughter, Linda Bauer of Gibsonton, Fla.; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

BORGERT, Hazel, 97, died May 8, 1997, in Longwood, Fla. She was a member of the Forest Lake church in Apopka, Fla. She is survived by her daughter, Virginia Reide; sister, Elsie Krohn of Longwood, Fla.; one grandchild; one great-grandchild; and two great-great-grandchildren.

BRASHER, James Clinton (J.C.), Sr., 75, born Sept. 25, 1923, in Lafayette County, Miss., died March 26, 1997, in Coffeerville, Miss. He was a member, cofounder, head deacon, and school board chairman of the Water Valley, Miss., church. He is survived by two sons: Jim Brasher of Vidor, Tex., and Raymond Brasher of Coffeerville, Miss.; two sisters; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

BUTTS, Bessie, 78, died March 19, 1997, in Milton, Fla. She was a member of the Milton church. She is survived by two daughters: Dorothy Land and JoAnn Nelson; one sister; six grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

CARROLL, Sr., Leon John, born Nov. 13, 1904, in Long Island, Bahamas, died April 17, 1997. He came to the states when he was a young man. After working and residing in Dania for a short period of time, he met and married his wife, Julia. During the following years, he began studying with a group of Sabbathkeepers. The group included his wife, her mother, sister and brother. The group grew and in 1929 most of the group was baptized by Elder F. H. Stevens. This group met for two years in Dania before they found members in Ft. Lauderdale. The Dania group began going to Ft. Lauderdale to worship with them and they met in an old house. Elder H. D. Singleton, the district pastor, decided that a church should be built. Carroll and other members would work on the church building every evening after work. Carroll made the bricks for the church and worked untiringly when others were unable to come. Carroll was ordained as the first elder of the Ft. Lauderdale and Dania churches and served in that capacity until 1993. He served as a lay person on the South Atlantic Conference committee for a number of years during the 70's. He has been described by many of the conference workers and church members as a sincere, honest and dedicated man. He is survived by his daughter, Ruth Wheeler of Maryland; one son, Leon J. Carroll, Jr., of Dania; seven grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

CORLEY, Robert Lee, born June 5, 1904, in Panama City, Fla., died March 31, 1997. He is survived by his wife, Ellie; one son, Dan of Sacramento, Calif.; one daughter, Ethel Henderson of Panama City; one sister; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

DOHERTY, Jesse Ward, born in 1904 in Mississippi, died Feb. 10, 1997, in Mobile, Ala. He was a member of the Mobile First church. He is survived by his wife, Ora; two daughters: Barbara Ann Moore and Anita Roberts, both of Mobile; and one sister.

DOHERTY, Ora Felicia, born in 1911 in Mobile, Ala., died April 25, 1997, in Mobile, Ala. She was a member of the Mobile First church. Her husband preceded her in death Feb. 10, 1997. She is survived by two daughters: Barbara Ann Moore and Anita Roberts of Mobile, Ala.; one brother; and three sisters.

DOMBROSKY, Stanley Louis, born May 8, 1914, in Buffalo, N.Y., died May 4, 1997, in Largo, Fla. He was a member of the Forest Lake

church in Apopka, Fla. Out of 40,000 U.S. Army soldiers stationed at Aberdeen, Md., he was named GI Joe of The USO—a highlight of his life. He then served the Church for 35 years. He worked as an assistant colporteur in 1946, and as a pastor in California from 1947-1952, Baltimore, Md. from 1952-1957, in Florida from 1957-1970. A visionary soul-winner, he won 50-75 souls a year during his pastoral years. He began work in the Florida Conference as director of personal ministries and community services. He was director of community services for 16 years until his retirement, Jan. 1, 1981. During this time, he pioneered the use of health screening vans which operated across the state of Florida. People came from as far away as China to find out how to start a van program. Several other areas or Conferences used the Florida van ministry as a model in implementing their own van ministries: Greater New York Conference, Boston, Southern California, Texas, Missouri, Iowa, and Puerto Rico. Five different years community services received financial and trophy awards from the Walt Disney organization for the community van services. Elder Dombrosky is survived by his wife of 50 years, Virginia; one son, John of Winter Park, Fla.; one daughter, Stanva Vandenbergh of Tampa, Fla.; sisters: Helen Smith of Winter Park, Fla., and Lottie Wood of Martinsburg, W.Va.; and two grandchildren.

ELLIOTT, Hicklyn Lindberg, 62, born May 5, 1934, in Bullsavannah, Jamaica, West Indies, died April 15, 1997, in Avon Park, Fla. He was a member of the Walker Memorial church in Avon Park. He served 17 years as head chef for Florida Hospital Walker in Avon Park. He is survived by his wife, Sheila; three sons: Patrick of Avon Park, Fla., Paul of New York, and Richard of Atlanta, Ga.; and two grandchildren.

ELLIS, William Leonidas, 98, of Collegedale, Tenn., was born in Nash County, N.C., to Ardell Davis and Peninah Savannah Dixon Ellis Aug. 4, 1898, and died March 2, 1997. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Effie Poythress Ellis in 1988, and his second wife, Ruby Gardner Jordan Miller Ellis in 1996. He is survived by four daughters: Rita Ellis Mills of Collegedale, Tenn., Margaret Ellis Bata Dower of Ooltewah, Tenn., Dorothy Ellis Minner of Calhoun, Ga., and Barbara Ellis Jones of Duluth, Ga.; two brothers: Ben and Floyd Ellis of Petersburg, Va.; one sister, Therese Phillengane of Carson, Va.; five stepchildren: Vashiti Jordan McClelland of Atlanta, Ga., Dewey Jordan of Wilmington, N.C., and Ruth, Royce and Max Jordan of Vanceboro, N.C.; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and 11 stepgrandchildren.

GILES, Earle, 85, of Collegedale, Tenn., was born Feb. 20, 1912, and died April 14, 1997. Giles was a member of the Collegedale, Tenn., church. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Gladys; two sons: Dr. Charles Giles of Orlando, Fla., and Dr. Stanley Giles of Greenville, Tenn.; six grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

GODFREY, Alton, died Jan. 3, 1997, in Apopka, Fla. He was a member of the Miami Springs church in Miami, Fla.

GRUNDY, Calvin Robert, 72, born in San Jose, Calif., died Jan. 2, 1997, in Huntsville, Ala. He was a member of the Huntsville Central church. He is survived by his wife, Joyce; two sons: Carl of Huntsville, and James of Hazel Green, Ala.; two daughters: Lorna Dickmen of San Jose, Calif., and Vicki Lenhart of Mesa, Ariz.; and 11 grandchildren.

HALL, Anna May, 81, born Jan. 28, 1916, in Lebanon, Ind., died May 13, 1997, in Jacksonville, Fla. She was a member of the Jacksonville Mandarin church. She is survived by her husband, Arthur; one son, Wayne; two daughters, Delores Asbury and Sue Creekmore; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

HALLER, Karl, 94, born March 17, 1903, in Villengen, Germany, died May 3, 1997, in Orlando, Fla. He was a member of the Forest Lake church in Apopka, Fla. He is survived by two

daughters: Ruth Haller and Barbara Bauer of Longwood, Fla.; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

HOLMES, Boone, born March 9, 1907, died Dec. 17, 1996, in Memphis, Tenn. He was a member of the Memphis First church. He was preceded in death by his wife, Erlene, Feb. 7, 1994. He is survived by one brother, Oliver W. Holmes of Collegedale, Tenn.; and many nieces and nephews.

HUBBARD, Robert, born June 10, 1913, in Evansville, Ind., died Dec. 10, 1996. He became a Seventh-day Adventist in 1952. He moved to Madison, Tenn., and was a member of the Madison Campus church until his death. He is survived by his wife, Loys; two daughters: Francie Hubbard and Julie Bomar; one son, David Hubbard; one granddaughter; one grandson; and one great-grandson.

HUDSON, Annie C. born April 19, 1919, in Pikeville, Md., died May 10, 1997. She was a member of the Ashland, Ky., church where she served as head elder and Pathfinder leader. She also served as a volunteer at WTSP-TV Channel 61, and the Community Kitchen in Ashland. She is survived by two daughters: Cynthia Ringgold of Ashland and Rosemarie Walter of Fort Bragg, Calif.; one son, Alfred W. Hudson, Jr., of Stevensville, Md.; one sister; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

JACKSON, Nita, born May 6, 1905, in Chattanooga, Tenn., died Dec. 8, 1995, in Panama City, Fla. She was a member of the Kenyon Memorial church in Thomasville, Ga. She is survived by her daughter, Eloise Warrel of Panama City, Fla.; four grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

JUHL, Gladys E., 86, born Feb. 14, 1911, in Ute, Iowa, died April 21, 1997, in Altamonte Springs, Fla. She was employed as a nurse at Florida Hospital, Orlando, for 15 years. She is survived by three sons: Eugene of Calhoun, Ga., Iring of Altamonte Springs, Fla., and Albert of Concord, N.C.; eight grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

MOORE, Carol Klooster, died Feb. 8, 1997, in New York City. She was preceded in death by her husband, John, of 35 years, three weeks earlier. She graduated from Emmanuel Missionary College, now Andrews University, in 1942. She was head of the music department at Campion Academy for two years, and taught at Pacific Union College and Columbia Union College until 1948. Her dedication to music took her to New York City where she continued her study and demonstrated her talent in live concerts on radio and television, as well as appearances in concert halls and churches throughout the city. Her father, H. J. Klooster, served as president of Southern Junior College for 10 years from 1927-1937. She is survived by her brother, Judson Klooster, D.D.S., Dean Emeritus School of Dentistry, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, Calif.

NIVISON, Lois, born March 5, 1914, in Lawrenceburg, Tenn., died April 27, 1997, in Columbia, Ky. She is survived by two daughters: Betty Miller and Shirley Rutherford; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

NOWAKOWSKI, Inez, 85, born Jan. 15, 1912, in Honduras, died April 23, 1997, in Tampa, Fla. She was a member of the Tampa First church. She is survived by two sisters: Myrtle Misner and Martha Lifschultz of Tampa, Fla.; and one brother, Stuart Powery of Tampa, Fla.

OWENS, Lee, born Aug. 26, 1924, died April 7, 1997. He was a member of the Bristol, Tenn., church. Owens was a master sergeant parachute jumper in the Korean War and was buried with full military honor at the Veterans Mountain Home in Johnson City, Tenn. He is survived by his wife, Sharon; one son; six daughters; and 18 grandchildren.

PRUETT, E. Louise, born Feb. 8, 1918, in Cedar Bluff, Va., died April 28, 1997, in Rome, Ga. Pruett was a member of the Marietta, Ga., church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Emory H. Pruett, and daughter, Doris (Continued page 20)

TRANSITIONS

On the Move

Florida

Obed Graham retired as president of the Florida Conference. **Gordon Retzer**, formerly president of Adventist World Radio, accepted the call to become the new Florida Conference president. Redistricting has taken place in the Sebring, Lake Placid, and Okeechobee areas. **John Thurber**, previously pastor of the Sebring church, is on a Conference special assignment. Okeechobee/Lake Placid district pastor **Jack Long** now pastors the Sebring/Lake Placid district. **Dwight Davis** filled the pastoral vacancy at the Okeechobee church. **James Duncan** recently converted to Adventism. He was a pastor of the Holy Hill Church of God near Daytona and now serves as a pastoral intern at the Winter Springs church. He will continue his training in August at Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn. **Augustin Hilaire** is the associate pastor of the Eden French church, coming from the Southwest Region Conference. Plymouth-Sorrento company pastor **Ernest Steed** has returned to retirement. Plymouth-Sorrento head elder **Brendan White** now serves as pastor of that church. **Jeffrey Wood** joined the Walker Memorial church as an associate pastor, coming from the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. Florida Conference church building development and Conference property management director **Arnt Krogstad** has retired. **Reginald Simons** now serves as Conference associate publishing director, coming from the Bermuda Conference. Conference church building development and Conference property management interim director **Cynthia Wills** was named director. **Mark Cox**, Walker Memorial youth pastor, now pastors the Jupiter church. **Joe Escobar**, former Apopka youth pastor, is now serving as part-time pastor of the Boca Raton church. Redistricting has occurred in North Florida. Lake City/High Springs district pastor **Ron Patterson** now serves the Lake City/Madison district. Perry/Madison district pastor **Wayne Neimeyer** now serves the High Springs/Jennings Lake district. Jennings Lake/Cross City district pastor **Bill Bishop** now serves at Cross City only as a retired minister. **Don Johnson**, who served with special evangelism projects in North Florida, is now the pastor/evangelist of the Perry/Crawfordville district. Crawfordville/Tallahassee district pastor **Gordon Henderson** now serves the Tallahassee church only. Homestead pastor **John VanSickle** now pastors the South Orlando church, filling the vacancy left by **Harry Robinson** who has retired. Altamonte Springs associate pastor **Dennis McOmber** now pastors the Homestead church. **Garnet Spence** has transferred from a teaching position at the West Palm Beach Christian school to fill the pastoral vacancy at the Boynton Beach church.

Georgia-Cumberland



Yoder



Chambers



Cooper



Jones



Sharpe



Boles



Boling



Crutcher



Jordan



Nieves

Norman Yoder from Wisconsin is the new pastor at Peachtree City, Ga. **Bill Chambers** of the Atlanta Belvedere church is the new Atlanta-area Bible instructor. **John Cooper**, associate pastor of the Knoxville, Tenn., First church, is pastor of the Knoxville Grace and Lenoir City, Tenn., district. **David Jones**, associate pastor at Atlanta Belvedere, will pastor the Graysville and Spring City, Tenn., district. **Steve Poenitz** from Napa, Calif., is the new incoming pastor for Greeneville, Tenn. **George Sharpe** from the Knoxville Grace and Lenoir City, Tenn., district, is moving to the Coalfield/Harriman, Tenn., district. **B. J. Boles** is the new incoming pastor for the Bristol/Kingsport, Tenn., district. **Paul Boling** from Birmingham, Ala., will pastor the Knoxville, Tenn., First church. **Kent Crutcher**, pastor of the Atlanta Southside, is the new associate/youth pastor of McDonald Road, Tenn., church. **Jeff Jordan** will be starting a new ministry for the hearing impaired in Atlanta, Ga. **Jose Nieves** is the youth pastor for the Ooltewah, Tenn., church. Nieves comes from the New York Conference.

Gulf States

Kurt Roth, a 1997 graduate of Southern Adventist University, is now pastoring the Andalusia, Ala., district, replacing **Bob Rose** who moved to Calif. Chad Grundy is the assistant manager of the ABC, replacing **Rick Claus** who is now the ABC manager in Wisconsin. Chad is a 1997 graduate of Southern Adventist University.

Mike Hill, a 1997 graduate of Southern Adventist University, is pastoring the Gilbertown, Ala., district. **Dan Houghtaling**, previous pastor, is now pastoring in the Iowa-Missouri Conference.

George Crawford, Jr. is pastoring the Vicksburg, Miss., district, having graduated from Southern Adventist University in May, 1997. **Bruce Hinckley** was the pastor there but accepted a call to the Oklahoma Conference.

Ron Wooten, who was pastoring in the Greater New York Conference, is now the pastor of the Tuscaloosa, Ala., district.

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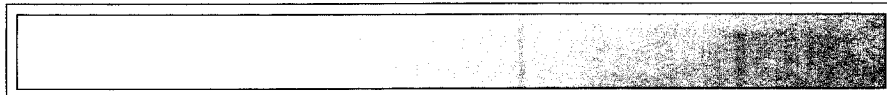
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Florida

North Florida Youth Vespers—July 4, 18, and 25. Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. Ocala church. Details: (352) 625-4752.

Youth/Young Adult North Florida Reach Out Weekend—July 11–13. Activities reaching out to community. Details: (407) 644-5000 x131.

Evangelistic Meetings

July 11–Aug. 16. Lester and Zula Pratt and Roy and Amy Pauley. Lake Wales.
 Aug. 1–Sept. 6. Ric Swaningson. Starke.
 Aug. 9–Sept. 20. Bill and Cora Waters. New Smyrna Beach.

Aug. 29–Oct. 4. Lester and Zula Pratt and Roy and Amy Pauley. Tallahassee.
 Sept. 11–Oct. 11. Bob Goransson. Cocoa.

Adventist Singles Ministries Fellowship Dinners

July 12. Forest Lake and First Church of West Palm Beach.
 July 19. Apopka Highland.
 July 26. Kress Memorial.

Adventist Book Center Bookmobile Schedule

July 12. Naples.
 July 13. Ft. Myers Jr. Academy, Port Charlotte, Arcadia, Walker Memorial church, Winter Haven.
 July 19. North Miami.
 July 20. Ft. Lauderdale, Plantation, Lauderdale, Pompano Beach.
 Aug. 23, 24. Camp Kulaqua.
 Aug. 28. Florida Hospital Walker.

Obituaries

Jean Pruett. She is survived by one daughter, Linda Gayle Leach of Wolcott, Conn.; two sons: Gary S. Pruett of Kennesaw, Ga., and Kenny Pruett of Bluefield, W. Va.; two sisters; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

SPENCER, Lester Clark, born June 15, 1938, in Sledge, Miss., died May 11, 1997, in Nashville, Tenn. He was a member of the Cross Plains, Tenn., church. He is survived by his wife, Dorma Dean Yates Spencer; two daughters: Brenda Hardin and Deana Searcy; one son, Warren Spencer; three grandsons; two great-granddaughters; two brothers; and one sister.

RAND, Martin Elmer, 87, born Nov. 21, 1909, in Madison, Ohio, died April 29, 1997, in Crystal River, Fla. He was member of the Homosassa church in Homosassa, Fla. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor of Homosassa; one son, Martin, Jr., of Willard, N.Y.; one daughter, Patricia Griffin of Quincy, Ill.; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

ROBINSON, Ruth M. Post, 87, of Graysville, Tenn., was born March 15, 1910, in Fitzgerald, Ga., and died April 16, 1997. She was a member of the Brayton church. She was preceded in death by two husbands, Aaron Post and Charles Robinson. She is survived by one daughter, Pearl Hill; one son-in-law, Bill Hill; one stepdaughter, Florence Cumbo of East Wanchu, Wash.; one stepson, James Robinson of Orlando, Fla.; two grandsons; two granddaughters; and three great-grandchildren.

SALADINO, Joseph, 88, born Oct. 20, 1908, in Tampa, Fla., died March 7, 1997, in Tampa, Fla. He was a member of the Tampa First church. He is survived by three sons: Frank of Tampa, Fla.; Joseph, Jr., of Marathon, Fla.; and David of Wakefield, R.I.; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

SHARPE, Ivey Lee, 93, born in Russellville, Ky., died May 2, 1997, in Mobile, Ala. She was a member of the Mobile First church. She is survived by one daughter, Dede Ellis Williams of Mobile; and two sisters.

GOAL Banquet—Aug. 3. Central Florida. Details: (407) 644-5000 x 131.

Youth Leadership Meeting—North Florida Area. Aug. 9. Gainesville church. Details: (407) 644-5000 x 131.

Florida Conference Youth Council—Aug. 10. Florida Conference office. Details: (407) 644-5000 x 131.

Pathfinder Leadership Convention—Aug. 22–24. Camp Kulaqua. Details: (407) 644-5000 x 127.

Hispanic Children's Ministries Convention—Sept. 5–7. Camp Kulaqua. Details: (904) 454-2297.

Women's Ministries Workshop—Sept. 26–28. Pine Lake Retreat Center. Details: 644-5000 x 188.

Georgia-Cumberland

Adventist Community Services Rally—Aug. 2. Lakeland, Ga.

First Day of School—Aug. 14.

Pathfinder Leadership Convention—Aug. 15–17. Cohutta Springs.

Executive Committee—Aug. 27. Conference Office.

Hispanic Convocation—Aug. 29–31. Cohutta Springs.

Gulf States

Teen Mission Trip—July 13–27. Pine Ridge, S.D.

Teachers' Convention—Aug. 4–7. Camp Alamisco.

LE Summer Rally—Aug. 7–10. Camp Alamisco.

Conference Executive Committee—Aug. 11. Camp Alamisco.

Ministers' Meeting—Aug. 11–14. Camp Alamisco.

SMITH, Alex Joseph, born Feb. 7, 1906, died June 8, 1996. He was a member of the Kenyon Memorial church in Thomasville, Ga. He is survived by his wife, Thelma; three daughters: Sara Quick, Betty Ramsey, and Sharon Willis; and two sons: Harold Smith and John Alex Smith.

TILLOTSON, Vernon, 67, died Jan. 24, 1997. He was a member of the Cohutta, Ga., church. He is survived by his wife, Betty Morris Tillotson; two daughters: Marilyn Knapp of Gray, Tenn., and Lynette Tillotson of Ringgold, Ga.; one son, Richard D. Tillotson of Villa Rica, Ga.; two brothers; three sisters; and four grandchildren.

WELLS, Laurel (Pendley), 70, born Feb. 25, 1927, in Avinger, Tex., died April 9, 1997, in Mena, Ark. She attended Jefferson Academy, then worked in Texarkana and Houston for 16 years before she and her husband, Harley, moved to Tennessee. She came to Southern Missionary College as a secretarial employee in 1964 and retired from her post as director of student finance at Southern College in 1988. During her 21-year career as director of student finance, she assisted thousands of students in reaching their educational goals. She became a recognized expert in financial aid circles as well at the U.S. Office of Education. After a two-day on-campus review, an Office of Education program officer recommended her to other institutions as having "a model financial aid office." This led to visits from counterparts on many other campuses. She was an active participant and leader in the Tennessee, Southern, and National Associations of Financial Aid Administrators. Her year as president of the Tennessee Association brought her an outstanding leadership award. In 1989 Southern College honored her with the Distinguished Service Medallion. Mrs. Wells was also active in her church as treasurer for eight years and a Sabbath school leader for over 25 years. She is survived by her husband, Harley; and one son, Harley Wayne, both of Mena, Ark. Gifts in her honor may be directed to the Laurel Wells Scholarship Endow-



ment Fund at Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, Tenn. 37315-0370, to carry on her legacy of love for students desiring a Christian education.

WHEELER, Fred Arthur, 88, born Sept. 20, 1908, in Portland, Ore., died May 23, 1997. He attended Madison College, where he studied horticulture. He was also a beekeeper and colporter. He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Jo Wheeler. He is survived by one son, Ben Wheeler of Decatur, Ga.; one daughter, Judie McLain of Wolfforth, Tex.; four sisters; one brother; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

YELLAND, John S., 91, born Sept. 2, 1905, in Wrentham, Mass., died April 1, 1997, in Forest City, Fla. He was a member of the Forest Lake church in Forest City, Fla. He is survived by one son, John Yelland of Pinehurst, Mass.; three daughters: Lois MacDonald of Orlando, Fla.; Joyce Larsen of Franchestown, N.H.; and Patricia Pryszyk of St. Augustine, Fla.; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

CALENDAR

July

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Youth/Pathfinder Leaders' Convention—Aug. 15, 16. Camp Alamisco.

N. Miss. Camp Meeting—Aug. 22–23. Water Valley.

Floral Crest School Alumni Homecoming—July 11–13. Details: (205) 632-3306.

Southern Adventist University Academic Schedule

July 21–25. Pre-registration for fourth summer session.

July 25. Third summer session ends.

July 27. SmartStart. Details: 1-800-SOUTH-ERN.

Announcement

Seminar on Muslim Evangelism—A Global Mission Project for 1997—Rationale: One in every five persons on earth is a follower of Islam. The gospel commission includes this large group of people. Global Mission of the General Conference has asked the Quiet Hour to plant churches in unentered areas. Of the 55 cities and communities in Russia and Pakistan in this 1997 project, 36 are Muslim. What a challenge is ours! *Where:* Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, Tennessee. *When:* August 11–13, 1997 (Starting at 8 a.m., August 11). Call the Southern Union Conference for more details at (404) 299-1832, ext. 343.

Sunset

	July 4	July 11	July 18	July 25	Aug. 1	Aug. 8
Atlanta, Ga.	8:52	8:50	8:47	8:42	8:36	8:30
Charleston, S.C.	8:32	8:30	8:27	8:23	8:17	8:11
Charlotte, N.C.	8:41	8:39	8:35	8:30	8:24	8:17
Collegedale, Tenn.	8:58	8:57	8:54	8:49	8:43	8:36
Huntsville, Ala.	8:03	8:01	7:58	7:53	7:47	7:40
Jackson, Miss.	8:11	8:10	8:07	8:02	7:57	7:51
Louisville, Ky.	9:10	9:07	9:03	8:57	8:51	8:43
Memphis, Tenn.	8:18	8:16	8:12	8:07	8:01	7:54
Miami, Fla.	8:16	8:15	8:13	8:10	8:06	8:01
Montgomery, Ala.	7:56	7:54	7:51	7:47	7:42	7:35
Nashville, Tenn.	8:07	8:05	8:02	7:56	7:51	7:43
Orlando, Fla.	8:25	8:24	8:22	8:18	8:14	8:08
Wilmington, N.C.	8:27	8:25	8:22	8:17	8:11	8:05

—Education—



Bang! Sin is like a big bear trap—get caught in its jaws and it can do a lot of damage. Terry Pooler, Forest Lake senior pastor, shows students how visuals can make their sermons more powerful and inclusive.

Field School Teaches Worship Styles

Florida—The Forest Lake church in Apopka became a giant classroom, March 21-29, when it hosted a Field School in Worship Styles and Church Music. The nine-day course, accredited by Andrews University of Berrien Springs, Michigan, and sponsored by Florida Hospital, attracted Adventist pastors and seminary students from Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas, and British Columbia. They came to experience Forest Lake's innovative worship services and sermons that have sparked dramatic membership growth at the church in the last five years—from 1,700 in 1992 to 2,150 as of April, 1997.

"Forest Lake had a unique opportunity to experience the teaching church role by hosting this field school," says Forest Lake senior pastor Terry Pooler, who was also a program coordinator/teacher for the

course. "These classes were designed to be what I call *super practical*. We wanted to provide students with ideas and information they could immediately take home to make their own worship services more creative and inclusive."

Topics covered during the field school included: the biblical and *Spirit of Prophecy* setting for worship and church music, the power of visuals in sermons, the use of living parables in worship, and congregational involvement in worship. Students also experienced and became involved in Forest Lake worship services and Florida Hospital church's downtown community seeker service.

One visiting Conference pastor summed up the week by saying, "This church is growing because it's meeting members' needs with the gospel rather than beating them over the head with it. Forest Lake's dedicated pastoral staff, choice of worship services, and innovative, visual sermons make this church a nurturing place to be. That's real

evangelism." Florida Hospital, in an ongoing effort to expand interaction between its health work and the Adventist Church, really put the field school together, according to Pooler. "Andrews accredited the classes,

but Florida Hospital worked out the logistics, advertising, and registration for the course."

Pooler says Forest Lake church hopes to host more field schools in the future.

Terry Hall

—Outreach—

VBS Workshops Attract 1,300

Florida—In the last 10 years, 1,300 people have attended *Vacation Bible School (VBS) workshops* sponsored by the Florida Conference children's ministries department. The annual event, held this year at Camp Kulaqua, April 18-20, and the Miami Temple church, April 26-27, attracted 110 local church lay leaders and members. They came to learn the latest innovative techniques in child evangelism and to be inspired by their peers.

"Local VBS programs in this Conference have produced baptisms," says Donna Williams, Florida Conference children's ministries director. Five family members—Rufus and Edna White, their son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Cheryl, and grandson, Kevin—were baptized into the High Springs church in 1993 because of the

yearly VBS programs conducted there. "VBS is an important part of our children's ministries program," says Williams. The statewide VBS workshops give people the tools and inspiration to conduct successful programs in their communities."

This year's VBS workshop theme was *Discover the Wild Frontier*. Williams, along with John Sowers, Conference assistant children's ministries director, and retired pastoral couple Burton and Myrna Wright, built an entire "Old West" frontier town. It included a mine shaft entrance, a log cabin, a railway station, and an Indian tepee.

"We showed people how they could reproduce these props for their local church VBS outreach," explains Williams. "Children are very sophisticated these days. You have to grab their interest right away. It's important that we present programming that also



This summer, many children will learn about Jesus in an "authentic" Indian tepee just like this one featured at Florida Conference's 1997 VBS workshops.

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holds their interest and keeps them coming back for more."

Williams cites the *Frontier's* mine as an example of this year's VBS. When a child steps inside the mine, everything goes dark. Then, with special lighting, an "angel" appears and announces Christ's birth and mission on earth. "It's very effective," smiles Williams. "The kids love it. Each frontier town building is a learning center where children can study the life of Jesus by "visualizing" it. The centers

can also be used as places to play games, work on crafts, and have a daily snack."

Williams knows VBS is a strong tool for spreading the gospel. "Many children and their parents step inside an Adventist church for the first time when invited to attend a local VBS. The annual workshops, which we have just completed, play an important role in creating innovative, interesting programming for local church outreach."

Terry Hall



George Schram tells Betty Cooney how he designed an efficient system to carry relief supplies to the disaster sites.

Adventist Humanity Story Airs on NBC

NAD—Local NBC affiliates will have a chance to receive programming from the Adventist Media Center July 31. Featuring the work of George Schram, a disaster relief worker for the Seventh-day Adventist Church and director of the Texas depot for disaster supplies, the satellite uplink, entitled "A Lifetime of Sharing," will air August 1, 2, or 3.

Adventist disaster relief work has been going on for more than 50 years. In 1995, approximately 2,082 volunteers provided

relief by distributing articles of clothing and blankets across North America helping nearly 60,000 victims.

Schram, 83, continues to work everyday directing the work of volunteers in Keene, Tex. "Following acceptance of a theme involving committed senior Christians whose lives have impacted their communities through much of this century, we thought of George, who has led our disaster relief in Texas for almost 40 years," said Monte Sahlin, director of ADRA/North American Division. As well as the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the Presbyterian Church of America and the United Method-

ist Church also will be featuring volunteers of humanity.

The Adventist segment of the video, filmed by Mike Beesley, covered a two-day work schedule for Schram. "There were a lot of elements to cover during our two days of shooting with George," said Beesley. "The crew and I couldn't help but notice that at the end of the day George had the same amount of enthusiastic energy he had when he arrived in the beginning of the day for the taping, while the rest of us were tired and worn out."

The opportunity for the television program was extended largely through the work of Betty Cooney, media relations liaison for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. "This opportunity to air a love-in-action story like George's on a major network is a real privilege for my

church," exclaimed Cooney, co-producer of the segment.

"The story of a committed Adventist Christian taking his religion into the community to help thousands offers a compelling witness. I pray viewers will find it hard to flip by this program on their television sets," she said.

Schram believes that one of the most important pieces of instruction about life's work is found in Isaiah 58. "If we take care of the basic needs of people, God will pour out His blessings," he said. "Isaiah 58 is the basic message for Christian service."

For more information on correct viewing times for the program, please contact your local NBC affiliate station's program director to ask when "A Lifetime of Sharing" will be shown.

George W. Johnson, Jr.

First Camp Meeting for Greenville Couple

Carolina—In November, Chuck and Joanne Hailey, active members in the local Greenville, S.C., Lutheran church, were going through a

family crisis. One of their sons, the only Seventh-day Adventist in the family, was very concerned for his parents and put a call through to the local Adventist church for help. "Please visit them for me," was his plea.

He left their phone number and his own.



Chuck and Joanne Hailey, flanked by Gene Young (left), and Stella Young (right).

Gene Young, pastor of the Greenville Adventist church took the message from his church phone, determined to follow through with the request.

Some time later, when the Youngs visited in the Hailey's home, it was a crisis day. As the Youngs became acquainted with Chuck and Joanne, they set up Bible studies for Thursday

nights. So starved for the real word of God, the couple could hardly do the lessons fast enough.

Coming to church on Sabbath is now a regular part of their weekly routine. Chuck and Joanne are thrilled to be a part of the Seventh-day Adventist movement and to be at their first-ever Adventist camp meeting.

Marvin Hunt



Tony Cirigliano, along with members from the Gospel Worker's Training Class, watch two class members "role play" as they give a Bible study. Cirigliano has written four styles of Bible study programs for targeting specific interest groups.

Evangelism Efforts Result in Baptisms

Carolina—Wow! . . . Hundreds and hundreds of baptisms in churches across the country. There must have been some big meeting. No, there was no big meeting nor was there a big campaign with a dynamic speaker. Just ordinary church folks in an ordinary Adventist church who chose to share their faith.

Perhaps you've heard about them. The Morganton, N.C., church has been featured by the Review & Herald's video **On-Line Edition**, the Sabbath school **Celebration** magazine and Robert Folkenberg's **From the President** newsletter.

This 244-member church has followed counsel given many decades ago, *"If the people are not taught how to work . . . how to reach people successfully, the work will be nearly a failure."* - 5T, p.256. The Gospel Worker's Training Program is simply that, training church members how to give studies on the Bible, how to find interests, and then training others to do the same.

The Good News About God's Truth, the **No Fear Teen Witnessing** program, and the **Cool News About God's Truths Bible Studies** are one-on-one, soul-winning tools being used all across the country in more than 180 churches.

Ron Quick

Missionaries Visit Carolina Camp Meeting

Carolina—During camp meeting our featured missionaries John and Teresa Krum brought stories of their work on the remote South Pacific island of Chuuk in Micronesia. These two native North Carolinians arrived on the island two and a half years ago with the purpose of planting a church. When they arrived, there was one Adventist lady living there. Today, there are 28 active church members with 45-50 people attending church services in their living room each week.

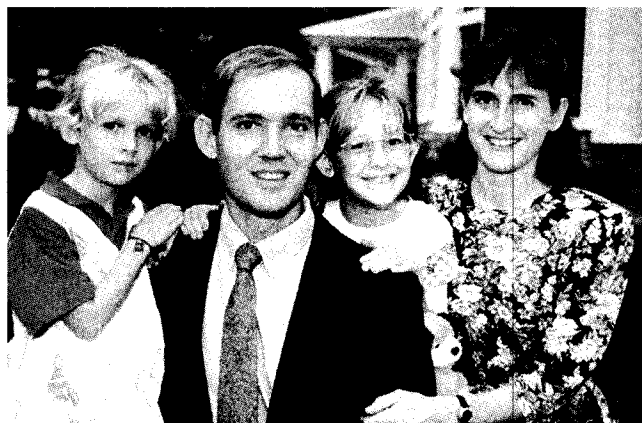
The week before they attended camp meeting, there was a baptism, increasing the need for a church building. Currently, they must open the living room windows for the people sitting outside, eager to hear the lesson study and worship service. Their immediate need is to raise funds for a facility for worship.

For the Krums, living in a mission location required some transition. Obviously, the first obstacle they had to overcome was

learning the language of the people. The native tongue of the island is chuukese and as of three months ago, they are 90 percent fluent in the language. Now that this is mastered, they can concentrate on their major responsibilities with the people . . . evangelism.

Before they could get started with leading people to Christ, the Krums set up a medical clinic in an effort to get to know the approximate 50,000 people, teaching them preventative health education. The physical needs were a challenge. Teresa, as an RN, taught basic hygiene and administered first aid. Outside of the medical assistance provided, they noticed that the main tool used by the islanders to harvest fields and clear land, a large machete, needed repair. They purchased a grinding machine and serviced the islanders by sharpening the knives to make their work easier. All of these efforts brought a community spirit with the islanders.

To advance the evangelistic work on Chuuk, John is currently translating printed material,



The Krums, along with their two daughters, Lisa, 8, and Rachel, 6, will stay on the island of Chuuk for a total of ten years, meeting the needs there.

especially the Sabbath school quarterlies. He generates the manuscript for printing with the aid of a personal computer and a laser printer. He relies on a

local resident for proof-reading. They depend on the assistance of people such as you and I to finance the publication of the materials created by John.

Teri Fowle



Pastor Lohmus speaks to the crowd at the Carolina camp meeting as Ron Schmidt (right) looks on, and Johannes translates. Johannes graduated a week before this event from Mount Pisgah Academy.

Estonian Pastor Visits Camp Meeting

Carolina—Estonian pastor Roland Lohmus reported on the growing work in his homeland now that freedom has come. He shared that the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Estonia will be celebrating its 100th anniversary this year and that the rebuilding of the local churches after 50 years of neglect has left them with a very large challenge.

He and his family visited their first American camp meeting. Their trip was made possible by the generosity of Columbia First church member Al Landers. They came for the graduation of 18-year-old Johannes from Mt. Pisgah Academy and for camp

meeting. This, their first visit to the United States, is the result of a friendship forged four years ago when the pastor, principal, students, and friends of Mt. Pisgah Academy went to Parnu, Estonia, to hold evangelistic meetings.

While in the country their need for an interpreter was met by Lohmus' son Johannes. Through the friendships made during the meetings, a way was made for Johannes to attend Mt. Pisgah Academy. Today the family rejoices at the graduation of Johannes and their many new Christian friends here in the Carolinas. Johannes will be going home for a mandatory year of military service and then he hopes to return for studies at Southern Adventist University.

Ron Quick

King Memorial Influences Community

Georgia-Cumberland—King Memorial Elementary School in Spring City, Tenn., opened in 1978 in the fellowship hall of the Adventist church. With few Adventist children in the community, the school became a mission school with most students coming from nonAdventist families. Today, in a two-classroom facility, it continues to operate as a mission school with a positive influence in the community.

Kathy and Larry Morin moved to Spring City in 1985. Their concern for quality education for their children led them to King Memorial where, during the past 11 years, they have sent their four children. "I found a Christian atmosphere of love and respect that I had been looking for," said Kathy.

When their daughter Jennifer graduated from the 8th grade in 1994, she attended the local public school. "The students were rude and nasty," Jennifer said. "They had no respect for their teachers." Through continued contact with her church school teachers, Jennifer was encouraged to attend Georgia-Cumberland Academy and decided to attend her junior year.

Prior to her leaving for GCA, Jennifer and her mother Kathy took Bible studies from teacher Barbara Wear. On August 10, 1996, Jennifer along with mother Kathy and sister Melissa, were baptized.

The enrollment for the 1996-97 school year was 18, most from nonAdventist homes. King Memorial School's goal is to continue to witness in the community through their mission school.

Joan Neall



Kathy Morin (left), Francis Ryder, former teacher, Jennifer and Melissa Morin, and present teachers Barbara Wear and Linda DeWind pause for a picture.

Prison Ministry Meets Former Adventists' Needs

Florida—Prisoners come from all walks of life, even from Seventh-day Adventist backgrounds. Thanks

to Florida Conference prison ministries, some inmates are re-establishing a relationship with the Church they left, and most importantly, with the Lord.

"I've been a Christian almost all of my life, one man writes, "I was a member of a Sev



Volunteer Diana Ries of the Lady Lake church displays certificates awarded to inmates who complete the Florida prison ministries Bible study course. One certificate is earned upon completion of a six-lesson course designed to lead a person to Christ. The second is awarded when an inmate completes a 32-lesson course and enrolls three additional inmates in the course.

enth-day Adventist Spanish Church. The world and materialism changed my life. That's why I'm here in jail, but Jesus touched my heart again."

Frank Barton, a member of the Lady Lake church, founded Florida prison ministries in 1990 and is its volunteer coordinator. He receives dozens of such letters from prisoners, many from Christian backgrounds, who request help on their journey to Christ. These responses confirm his conviction of the importance of this ministry for the Adventist Church.

While studying Matthew 25 several years ago, Barton was moved to begin a prison ministry. "Our Church was doing a good job of clothing and feeding people and taking care of the sick, but Jesus also told us to visit those in prison," he says. As another inmate recently wrote,

"sometimes our Church tends to forget us here in prison..."

Florida Conference prison ministries currently works in some form in 57 Florida correctional facilities. There are approximately 300 local church volunteers. Additionally, several Adventists are chaplains in Florida prisons. The Florida Conference program has been adopted as the prison ministry model for the Southern Union Conference, and presentations of the program have been made to the Pacific Union Conference, and the Canadian Union Conference.

The goal is to uplift Jesus Christ, promote personal study, and encourage inmates to ask, "What does the Bible say?" Hundreds of completed Bible courses and approximately 30 baptisms testify to the success of this ministry.

Jane Allen

NASCAR Race Fans Applaud Prayer

Florida—All the cheering wasn't for drivers or pit crews at the recent Florida Dodge Dealers 400 NASCAR Craftsman

Truck Series at the Metro-Dade Homestead Motorsports Complex. Hundreds of people stood in applause after Homestead pastor John VanSickle offered prayer, something Patrick Tennity, Homestead head deacon and a regular at the races, says he had never seen before.

VanSickle, once dubbed "The Praying Preacher," previously prayed at a neighborhood barbeque and frequently prays before the televised city council meetings, but he didn't know exactly what to pray for at a truck race. With an audience of a few thousand, he decided to present the gospel—from creation to the Second-Coming of Christ.

"You O Lord, who are the Creator of all," he began, thanking God for the talents granted to "mere created beings" to build powerful engines and drive super trucks. He prayed for the spectators, the crews in the pits, and the drivers. Then, with his voice clearly heard throughout the sports

complex, VanSickle contrasted the truck race, in which there is only one winner, to the race for eternal life.

"The Bible speaks of another race...where we all may be winners. Through Your Son Jesus there is held out to each one of us the crown of the victor," he prayed.

Nearing the close of the prayer, VanSickle extended an invitation that in the "race for eternal life...none of us will choose to be spectators...That we all will strive for that victory. "Finally, he spoke of the personal return of Jesus when he prayed, "Mostly Father, save us into Your kingdom when Your Son comes to take us home."

Charlotte VanSickle, Jane Allen



Truck engines idle while Homestead pastor John VanSickle offers prayer at the Florida Dodge Dealers 400 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series. VanSickle accepts invitations to pray at such public events because it provides opportunity to present the gospel to many people who might not regularly attend church.

Immanuel Temple Feeds Homeless

South Atlantic—Solomon once said, "If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done." (Ecclesiastes 11:3 TLB). When is the best time to give to the poor? When is the best time to clothe the naked or feed the hungry? If you were to ask Earliiss Elliott she

would probably say "yesterday."

Approximately three years ago, Elliott saw a need in the community. After volunteering on several occasions at a city-run community soup kitchen she felt convicted that more than just physical food should be given to the homeless. She presented her idea of a community soup kitchen to David Smith, pastor of Immanuel Temple, and then to the church. The mem-



The soup kitchen is organized and implemented by the efforts of many caring church members and some community volunteers.

bers backed her wholeheartedly.

The soup kitchen is run by and through the efforts of many caring church members and a few faithful volunteers from the community. Every church member plays a part in the soup kitchen ministry.

Some donate money, some help to do the shopping, some cook, some serve, and some help to clean up. The ladies that are members of the Dorcas Society hand out clothing donated by church members and the community. The personal ministries department recently conducted Bible studies. Smith presented a Revelation Seminar.

The soup kitchen operates every Sunday afternoon. If you were to ask the members who volunteer from Sunday to Sunday why they continue to dedicate their time and energy to such an awesome undertaking, they would probably

tell you that the appreciation, smiles and genuine gratitude of the homeless keeps them coming back.

Because it takes more than just dedication and love to operate a soup kitchen, the members, along with Elliott spend a lot of time in prayer, presenting the financial needs of the soup kitchen to the Lord. The Lord has continuously answered those prayers. Elliott recounts a time when the soup kitchen needed additional funding. After much prayer the Lord led her to a businessman who donated \$2500 to the soup kitchen.

The members of Immanuel Temple are very excited about what the Lord is doing in the Durham community by way of community services. They look forward with great anticipation to the great harvest of souls they are sure will be reaped in the future.

Lori Williams

Progress

"Electronic" Camp Meeting Meets Needs Locally and Nationally

Florida—"It's a good evening at camp meeting," says Dan Matthews, Florida Conference Camp Meeting '97 satellite TV

host. Nightly, his greeting introduced the program to the main auditorium audience and to the satellite audiences watching in more than 34 states and six provinces of Canada. This introduction was actually the culmination of months of planning and preparation by many Florida Conference departments.

Camp meeting is no longer a localized event—it's "electronic." Through satellite uplink, sermons now reach members and friends of the Church who can not be at camp meeting. Galaxy 9, the primary satellite used, is located 22,000 miles above the equator in a stationary orbit. This orbit enables the uplink to reach hundreds of Florida locations and gives coverage to most of North America, Central America, and portions of South America.

Jerry and LaDene Snowden, winter guests in Florida, watched the "electronic" camp meeting for the second year at their Escanaba, Michigan home. "We have a great God," say the Snowdens, "and great technology to enable us to tell the world about His greatness."

The camp meeting assortment of sermons and the wide range of seminar topics met the diverse interests among camp meeting attendees. Florida Conference is

growing with the result that many of the new members have divergent interests and needs. Programming offered topics from parenting issues in a Christ-centered context to Christian financial planning.

Standing room only greeted late-comers to the second worship service when Florida Conference President Gordon Retzer extended a Sabbath morning welcome. The main auditorium, seating about 2500, was filled and there were about 200 people standing around the perimeter.

Bill Johnston, a Brandon member, has already made his 1998 reservation for the same tent that he has occupied for 15 years. "Camp meeting is not only a blessing, it is a time to rejuvenate myself," says Johnston. Reservation forms for tent, RV spaces, and dormitory rooms for 1998 are now available.

Walter Maier



Brandon Church Row, as it is known by members from Brandon, has been the camp meeting rendezvous point for the church members for 15 years.

Columbia Members Plan New Church

Kentucky-Tennessee—On Sabbath afternoon, May 10, a group of Adventist members and friends gathered

on the site of their recently purchased property at 870 Mooresville Pike, just a half-mile outside the Columbia, Tenn., city limits, for a groundbreaking ceremony and to dedicate the plot for their new church.

The service included

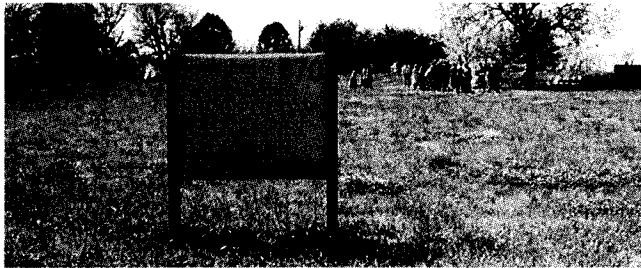
Pastor Andrew Wolcott, head elder Frank Asbury, church treasurer Mark Jacobs, and building committee chairman Richard Slade. James Thurmon, ministerial director, represented the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference for the event.

Wolcott gave a brief history of the Columbia church, mentioning the long-standing need for more parking space and facilities for the growing congregation. Each of the others told, from his individual perspective, of God's providence in providing for the new

church and emphasized that the mission of the church is to serve not only its members, but the community at large. Then each dug a shovel of dirt and offered a prayer of dedication.

Wolcott anticipates actual work should begin within the next two or three weeks. Maranatha volunteers have scheduled to spend two weeks on the site in mid-September. The congregation hopes to be able to begin services in the new church in November.

R. Andrew Wolcott



Site of the future Columbia, Tenn., church.

Adventist Review Goes On-Line

Adventist Review—The Seventh-day Adventist Church's oldest publication is harnessing today's high technology to bring church members around the world the new *Adventist Review Online* via CompuServe.

Now you can download the entire magazine each week—free. Formatted in Post Document Format (PDF), the magazine is viewable on your PC in the same layout that appears in the *Review's* printed pages. The online edition will be available within 24 hours of press time—that's several days before the magazine arrives in your mailbox. To view the magazine, readers will need Acrobat Reader software, which is also available free on the forum.

"This is an exciting new development that James White would have been proud of," says editor William G. Johnsson. "It puts the magazine on the cutting edge of communication, which is what James White endeavored to do 100 years ago. I see this step as only the first of what I expect to become giant strides in the outreach of the *Adventist Review*."

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Carlos Medley

Update



Conference workers stand in the winners' circle and show their certificate.

Conference Workers Do It Again!

Carolina—Once again, we're a winner! The Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Health recognized the winners of the Governor's Awards for workplace health and fitness at a luncheon Thursday, May 22, in Raleigh. The Carolina Conference was there for the third consecutive year as a recipient of this coveted workplace award. Lawanna Williams, medical benefits coordinator for the Conference, was present to receive the award. Other recipients in the winners' circle were Duke Medical Center, Kimberly-Clark Corp., and Hoechst-Celanese.

Blue Cross and Blue

Shield of North Carolina is one of the major sponsors of these awards which annually recognizes employers committed to the health and fitness of their employees. Companies are selected from various size categories, that is, by number of employees in their companies.

Ken Coonley, president of the Carolina Conference, has this to say about the award: "It's unbelievably amazing that we would get this award for three years in a row. Our employees' willingness to participate in the Fitness for Witness Program is what makes it work successfully. I'm very excited about this award. It means so much to the Conference to have health-conscious employees."

Ron Quick

Oakland Avenue Church Celebrates Adventurer Day

South Atlantic—Oakland Avenue church in Florence, S.C., celebrated Adventurer Day recently. Bearer Adventurer Cub demonstrated young people can be light bearers for Christ.

During Sabbath school the Light Bearers presented "We Shall Behold Him In Sign Language."

The morning message was entitled "What Does It Mean To Be A Light Bearer?" It was presented by Donovan Hanna, 8, and Chelsey Richardson, 7.

The Adventurers of the year were Donovan Hanna and Ernest



Club members perform "We Shall Behold Him."

Snowden. Awards were presented by the director Vanessa Hanna.

The afternoon program featured a parade of youth choirs. Odella Thompson

Brandon Raises Funds For Moldova

Florida—The plans for 50 autumn crusades in unentered towns in Moldova, a small country nestled between Ukraine and Romania, have enthusiastic supporters in the Florida Conference.

Support in the form of men's business suits, about 100, were gathered by communication director Uriel Guest at the Tampa First church. These follow the first batch of 52 suits sent to Moldovan pastors and seminarians who live on just \$40 a month. (See, *Southern Tidings*, March 1997, p.12.)

In addition, Brandon church members became aware of the effort to hold the 50 meetings in Moldova after watching a video by the General Conference approved group "Adopt A Church." They subsequently made plans to help raise the money for the evangelistic series.

"We had a yard sale and sold bird houses to raise money," says Brandon pastor Paul Dixon. "Our church made the commitment to raise \$2500 for two of the 50 meetings in Moldova this September and October." The Brandon church has adopted five Moldova churches.

Combining bird house sales with other donations, Dixon handed retired Florida Confer-

ence pastor Merrill Enright a large, cardboard check for \$2500 during the Sabbath, May 10 service. Enright

and a team have conducted several evangelistic meetings in Moldova.

Michael Yancey

Winston Salem Sponsors LE Day

South Atlantic—The Ephesus church of Winston Salem, N.C., held its Publishing/Literature Evangelist Day March 22.

The speaker focused his message on "The Time To Proclaim The Message Is Almost Over." He said that God's mercy allows us another chance. He also emphasized that God wants us to reach out through sharing personal relationships with Him, books, handing out tracts, or giving Bible studies.

Sandy Robinson used the example of Moses

and how God instructed him to use the rod, and He will put the words in Moses' mouth of what to say. Indeed, Moses followed through and led the slave people and all who believed out of Egypt.

Robinson concluded by saying, "If Jesus died that we may live, why can't we live to spread the gospel."

Robinson has previously served as a literature evangelist, and later called to work for the South Atlantic Conference as an associate publishing secretary. Presently, he is a revivalist who spreads the gospel of Jesus abroad.

Jean Pitts

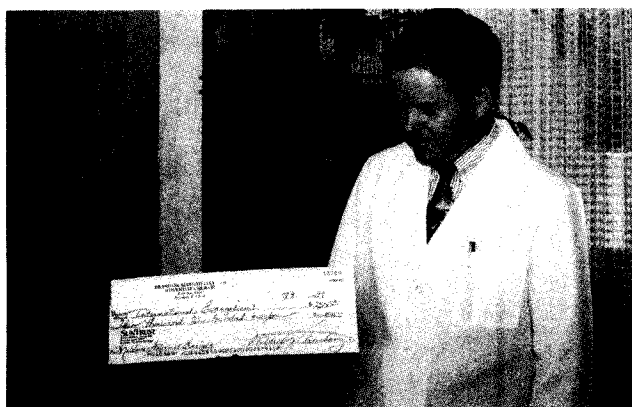
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"Adopt a Moldova church" committee member Julius Garner, member of the Winter Springs church, holds the cardboard check for \$2500.

MICHAEL YANCEY



Students from area schools enjoy the interactive educational display prepared by Drs. Wilfred and Florence Stuyvesant of Loma Linda, California.

by Shirley Burton

Planned to attract many of the four million visitors expected annually in the Florida Keys, a new Adventist tourist attraction serves up larger-than-life, digitized footage of Florida Keys' wildlife on nearly 180-degree triple screens in a 52-seat auditorium.

Named for both its location at Key West, Florida, and its encounter with spiritual truths, "A Key Encounter" (AKE) gives intimate views of air, sea, and land wildlife in the Florida Keys—while emphasizing the Creator of it all.

Up close and personal footage moves rapidly from three angles simultaneously, while narration describes little-known and unusual facts about the on-screen creatures. References to the creation story throughout the audio message conclude on a meditative yet upbeat reading from Psalms and Genesis.

Also entertaining, "A Key Encounter" shows a peacock facing down a Key deer buck, a barracuda biting the hand that feeds him, burrowing owls avoiding action on a busy golf fairway, and—in the display area—the skin of a 500-pound, 22.5 foot anaconda snake whose last meal was a Brazilian fisher woman.

Locals are delighted that "A Key Encounter" is helping them give a positive reputation to their near-paradise Keys, and it's the tourists who say it best. Snorkelers express delight over the variety of rare fish, some of which they've never seen. "I saw more in your 20-minute program than I can see in a two-hour snorkeling session on my own," one says. School field trip planners express appreciation for another view of life's beginnings. Others feel led to vegetarianism, saying, "I don't think I can eat fish any more."

While one woman observes that "the religion spoiled it," another person says he thinks he's "just had a spiritual experience." Many come back repeated times with their visiting friends. "This has to be the most beautiful attraction in Key West," some of them say.

Open Sundays through Fridays in a recently renovated shopping mall at Old Key West's Mallory Square, "A Key Encounter" is on the water's

Adventist Tourist Attraction Focuses on Creation

edge where cruise ships, tour buses, and train passengers disembark. The first showing is at 11 a.m., the last at 5 p.m. There is a nominal admission, however, those who cannot pay are never turned away.

On-their-own tourists find their way to "A Key Encounter" from maps given by information centers and the Chamber of Commerce as well as local travel and entertainment guides in several languages.

Returning to lay ministry after 41 years of service to the Adventist Church, Merlin and Juanita Kretschmar conceived and developed the idea as a way of showing the beauty of creation while pointing to its Creator.

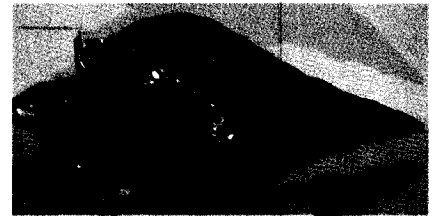
Juanita scripted, computer-edited, and produced the program from 30 hours of underwater footage donated by Miami attorney Patrick Ford who shares the Kretschmars' love for God's world, though he does not worship as a Seventh-day Adventist. Merlin reads the Creator-centered narration. Countless volunteers and others from coast to coast have been used by God to make this tourist center a spiritual adventure in design and display.

Begun through faith and prayer just a year ago, its innovative and uplifting ministry survives in much the same way. Guests have already come from nearly every U.S. state and Canadian province as well as 50 nations on every world continent. Kretschmars and their many volun-

teers pray that these guests catch a glimpse of the Creator.

"A Key Encounter" holds membership in ASI, the North American Division organization of Adventist Laypersons in Services and Industries. Visit their website: <http://www.tagnet.org/ake>

Shirley Burton, retired General Conference Director of Communication, now ASI editor and communication director.



Shells from the international collection of Marilee McNeilus (Minnesota) have been displayed in the AKE museum as they have also been at the Smithsonian.

The logo by Maryland designer Lee Cherry was interpreted into reality on the wall outside AKE's mall entrance by Oregon artist Ray Parmenter.



Kitchen Becomes A Worship Room

by Sharryn Mahorney

It's a small town in southern Mississippi with 15,000 residents. A number of years ago NASA and the oil industry moved out, leaving Picayune a struggling town. Picayune is now growing again as residents are

moving in from New Orleans and the Gulf Coast to escape the casino's influence. Along with this renewed growth, God's work is getting a foothold.

Ken and Spring Stoltz have lived in Picayune for many years but Ken became an Adventist about eight years ago. Several years

previously, Spring had returned to her Adventist upbringing. They became members of the Slidell, Louisiana, church, 30 miles away, but had a desire to have a church in their hometown. At the same time, the nearby church in Biloxi, Mississippi, was praying for the Lord to direct them to new work.

Ken and Spring remodeled their house, designing the kitchen in such a way that it could accommodate group Bible studies and cooking schools. For a year they had many attending these Bible studies and were encouraged to begin Sabbath school and church services.

Just at the right time, Ken found out about the Lay Pastoral Assistants' Training at Camp Alamisco and was thrilled to receive that training. Again, the Lord's timing was perfect in providing Ken and Spring the opportunity to go to Michigan for the church planting seminar held there. The Lord was definitely leading to a growing work in Picayune.

Ken is a respiratory therapist at the local hospital and therefore has contacts day after day for the Lord he serves. Many former Adventists are being found right there in Picayune where the Lord is touching hearts. There in the Stoltz' kitchen, a faithful group of 16-20 believers have been meeting for about five months. An organ and hymnals were donated to them but an organist was needed. Ken mentioned this need at work one day and now his boss' mother, a dear Baptist lady, uses her talent to bless the Picayune Adventists.

Another very special blessing has just arrived in Picayune. Hiram Rester, in his early twenties, is an Adventist of several years from the Biloxi church. As mentioned previously, the Biloxi church was praying for involvement in a new work. The members there have now voted to help pay Hiram's salary as a taskforce pastor in Picayune, along with their involvement in other ways. His strong commitment and love for the Lord, love for people and love of music will be a strong influence in Picayune. God's work is growing in Picayune, Mississippi. ■



Ken and Spring Stoltz (left), and Hiram Rester share their enthusiasm with other Picayune believers.



Picayune members worship in Stoltz' kitchen each Sabbath morning.

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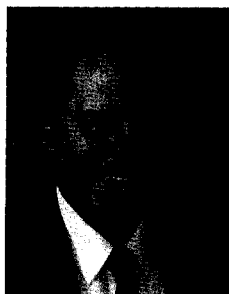
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Dr. Donald R. Sahly has accepted a call to be an associate director of education for the General Conference. Dr. and Mrs. Sahly served with distinction as president and first lady of Southern Adventist University (Southern College) for eleven years. Following is the resolution of appreciation that was voted by the Southern Adventist University Board in behalf of the Sahley's dedicated leadership.



Resolution of Appreciation for President Donald R. Sahly, Ed.D., from the Board of Trustees Southern Adventist University

Be it known on the 20th day of April, 1997, that we, the Board of Trustees of Southern Adventist University, do make the following resolution:

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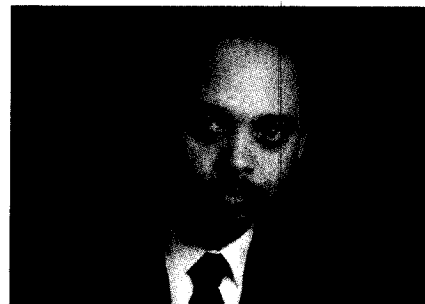
- his unselfish service to the institution, its faculty, students, staff constituency and the Board of Trustees;
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- his commitment to teaching, his strong support for improving technology, and his creation of a scholarly atmosphere for launching Southern Adventist University into the 21st Century;
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- his leadership in achieving Level III



Accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and in restructuring the College into a University with schools; and

● his tireless energy, spiritual centeredness, and unwavering respect for higher education, Southern Adventist University, and the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The Board of Trustees thanks Dr. Donald Sahly and celebrates his accomplishments.



Vanard J. Mendinghall

The South Atlantic session was held May 18 at the Adams Mark Hotel in Columbia, South Carolina. Vanard J. Mendinghall was elected Conference president, Ralph Franklin, secretary, and Frank Jones as inner treasurer for one month.

Southeastern Conference reelected their secretary, Willie Taylor, and Larry Johnson as treasurer, during a special session June 8. The president, Roy Brown, was reelected April 13.

John and Kay Fowler, of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, have accepted positions with It Is Written as associate evangelists; and Marvin Lowman, formerly of Mid-America Union, has accepted the executive secretary position at Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. The Fowlers will continue to reside in Hendersonville, Tenn.

In a joint meeting June 9 of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference Nominating and Executive committees, Larry R. Evans was elected conference president. Prior to coming to Georgia-Cumberland, Evans and his wife, Carrie, served as president of the New Jersey Conference.



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