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A Tribute to Shepherdesses

Since my formative years centered round the church and its activities, you will understand why our church receiving a full-time pastor rated high on my list of most memorable events. When our new pastor and his wife arrived, their first Sabbath was a big occasion for our little church. It was celebrated with an all-day program, including the traditional potluck lunch as well as an afternoon musical concert.

To my-nine-year-old reasoning, I had no doubt the Conference had sent us the best. Not only were Edwin and Elsie Buck young and full of new ideas, they were incredibly talented. Edwin was a fine speaker as well as a talented singer, and Elsie, his young wife, an accomplished pianist.

How I admired her gracious, cultured, and refined demeanor. She was the embodiment of class—indeed a wonderful role model. Best of all she soon became my most inspirational piano teacher.

I don't remember exactly when it happened, perhaps it was then that I secretly began to dream of one day being a pastor's wife myself—a dream that providentially God saw fit to fulfill. What an incredible privilege it has been to work side by side over the years in a team ministry with my precious husband. Looking back, as I reflect on our years of ministry, I can't help but think of some of the pastors and wives who have been a tremendous blessing to me personally.

I like how, in the *Living Bible*, Proverbs 12:4 describes a

good and virtuous wife. It says "a worthy wife is her husband's joy and crown." Let me tell you about our three most recent pastors wives that surely were a joy and a crown not only to their husbands but to me personally.

I think of Dot Bostian, my pastor's wife both in New England and then again in Florida. Dot, as with most pastor's wives, held down a full-time job, in her case an outstanding and much loved elementary teacher, but still she was always available to meet the needs of their large congregation. As an accomplished hostess, her gift of caring and sharing was legendary.

Then there is my dear friend and one-time pastor's wife, Pat Shanko. How does one describe a real live super woman? No special occasion: birthday, anniversary, wedding, baby shower, or graduation was ever missed. Every member was like a part of the Shanko family. Every celebration was planned and carried out with a flare and unequaled uniqueness.

Most recently Elaine Ellis was my pastor's wife until their recent retirement. I found that Elaine also enters into one's joys and sorrows, actively identifying and embracing one's little victories or setbacks with either tears or laughter. Elaine worked tirelessly side by side with her husband. She excelled in the art and gift of listening.

Sometime in the upcoming months why not find a way to honor and encourage your Shepherdess, the first lady of your congregation. Like her husband, her job also is never done.

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HIGH-TECH KIDS



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Maurice Ruffin, 7, is one of the many kids learning computer skills.

It looks like a scene from "Apollo 13." The room is filled with people sitting behind computers, all wearing headphones and identification badges and completely engrossed in their work.

But while it may seem like Mission Control, it's definitely not. You see, the people working at those computers are just kids. Don't let their ages fool you, though. Any one of the 7-12-year-olds in the room can successfully navigate their way around the Internet, send e-mail to just about anyone in the world and even design a Web page.

The children are all participants in the Kids-Tech Computer Camp at Oakwood College's Technology Center. Though it may sound like a costly camp for gifted children, it's not. While some at the camp may be gifted, they all come from backgrounds where expensive summer camps are most likely not a household priority. The children attending this summer's camp were bused in from the Northwood and Sparkman Homes housing projects.

For the past six weeks, these kids have spent their weekday mornings at Oakwood working on computers. While it may sound surprising to the computerwary, the children actually enjoy the work tremendously.

Seven-year-old Brooke Jones didn't miss a day of the camp, which started June 22. "I like coming here because it's fun," she says as she quickly pulls up a children's Web site for a visitor. "Now I know how to get on the Internet and how to get to games and how to get into the e-mail."

The camp has literally opened up a new world for the kids, says 12-year-old attendee, Courtney Mingo. "I like going to the Internet and looking for

different Web sites. My favorite has been the Six Flags Web site," she says. "It's fun to know that you can go into different and new things and you also learn a lot."

The Kids-Tech Computer Camp is sponsored by the Oakwood College Department of Education and funded by a grant from the American Honda Foundation.

The purpose of the summer program is to teach kids to be comfortable with computers while at the same time studying math, reading, language arts, problem solving and science.

Does the program work? Just ask Ali Shirazi. "Now I know just what to do on the computer," says the 9-year-old boy, who types an impressive 60 words-per-minute—up from 10 words-per-minute when he first came to camp.

Almost 50 children participated in this year's Kids-Tech, which met Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until noon. Now in its second year, the camp was the brainchild of Oakwood College professor Robert Walker.

A mainstay in the Technology Center for the six weeks of Kids-Tech, Walker says he is extremely pleased with the program's success. "I'm jubilant. I praise God. For me this has been a longtime dream," he says.

A child of the projects himself, Walker wanted to do something for the community. "I know what it is like to grow up in a disadvantaged environment. Every time I see these kids, I see myself," he says. "I know that education is the key to a better life. And I also know that without computer skills, our kids will be left behind in this technological society. These are the factors that motivated me and my co-founders (Dedrie Hodnett and Marcia Getfield) to start the Kids-Tech program."

During the first year of the camp, organizers charged a fee to attend. That fee, though small, eliminated the children from public housing, says Walker. "That's when we decided to write a grant for the next year."

With the help of Oakwood College officials, local educators and Jerry Damson Honda, a proposal was submitted by Walker to the American Honda Foundation in California. The Kids-Tech Computer Camp wound up receiving the Honda Foundation funding, beating out more than 550 applicants.

While this year's six-week camp is over, the Kids-Tech program will continue throughout the school year with tutoring and mentoring programs for those children with the greatest need, says program co-director Elicia Blucher. "We're also going to do a survey and compare (the grades of) those who are in the program to those who aren't," she explains.



Kids enjoyed the High-Tech Kids program.



Adventist Book Center Named "Top 100" Retailer

The Adventist Book Center in Winter Park was named a "Top 100" Christian book store in the nation by *Christian Retailing* magazine in the May 20 edition. The Florida Adventist Book Center is owned by the Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and was opened with the Conference in 1893.

The Adventist Book Center offers a wide range of products: Bibles and Bible software for computers, current books, the latest in Christian music, classic reference material, greeting cards, vegetarian food products, wedding supplies, choral music,

gifts, and much more. Adventist Book Center manager Gerald Bond says, "We appreciate the people in our community who have faithfully shopped at our store through the years and told others of the products we carry."

The Adventist Book Center has two other stores to service Florida—one in Forest City on the campus of Forest Lake Academy and the other in Miami Springs—with a third store to be opened at Camp Kulaqua in High Springs to service north Florida.

An open house is held each year in

September and at Christmas, as well as a truckload food sale in April.

Christian Retailing magazine's annual "Top 100" listing is based on sales volume. The Winter Park Adventist Book Center's sales volume fell within the \$3.5 million category. The Potomac Conference Adventist Book and Health Food Store in Takoma Park, Maryland, was the number one listing, leading the \$6 million and up category.

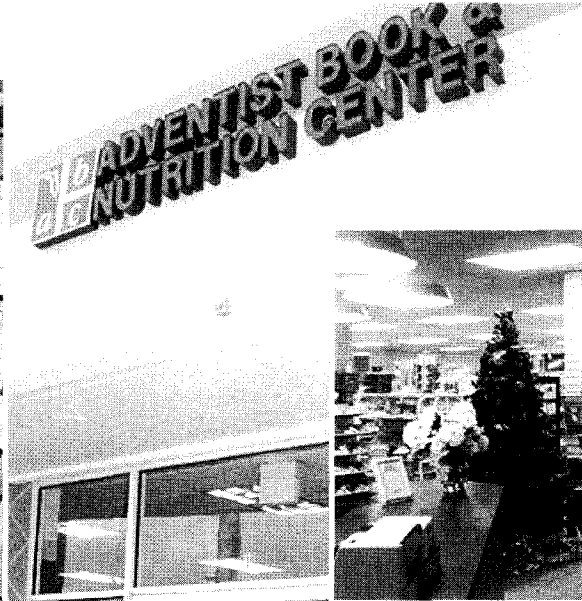
Published near Orlando in Lake Mary, the magazine is distributed to more than 7,000 Christian retailers worldwide.

Below: The 7,500 square-foot Adventist Book Center opened in 1992 when Florida Conference moved from its Orlando location across the street from Florida Hospital to its present location in Winter Park.

A. LEE BENNETT, JR.



Above: Former Adventist Book Center employee Jean Norris shows a cookbook during camp meeting at the Forest Lake Book and Nutrition Center on the campus of Forest Lake Academy in Forest City.



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Left: The 6,000 square-foot Miami Springs Book and Nutrition Center held its ribbon-cutting and grand opening July 7, 1996. Pictured from left: Florida Conference secretary Gloria Becker, Conference treasurer Stephan Wilson, Miami Springs former Councilman Bob Patterson, Miami Springs mayor John Cavalier, Miami Springs branch manager Pablo Ayala, and Florida Adventist Book Center manager Gerald Bond.



BY CINDY KURTZHALS

Revivalist's Messages of Christ Aired on Satellite

Florida Conference revivalist Richard O'Ffill taped sixteen 30-minute *Christian Concerns* television programs at the Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) in West Frankfort, Illinois, July 27-28. Eleven of the programs were a series called *Lord Teach Us To Pray*. Five other programs covered Christ's Second Coming, the Sabbath, health, and other aspects of the Christian life.

O'Ffill returns this month to record eight additional programs plus 25 seven-minute *Segments*. *Segments* are special features which are broadcast during *3ABN Presents* and *3ABN Live* which airs at 9 a.m., 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. Eastern Time.

3ABN broadcasts Seventh-day

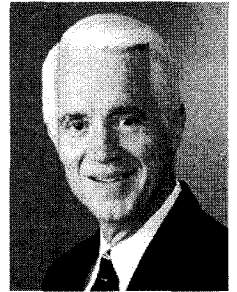
Adventist Christian programming on two satellites, 114 broadcast television stations, and 121 cable television systems. Viewers in North America can tune in Galaxy 3R Channel 23. The Intelsat-K Channel 2V signal can be downlinked in Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East. Anyone who subscribes to the Dominion Sky Angel—a satellite dish network package—on the Digital Broadcasting System (DBS) will find the programs on Channel 677.

These quality-of-life messages of hope via satellite will touch lives across North America, Europe, North Africa and the Middle East, Canada, Belize, Honduras, The Cayman and Virgin Islands,

Puerto Rico, the Philippines, Russia and Kyrgyzstan.

In addition to the telecasts on 3ABN about prayer, O'Ffill's revival sermon topics are available on his internet web site—<http://www.ao.net/~acm/>

He has also authored a book on the subject of prayer to be released in February, 1999, by the Review and Herald Publishing Association in Hagerstown, Maryland. The working title is *The Priority of Prayer*.



Griswolds Respond to TV Ministry

BY HERB PRITCHARD

Approximately nine months ago, Calvin and Judy Griswold, long-time members of Ocala's First Assembly of God church, were surfing "Sky Angel" (a digital satellite network providing Christian programming to viewers, including the Three Angels Broadcasting Network—3ABN). They happened across the 3ABN telecast and were subsequently drawn back to the telecast again and again to hear Danny and Linda Shelton, as well as the *Amazing Facts* and *It Is Written* programs.

As Adventist truths became more and more apparent, the Griswolds decided to visit the local Seventh-day Adventist church "just to check it out." Curiosity turned compelling and they returned Saturday after Saturday.

On Sabbath, July 11, both Griswolds



Calvin, Judy, and Christina Griswold, pictured from right, were attracted to Adventism as they searched for "new truths" and found them on the Three Angels Broadcasting Network. Pastor Robert Schwebel, left, welcomed them into the Ocala church in July.

and Christina, their daughter, fully committed themselves to Adventism by becoming members through profession of faith. Amens of rejoicing resounded throughout the sanctuary as Ocala pastor, Robert Schwebel, warmly welcomed them to the church family as Calvin sang his conversion song, "Stronger."

When asked what made 3ABN attractive, both Calvin and Judy indicated they were not searching for a new church family but were attracted to "new truths" presented by the Sheltons. They could find nothing to disagree with. The sincerity, the Sheltons' "no-showy" demeanor, plus the good music, were like magnets to the minds and hearts of the Griswolds. Calvin said that the enthusiasm for his Sunday church dwindled rapidly as the plain Bible truths unfolded.

IN TRANSITION

Jacksonville Southpoint pastor **Earl Robertson** has transferred to the Texas Conference. Orlando Central associate pastor **David Stunkard** now serves as senior pastor of the Jacksonville Southpoint church.

Lincoln Llewellyn and **Reynold Maxwell** have exchanged pastoral positions. Maxwell is now senior pastor of the Royal Palm church and Llewellyn is associate pastor of the Lauderhill church. Kress Memorial associate pastor **Dale**

Wolfe transferred to Georgia-Cumberland Conference. **Luis Garcia** now serves the Kress Memorial church as associate pastor. Garcia recently graduated from theological studies at Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn.



New Church for Lexington

After 14 months of prayer and hard labor the doors officially opened, July 11, at the new Lexington church in Lexington, N.C.

It was back in the early 30s when a small group met for Bible studies with Raymond Winders. The group grew and was soon meeting in a local high school. At other times the small Lexington group would meet for Sabbath school in the woods beside a creek. Years later, in 1964, the group bought a church from the Methodists located in the center of town. It was here at the ninth street location where they worshiped until the new church was completed.

Among the nearly 180 visitors attending the special consecration service were several former pastors and former members. The Carolina Conference was represented by Ron Schmidt, conference secretary, and Bob Self, church development director. Schmidt presented the consecration service and prayer of thanksgiving.

Special recognition was given to those who had contributed time and labor during the construction of the new building. Among these were Arless and Betty Loggins. Loggins was in charge of the construction of the building. Also given

special recognition was Stig Anderson of Thomasville. Anderson was a former pastor who donated numberless hours painting the interior of the new church.

Conference evangelist Dale Pollett is presenting the first evangelistic series held in the new church. The series began August 28.



The pastor and his wife meet with elders and their wives in the new Lexington church sanctuary. Ron and Debbie Moffitt, Arlyss and Betty Loggins (back row), Debbie and Pastor Ken Lee (right).

Governor Awards Greensboro Teenager

BY MARVIN HUNT



Allyson Stone, 16-year-old member of the Greensboro church, recently received a Certificate of Appreciation from North Carolina Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. The award was for her work as a teenager

volunteer at the *Natural Science Center* in Greensboro.

Allyson began her volunteer experience at the *Natural Science Center* in Feb-

ruary of 1996 when she became a member of the Teen Corps and worked as an exhibit guide. Allyson is a regular volunteer in the zoo and sea labs, as well as assisting in the traveling exhibits and a multitude of other areas within the museum. She is also an extraordinary face painter and is able to combine her artistic talent with her knowledge of animals and enhance any special event that occurs on a Sunday.

Allyson, daughter of Rebecca Stone, is a home school student who uses her activities at the Center to enhance her science curriculum. She is a positive role model to many school children who visit.

According to the Natural Science Center of Greensboro, "Allyson is a perfect example of Greensboro teenagers at their finest. She maintains good grades in her schooling, is active in her church, and finds the time to help others. She is a responsible, conscientious, and bright teenager who seems to thrive on reaching out to others. She takes her work with our animals very seriously and delights when she introduces visitors to new animals and encourages them to learn about their habits as well as have the confidence to pet them. She is able to interact positively with people of all ages—from preschoolers to our active older adults."



BY RON QUICK

Students Storm Raleigh



RON QUICK

The student literature evangelists that "stormed" the Raleigh area this past summer proudly display the books they sold. These beautifully illustrated books, that the literature evangelists call Megabooks, have a soft cover and are extremely affordable. Along with Bible Story books for children and books on nutrition and healthful living, they also offer The Great Controversy, Desire of Ages and other titles written by Ellen White.

You've heard about them, now see them for yourself. . . . the Carolina student literature evangelists. These students, who represented college and academics from across North America, had an outstanding summer working in the Raleigh area. Think about it, these 16 students in a mere ten weeks delivered nearly 20,000 Seventh-day Adventist books. Now, listen to this . . . individu-

ally they averaged \$8,351 in personal sales. This will go a long way toward their education.

The Carolina Conference has hired Sarah Bird to continue her work as a *Bible Worker* for another nine months. Sarah will continue to follow up the hundreds of interests these students have generated.

The Hallman's Celebrated 50TH Wedding Anniversary



Ralph and Hazel Hallman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary August 1 at a reception given by their four children. The Hallmans served many years in the Southern Union educational system. They are members of the Upward church.

"It hurt me that they didn't visit my wife."
"People expect me to act like my dad, and stuff like that. But I plan on being a lot different."
"When he found out I was a pastor's kid he broke up with me. He and his friends started calling me goodie, goodie and stuff like that. I said, 'Wow, what had I done? This is crazy.'"
"A wife, a mother, and a minister's spouse can only do but so much."
"I'm not the stereotype pastor's wife. I don't play the piano."
"A pastor is almost never off duty."



In her new Collegedale pastorate, Dúane Schoonard pastor of spiritual nurture, left, greets a church goer.

How to Show Appreciation to Your Pastor

Being a pastor is tough in these times. Caught between shrinking budgets and the rising demands of a world gone mad, faithful pastors are struggling to survive their ministry. There are good pastors, and there are bad pastors. Just as there are good people, and there are bad people. Showing appreciation to your pastor does not necessarily mean you approve of every decision he makes. It also does not mean you have to applaud everything he does. James Dobson makes the following observations in his August 1998 newsletter as he emphasizes the national "Clergy Appreciation Month" in October.

We must love, support, and undergird our spiritual leaders. First, let your pastors dream. Ask them what the Lord is saying about your local congregation, your community, and the Great Commission as we approach the 21ST century. Second, live at peace within your church. Nothing discourages a pastor more than contention in the congregation. It is also displeasing to the Lord. Throughout the scriptures, we have been admonished to put away discord and bitterness. Third, encourage your pastors. The role of leaders is particularly difficult today because of widespread apathy and distraction. Get behind them in enthusiasm and support. And fourth, let your pastor lead. Encourage them to speak boldly about what the Lord has been saying to the heart of the leader.

Here are some tangible ways you can show appreciation and love for your pastor and his family.

Be sensitive to pastoral stressors. The job looks easy. The pastor dresses in nice clothes, he reads nice books, works with nice people, he is free to order his day, he has a relaxed schedule, but from the inside it's very stressful. Pastors are on call 24 hours a day so there is a tendency to overwork; they feel the weight of the responsibility God has placed on them. However, there is only so much a person can do. This violates a pastor's thinking because he feels he should always be able to do more. This obviously leads to more stress. Unrealistic expectations of the pastor, criticism, and disputed expectations add to the stress. Every member's expectation is different for what they think the pastor should emphasize—visiting, in study, sermons, Bible studies, counseling—every member's expectation seems realistic. Unfinished work brings stress. Pastors feel guilty for taking time

off. There is always more work to do and if they're not out there doing it, it will never get done, they think. Stress is one of the curses of pastoring.

Resolve congregational conflicts. Strive for peace among each other. Resolve conflict between member and pastor. The problem is not that you will disagree with the pastor, but is the Christian thing done when disagreement arises. Do you communicate with the pastor, or is it shared with everyone, but the pastor? Forgive your pastors. In a high pressure role with a multitude of expectations, mistakes are inevitable. Even Spirit-filled leaders err, sometimes seriously. If patriarchs, prophets, and apostles erred, it should come as no surprise that leaders today can also fumble their faith. All of us exist only by the grace of God.

Share the ministerial load. Find and fulfill your own ministry. Pastors are not called to "do" the work for the church, but to equip the members to do their work for the church. The burden of church work should be distributed among its individual members. Pastors spend an enormous amount of time doing work that others could do better. Share the ministerial load by finding and fulfilling your own ministry.

Encourage interdependence. Pastors provide spiritual nourishment for the congregation, but doesn't the congregation, as the body of Christ, have a responsibility to nourish the pastor. If you are looking for a ministry, how about ministering to the pastor and his family. Pray for your pastors (and families). Call their names in your devotional life. Keep them on the altar of prayer. No one is totally independent, we are all interdependent. Just as the hand selects food for the body to nourish it, so the body manufactures food to nourish the hand. You have a right to expect spiritual leadership from your pastor, but please don't expect spiritual perfection. Pastors tend to be independent and self sufficient, and too proud to tell about the pain they're experiencing. They tend to be loners when it comes to sharing their

feelings and needs. People want them to be super human, and they may like playing the part. However, caregivers tend to be poor receivers. Be a minister of encouragement, look for opportunities to compliment, give a testimony about something he did that changed your life, let others know you won't tolerate criticism of the pastoral family in your presence, listen between the lines in his public presentations, lift him up before the Lord, form a support group, have a pastor's day, send him to a seminar, give him professional tools such as a computer, Bible software, and secretarial help.

Recognize the pastor's wife's stressors. Loneliness through frequent moves, losing old friends, hoping to make new friends, meeting new people, having a husband who is seldom home, poor job preparation, no educational training because she worked to put her husband through school, possibly married before choosing to be a pastor which required lifestyle changes are all stress factors for a pastor's wife. Overload through three jobs—home, church, and employee. Many wives are simply juggling responsibilities under enormous stress on a daily basis. They are playing the "super woman" game, and losing.

Respect her identity. "This is our pastor's wife," is a typical way of introducing her, however, she has her own identity. She is not the church's secretary, a message machine, or the church's official organizer. Allow her to be honest. Accept her for herself, with an openness and clarity of person to person communication, not just for her relationship to the pastor.

Recognize limitations and her right to choose her own roles. Understand her gifts. Realize her time is limited. Don't expect her to attend every function at the church, and because you do not see her, don't assume she lacks interest. Don't force her into the shoes of the former pastor's wife. Your pastor will be comfortable, only if she is comfortable. Protect her right to choose her own role in the church.

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A Beacon in Huntsville

BY KYNA HINSON



When John S. Nixon accepted the senior pastorate of the Oakwood College church last fall, he had several main objectives—to establish a solid, "comfortable relationship with the congregation, to cultivate and develop more reverence, and to strengthen and improve the worship life of the church." (Excerpt from report by Kem Roper, OAKWOOD Magazine, Summer 1998.)

Now, just more than one year later, Nixon and his wife Januwoina enjoy

many solid relationships in and out of the congregation, and at the church, there is a renewed sense of reverence and respect for the sacred things of God. The church is successfully completing a summer-long, major renovation campaign—just in time for a series of evangelistic meetings scheduled for the entire month of October.

At this time, Nixon seeks to "firmly establish the congregation in the righteousness of Christ—not to imply that the congregation is not spiritual, but to improve (their knowledge) in the 'how' and 'why' of salvation."

He believes that "in order for (a person's) Christianity to stand tests, it must be firmly rooted—not in the institution, denomination, some personal Christian 'lists' or works, but only in the Person of Jesus. "All fundamental beliefs of the Adventist Church are rooted in Christ."

That will be the main emphasis of the revival this month. He will also seek to help church members to center their Christian experience in service.

"Everyone has a mission—even new members, and when we are not active, we become dormant, stuck, stagnant, and self-absorbed. The church is seen only as a place to meet our needs, and instead of growing, we shrink."

"The call in Matthew 28 and Acts 1 is greater than that. We want to bring a new focus to mission. The Oakwood College church must be a beacon in Huntsville. This city, like the rest of the world, has a judgment to face. Many have not received the gospel, and many will come to Christ."

Kyna Hinson is communication director at the Oakwood College church in Huntsville, Ala.

Take differences with the pastor to the pastor, not his wife. Criticism of the pastor can devastate her. Taking complaints to the wife can hurt her as well as their marriage.

Allow family privacy. Be willing to let the pastor and his family spend time together. Let the pastor be a husband and father. Avoid calling during certain times of the day. Resist the urge to call during supper, for example.

Understand her need for friends. Let her feel she fits in by inviting her to social events. Let her develop her own special circle of friends. Do things for her. Find a creative way to show your care, such as assisting with her children.

Encourage family time. Church congregations don't mean to, but they tend to teach pastors to neglect their children. Eighty percent of pastors surveyed said they believed their pastoral ministry is hurting their families. They feel more guilt towards not serving the church than they do not being with the family. And, families tend to be more understanding some times than the church family is. Therefore, it's easier to neglect the family. Forget the church for a while and they're not too forgiving. Forget the family, and they may simply complain, "Another meeting daddy?"

Let your pastor's children be themselves. No child should be pressured to be a model Christian. Realize the preacher's kids are just kids. They are just like any other child. Don't reprimand by reminding them they are pastor's children. They are not responsible for setting the example for the church. Let them choose their own vocation. They should not be expected to grow up to be pastors. Treat them as normal children.

Realize when adults idolize pastor's children, their peers taunt them. When adults hold them up as examples, the other kids regard them as goody, goodies. Children fight that image. When asked Bible questions, if the child knows the answers they are proclaimed as "know-it-alls." If they don't know the answers, they are teased.

Befriend the children. Speak well of their parents. Chil-

dren know how hard their parents work for the church. If they feel he is not appreciated they may become bitter and cynical towards the church. Value the children for who they are, not whose they are. Don't use them to gain favor with their parents. Teach your children to be kind to them. Do things for their family. Forgive pastor parents when their child goes astray. Give them love and support, not gossip and criticism.

Give special attention to pastoring the new pastoral family. Begin by understanding the grief process, which allows the loss of a loved one. In congregational grief, the church's loyalty to the old pastor may prejudice them against the new. If the previous pastor was loved, members may feel anger toward the one usurping the old pastor's place. If the previous pastor was not loved, members may vent their pastoral anger on the new pastor.

But if the congregation grieves over the loss of one pastor whom they loved, think of the grief faced by the new pastoral family who have just lost all of their friends in the old parish. Understand their uprootedness. They are moving to a new house, the kids are starting a new school where their first reception as a pastor's child will likely be as though they were a little odd, if the spouse works there is job hunting to be done, and they must find a whole new set of friends. Be sensitive to their grief and challenges.

Find some friendly way to greet the new pastoral family and help them get settled. Perhaps their new home can be cleaned, polished and a little food put in the cabinets. As soon as convenient, have the largest, best planned welcome and installation service possible. Be sure to include the entire family. It is usually much easier for the new pastor to feel accepted than it is for the rest of the pastoral family.

Compiled from Ministry magazine, Elder's Handbook, and How to Love Your Pastoral Family video distributed by the General Conference Ministerial Department.



The Pastor is an Engineer

BY JANE TRAVIS TOLHURST

The pastor of the Maryville church is actually an engineer. Born and raised a staunch Southern Baptist, Greg Daniel received a degree in architectural engineering in 1979 from Southern Technical Institute. For 10 years he worked in the Atlanta area where he took conceptual drawings to working blueprints. Greg and his wife Cindy had stopped attending the Baptist Church, but they were drawn to the 1981 Lyle Pollett meetings in Marietta. After be-

ing baptized and joining the Marietta church, they both became active in soul winning. Compelled to become a minister, Greg's analytical, practical mind put God to the test. Among other things, Greg asked that he be able to pay off his debts.

He was shocked when all his conditions were quickly met. Most remarkable was that he received a bonus check at work which, after tithe was returned, was the exact amount of his debt.

After graduating from Southern College and Andrews, and pastoring in Georgia for five years, the Daniels along with son Kris and daughter Laurie Beth, moved to Maryville, Tennessee, in July of 1996.

The beautiful, wooden church there was fast approaching capacity. Greg's biggest challenge was finding a way to interpret the "drawings" everyone seemed to

have to the ever expanding membership into an actual "working blueprint" for the future. The Lord sent that little church with growing pains a competent, practical, pragmatic engineer who could clearly see both its problems and its potential. Under his leadership the church has initiated an extremely successful two-service church program and has purchased an adjoining lot on which a parking lot has been constructed.

But the engineer is also a pastor. Since his arrival, there have been 17 baptisms and 42 transfers of membership to the church. The church is very blessed to have the enthusiasm and unique approach of this young family.

Jane Travis Tolhurst is the communication secretary at the Maryville, Tenn. church.



BY STEPHANIE SWILLEY

Undergrad Enrollment Rises to 1,669

Enrollment was up again as classes got under way this fall at Southern Adventist University.

Official numbers show 1,669 undergraduates registered, up 2 from last fall. Among this number, 1,631 are attending classes on the Collegedale campus near Chattanooga. The full-time equivalency enrollment (FTE) rose by 63, to 1,499.

"I am delighted to see the fact that we are growing," says Dr. George Babcock, senior vice president for academic administration. "It means students like our academic programs, particularly those that, as we say, are on the cutting edge."

Classes began August 25 with students working on a total of 23,227 hours.

Southern Adventist University undergraduates come from 47 states and 58 other countries (among them, Argentina, Denmark, Haiti, Korea, Russia, and Zambia). Three out of five students come from the eight states in the Southern Union.

Included in the total are 38 students on three Florida campuses where Southern Adventist University offers B.S. nursing classes (Bradenton, Hudson, and Zephyr Hills).

The two youngest students are 16, and 203 are older than 24. Though the campus is largely residential, 28 percent live off-campus.

Women still have the majority with 56 percent, outnumbering the men by 209. New freshmen are also making their presence felt with 432 enrolled, a gain of almost 40 students from last year. Ethnic diversity has increased, especially with 186 Hispanic students, a gain of 52 over a year ago.

Popular areas of study include nursing with 258 majors, business and management with 253 majors, education and psychology with 220 majors and 96 others whose professional objective is secondary teaching, religion with 176, and biology with 137. Computer majors rose 60 percent, with 71 students enrolled this year, and art rose 50 percent, with 47 majors now enrolled. Most other departments also showed growth.

New teachers

New and replacement faculty already in place to provide academic instruction include Bill Green, Ph.D., academic innovation; Tom Walters, Ph.D., art; Josef Ghosn, Ed.D., business and management; Brian Willard, Ph.D., computing; Rachel Byrd, Ph.D., English; Dan Burks, Ph.D., psychology; Robert Benge, M.S.Ed., and Myron Mixon, B.A., health, P.E., and recreation; Denise Childs, M.A., communication; Michael Hasel, Ph.D., and Philip Samaan, D.Min., religion; and Robert Hargrove, M.S., technology.

Next semester

Registration for next semester will be January 4 with classes beginning January 5. Admissions information is available by calling 1.800.SOUTHERN (1.800.768.8437) during office hours.

Undergraduates at Southern Adventist University total 1,669 this year. An additional 55 graduate students bring the total head count to 1,724



NEWS NOTES

International Business

A new major in International Business builds on the B.B.A. (bachelor of business administration) core. Adding study of a foreign language to classes such as International Marketing, International Economics, International Business, and Multicultural Management prepares students for the world environment in which organizations operate.

The B.B.A. degree is available also in Accounting, Long-Term Care Administration, Management, Marketing, or Computer Information Systems. Southern's new M.B.A. program offers a choice of four emphases, including Church and Nonprofit Leadership.



Miriam Elizabeth (Harold) Kittrell 1938 -1998 A Life Well Lived

Miriam Elizabeth (Harold) Kittrell, education superintendent of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, died suddenly on Friday, August 7, at her home in Goodlettsville, Tenn.

Miriam was the first of five children born to John and Ruth Harold. She was born on November 29, 1938, in Hinsdale, Ill. In the summer of 1957 Miriam was living with an aunt in Ann Arbor, Michigan. It was there that she met Dan Kittrell and the two were married December 27, 1958, in Collegedale. Dan and Miriam were blessed with two sons: Dan was born July 5, 1960; and Ken was born January 23, 1964.

Miriam graduated from Andrews University in 1968. The family moved to Durango, Colo., where Miriam taught in an one-room school. In 1970, the family moved to Loveland, Colo., where she taught at Campion Academy for the next 17 years. In 1987, Dan and Miriam moved to Enterprise, Kan., where Miriam began her administrative career as principal of Enterprise Academy. In the spring of 1989 Miriam accepted a call to the Florida Conference as principal of Forest Lake Elementary Education Center (FLEEC). In October 1996 Miriam joined the staff of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference as the superintendent of education.

Miriam was a great administrator, but her love for people in general and children and youth in particular was of such depth that all could see it. Reflecting on her work with the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, her husband says, "I know Miriam did a good job as superintendent. But where she was really at her best was with the kids. She loved the kids." She was determined that

every school and every teacher strive for excellence. But, more than anything else, she wanted her teachers and students to be intimately in love with Jesus. Beyond her professional accomplishments, Miriam was the kind of person that people grew to love quickly. She was well known for the random acts of kindness she frequently performed. She was seldom without a smile

or a twinkle in her eye—always positive, upbeat, and encouraging, even in the midst of grinding schedules and difficult challenges in her work. She could be the "life of the party" but also express great wisdom and counsel.

Miriam and Dan often traveled together to her appointments with teachers, boards, and committees. They wound their way into hearts all across the vast territory of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference in record time as they have done everywhere they have served.

Miriam is survived by her husband, Dan; her son Danny and daughter-in-law, Julie, from Ft. Pierce, Fla.; son, Ken, of Orlando, Fla.; two grandchildren; her parents, John and Ruth Harold of Grand Junction, Colo.; one sister, Pat

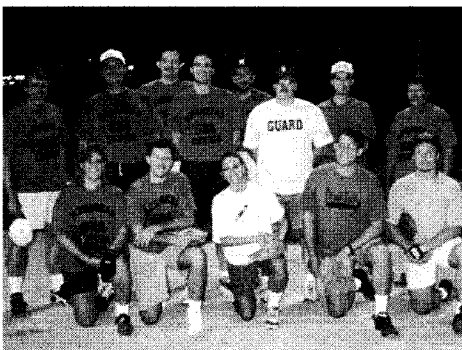
Scott of Phoenix, Ariz.; two brothers, John Harold of Olathe, Colo., and Charles Harold of Kitchner, Ontario; two sisters-in-law, Donna Harold and Judy Harold. She was preceded in death by a sister, Marcia Harold.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Education Fund of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, PO Box 1088, Goodlettsville, TN 37070-1088; or Forest Lake Elementary Education Center, 2801 Sand Lake Road, Longwood, Fla. 32779.



Community Interaction Fostered on the Diamond

BY LOLA BORAM



Team captain and church elder Robert Boram (back row, far left) stands with part of the Morehead church team.

Thirty or more representatives from at least nine different denominations and religious fellowships literally *went to bat* for the Morehead church during the summer softball season in July and August. For a \$225 entrance fee, the church was allowed to field a team in the local church league.

The official membership of Morehead is 62, with only eight interested softball players. By recruiting from other small churches in the area, they put together a roster of players, some of whom previously knew nothing about Adventists. They proudly wore the team shirt with

"Morehead SDA Church" across the front. There is no league requirement that participants actually attend the church for which they play, which two Adventist athletes considered fortunate in 1997 when they played that season in shirts that read "Christ our King Catholic Church."

Although the Adventist team did not have many victories on the diamond, it was a winning exercise in public relations and name recognition for the local Adventist congregation.

Lola Boram is the communication secretary of the Morehead church.



BY HELEN KELLY

Ridgetop Church Welcomes Missionary's Return

The Ridgetop, Tenn., church held a surprise reception for student missionary Melissa Rodgers on her first Sabbath back in the United States. To make the occasion even more special, Melissa's father was baptized the same Sabbath. Melissa spent eight months in the village of Pandurukan on Mindoro Island where she taught school, helped with minor medical needs, and learned the language. She says her major task, however, was to help spread the gospel by making friends for Christ. Although she is happy to be home, Melissa confesses she misses the people she came to love, and hopes to do mission work again.

This fall Melissa is a junior at Southern Adventist University, majoring in biology. She plans to be a physician's assistant. She says the patience, understanding, fortitude, and other character-building qualities she gained as a student missionary will be helpful to her in her college setting as well.

Melissa is the daughter of Dennis and Brenda Rodgers and a 1995 graduate of Greenbrier Tenn. High School. She has presented a slide program of her experiences at area Seventh-day Adventist churches.

Helen Kelly is the communication secretary of the Ridgetop church.



Melissa's grandmother (left), Betty Skidmore; her mother, Brenda Rodgers; Melissa; and her father, Dennis Rodgers.

Hohenwald Church Celebrates Freedom

BY WARREN STRAWN

Although the new Hohenwald church building was not entirely completed, July 4, 1998, was chosen as the day to celebrate a special thanksgiving and prayer service. In addition to Independence Day, it was the first time Sabbath services were held in the new church building, celebrating independence from the necessity of renting another facility in which to meet for

the growing congregation.

The membership has more than doubled since the decision was made in 1994 to launch a building program. At a building fund-raiser, an anonymous person from the community contributed \$2,000. Later, another friend gave two acres of land, asking only that a church be built. This person also gave land adja-

cent to the church property for the construction of a new County Food Bank which is now in operation.

The Hohenwald church is grateful for all those who have contributed money, land, labor, and for the free temporary facility that was used for four years.

Warren Strawn is the communication secretary of the Hohenwald church.

Hopkinsville Church Celebrates

BY KATHY MCBRIDE

August 1 was a day of celebration for the Hopkinsville church. Members celebrated the baptism of Grace Rodgers by Jerrett Brown, pastor, as members of Grace's family gathered around the baptistry. Grace is the first student to be baptized as a result of a recently implemented class called *Life Applications*. Kathy McBride teaches the class.

On the same Sabbath, the church also celebrated the installation of new pews in the sanctuary. The church has undergone major renovations since an arson fire severely damaged the church more than a year ago. Since that time, many changes have taken place. In addition to the new pews, a complete satellite system with large screen has been added.

Kathy McBride is a member of the Hopkinsville church.



Jerrett Brown, pastor, baptizes Grace Rodgers.



60 Donate Blood Samples

Southeastern's camp meeting was especially eventful for a number of reasons. High on the list was the first Sabbath dedication of the new air-conditioned pavilion. This magnificent state of the art edi-

fice is a memorial to God's faithfulness, and to the hard work and sacrifice of His people under the visionary leadership of Roy Brown, president.

One highlight on the second Sabbath, June 27, 1998, was the response of God's people to an appeal from "Kids Beating Cancer," Florida's authorized bone marrow recruitment program. Sixty volunteers completed the paperwork and donated a blood sample to become officially registered with the National Marrow Donor Program which identifies matched donors for those fighting leukemia, aplastic anemia, and sickle cell anemia.

The appeal was made by Linda Lynch, a member of the Orlando/Mt. Sinai church, who shared with the adult and senior youth

congregants the vital importance of diversifying the national registry by increasing Black participation. At present there is a critical shortage with only 7.8 percent Black registration on the registry.

Lynch underscored the importance of viewing this as a spiritual initiative, and hence, the appeal called "2 Golden Tablespoons." Two mites was what the widow threw into the treasure—her all. Two tablespoons was the approximate amount of blood donated to become a registered volunteer on the Registry, spiritually representing the giving of each donors "all." Funding related to Black registrants is covered under a US grant through September 30, 1998, for volunteers ranging in ages from 18-60 years.



Chrisantha Michand, of Miami, volunteered to help relieve the shortage.

Crusade Results in Baptisms

The Lighthouse church in Ft. Lauderdale is always on the "battlefield" for Christ. Its goal is to "win souls." A crusade under the direction of Keith Dennis, pastor, started April 19, and ended May 9, 1998.

The speaker for the crusade was Wayne Palmer, Central Jamaica Conference lay activities director. Palmer offered messages of hope and eternal life. Bible workers and laymen from the Bethel church worked the neighboring communities for souls. The Pathfinders, led by Karen McKay, distributed tracks and pamphlets throughout the community.



Twenty-six individuals were baptized and eagerly welcomed into the Lighthouse church. Pictured is the first group of candidates prepared to be baptized.

Youth Develop Personal Relationship with Christ

The young people of Ephesus French church have something special to be proud of. They have not discovered a cure for cancer. They have not donated their bodies to scientific research. However, they have embraced the universal remedy for sin.



Ephesus French youth participated in the revival week.

June 20-27, the youth of Ephesus church in Miami participated in a personal Bible study initiative. Taine Lamour and the church committee invited guest speaker Paula Fils-Aime for a week of youth revival. During this week, Ms. Fils-Aime challenged each young person to engage in his own, private Bible study. They were to study a passage of the Scriptures before they went to bed. Then, they were to wake up early in the morning before their parents and have worship again.

The following night, they gave a public report of what they had studied. In recognition of their superb efforts, each youth that participated received a certificate of achievement at the conclusion of the revival.

All this was done to help the young people make the much needed transition from religion to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through personal study of His word.



BY M. VALLON

A Shepherdess for Shepherdesses

It was Sunday, June 21, 1998. The pastors' wives of Southeastern Conference, called Shepherdesses, gathered in the Gainesville Radisson Hotel for an Agape Feast.

This Agape Feast was sponsored by the First Shepherdess of Southeastern Conference, Daisy O. Brown. Sponsored is well said. It was not a potluck, not the product of a contribution; indeed, it was quite a treat for the pastors' wives.

A large percentage of the Shepherdesses attended this celebration of friendship. They represented the diversity in Southeastern Conference, namely: African American, Caribbean, Haitian, and Hispanic. The fellowship was about unity and sharing in a loving fashion.

The First Lady of the Southern Union Conference, Hazel Gordon, was the guest speaker. She delivered a spiritual, encouraging, and pleasant message. In her "Ten Reasons for Being a Pastor's Wife," she depicted all the pleasant and challenging moments in the ministry, including the frequent movings. Her story was just fascinating. Perhaps to remind the ladies not to be too comfortable in any assignment,

she stated that she had to move 18 times in her ministry. If this was an unsolved puzzle for the newcomers, it was just a simple joke for the experienced Shepherdesses. They've been there, done that. Some of them had even outdistanced that record. "That is what makes the ministry so different and enjoyable," said one Shepherdess. Although sometimes pastors' wives have to weep and stay on their knees, Daisy made our day that Sunday morning. We enjoyed not only a sumptuous lunch and delicious dessert catered by Radisson Hotel, but also laughter and fellowship. We carried away the joy, peace, and friendship that we had just shared.

We are grateful to God for the ministry of every Shepherdess of Southeastern Conference, especially for the ministry of Mrs. Daisy Brown. Not only for this social event but also for taking the time to call or to send kind notes to the other Shepherdesses of Southeastern Conference. Many have testified the benefits of these spiritual and kind notes. We can personally testify that her welcoming arms and smile at camp meeting, workers' meetings, and other occasions granted to new Shep-



Officers of the Southeastern Shepherdess organization are Carol Johnson, vice president (left), Daisy O. Brown, sponsor, Cynthia Ware, president.

herdesses an opportunity to feel at home. What a role model!

Critic Wallace Stegner said of the short story, "At its very best...the light it casts on one man or woman in one brief fragment of experience can seem to illuminate the world." We thank God for Mrs. Brown's warm heart and for her devotion to the Lord and to the ministry of her president husband.

Evangelism in Southeastern Conference

BY ROY BROWN



West Palm Beach church pastor. Together they baptized more than 100 for Christ. In Key West, intern pastor C. Wesley Knight and the members of Southernmost church baptized more than 10 persons using the Revelation Seminar method. Dolphy Cross, pastor of the Ft. Myers church, rallied his congregation. Under a tent, God's Spirit led more than 35 to follow the Savior fully.

At the time of writing this article, Patrick Vincent and his associate, Anthony T. Smith of the Orlando Mt. Sinai church, anticipate 50 baptisms when the Revelation Seminar ends. Jean-Renaud Joseph is the second centurion in the Conference. He began a series of meetings July 24 which ended August 22. One hundred

twenty-seven new believers are now members of the Plantation, Sinai French church.

Nightly attendance was in excess of thousands. Mrs. Yvrose, a visitor to the evangelistic meetings, was seriously ill when she attended the first meeting. She asked God for healing and for help to obey his truth. She received both. She was physically healed and spiritually blessed as she embraced the Advent message. In Ft. Lauderdale, Thomas A. McNealy successfully completed his church meeting.

During camp meeting more than 1,000 worshipers consented to take one set of Bible lessons with the commitment of winning one soul for Christ during June 1998 to June 1999.

Evangelism is the life blood of the Adventist church. In Southeastern, evangelism takes on different forms. In some places it is a tent meeting, a Revelation Seminar, a church meeting, personal Bible study, or NET '98. The objective is to lead individuals to Jesus Christ.

Before the summer began, Dennis Ross, Jr., Southern Union Conference evangelist, joined Hubert Morel, Ephesus

WHEN THERE'S AN EMERGENCY PRAY

BY THOMAS MCDONALD
GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND FEATURE

"Lorenzo! Lorenzo! Are you O.K.?" shouted friends as they discovered their unconscious classmate in the top section of the play tubes at the Discovery Zone.

Dixie Smith had taken her third and fourth graders on a field trip to one of their favorite places. They had only been at the Discovery Zone for five minutes when 11-year-old Lorenzo collapsed in a section of tubes, high atop the play maze. Except for a hand tremor, he lay completely still.

Only months before, the third and fourth grade class at Carmen Adventist School in Marietta, Georgia, had undergone Basic Aide Training or B.A.T. as created by the Red Cross and instructed by Penny Lindsey, Marietta church's parish nurse. The students trained about three hours a week for six weeks.

When they found Lorenzo unconscious, they checked for a pulse and breathing. Seeing he was breathing, some students ran for help while others stayed beside their friend. As Mrs. Smith called 911, the Discovery Zone personnel worked at freeing Lorenzo from an area only the children could reach.

While paramedics were tending to Lorenzo, one of the parents gathered the children together and asked them to report what they had seen. The children's detailed description led medical personnel to suspect a seizure; it was later found to be so.

During their B.A.T., Mrs. Lindsey had asked them, "What was something the Red Cross didn't mention that they could do in an emergency situation?" They unanimously raised their hands and said, "We can pray." As Lorenzo was taken to the hospital, many of his classmates were seen kneeling in the square units along the big maze of tunnels praying. And because of their prayers and fast response, Lorenzo made a quick recovery and is doing fine.

The Marietta church has wanted a medical ministry for some time, and when they learned that a Parish Nurse Program was starting at Emory-Adventist Hospital in Smyrna, Georgia, they got involved. The parish nurse serves many roles beginning with personal health counselor, volunteer recruiter, mentor, supporter,



Kyle Leeper receives his certificate from Parish Nurse Penny Lindsey. He and his classmates spent approximately 18 hours learning the Red Cross Basic Aide Training. When the need arose, the students knew how to respond quickly. They also put into practice something the Red Cross didn't teach—praying for their friend.

and integrator to treat the whole person—mind, body, and spirit. Marietta's program offers nearly 20 ministry opportunities. These volunteer outreaches include: educational seminars, monthly health screenings, support groups, counseling, and visitation of members.

This ministry is built around a joint partnership between a congregation, a registered nurse, and a health care institution. Penny Lindsey was selected for the position and said she feels this is what God has been leading her to do all of her life. "I really feel like I'm treating the whole person, with the spiritual, physical, and emotional aspects," said Lindsey. "It's been an incredible blessing for me to be able to reach out to other people, helping them and pointing them in the right direction."

Lindsey says you don't have to be in the medical field to volunteer for outreach with the Parish Nurse Program. "I used to think that reaching out to people just meant giving Bible studies or going door-to-door, and it doesn't," said Lindsey. "All of our volunteer ministries are just simple things." Church members may know of someone who needs light housekeeping, cooked meals, yard work, or a phone call of encouragement. Lindsey hopes others will choose a means of outreach, no matter how simple it seems. "We may be the only picture of God that some of these people ever see," said Lindsey. "And what a way to show them."

PARISH NURSE TRAINING SEMINAR

A conference-wide Parish Nurse Program is being developed by the Georgia-Cumberland Health Ministries Department. Penny Lindsey will be the coordinator. For information on how your church can be involved in this outreach ministry, call E. W. Dempsey, conference health ministries director, at (800) 567-1844, ext. 332. Plan to attend the seminar, January 15-17 at Cohutta Springs Adventist Center.



BY JANE ALLEN

Russian Couple Grateful for Acts of Kindness

A Russian couple whose Christian faith once doomed them to years of hard labor in Siberia recently expressed their heartfelt thanks for the compassion, generosity and acts of kindness shown them by people at Florida Hospital.

Anna Kublakov, 65, who underwent a total hip replacement at Florida Hospital in February, is now recuperating in a relative's home in California while her husband Mikhail, 70, returned to Russia to put final touches on a new Bible translation. Time was when Kublakovs could not dream of traveling outside their country—for healthcare purposes or any other reason.

When young Ann and Mikhail married in 1953, he had been banished to a life of hard labor in Siberia. Some of her family warned her that marrying the outspoken Christian minister would surely mean a life of hardship and confinement for her too. But this man was just what Ann wanted—someone strong in his faith no matter what the consequences.

In school, Anna had withstood ridicule and humiliation for her faith. Teachers' threats and classmates' jeers failed to sway the young girl whose parents and grandparents told her of dedicated preachers who had brought the gospel of salvation to Russia at the turn of the century. Anna vowed that someday she would marry a man like those preachers.



Soon after their marriage, Mikhail became leader of an underground church organization, resulting in increased persecution and hardship for the Kublakovs and their growing family. Somehow they survived those difficult years under the former Communist regime. Then, along with many other Christians, the Kublakovs' circumstances improved in the late 70s and early 80s when the government softened its attitude toward Christians. Mikhail, a recognized champion of religious liberty, headed the Seventh-day church in Russia. With increased religious freedom, the Kublakovs were allowed to travel outside the country where they befriended many other Christians.

In 1992, Mikhail "retired" to fulfill his dream of producing a modern Russian translation of the Bible. With support from the Adventist Church, he established the Bible Translation Institute and hired a small staff of specialists in Biblical languages, including representatives of the Russian Orthodox Church and other Christians. One of the greatest challenges to the project is the lack of Russian theologians and Biblical scholars due to the many years Christianity was suppressed in the Soviet Union. Now, after more than five years' work, Kublakov expects the New Testament will be published this year.

Jane Allen is a freelance writer from Florida.

Florida Hospital Fish Memorial

BY KIMBERLY CARR AND BECKY ANDERSON

Extends Help to Local Firefighters

The state of Florida, specifically parts of Volusia County, was plagued with fires in July due to the lack of rain and intense heat. As a result, Florida Hospital Fish Memorial (formerly known as Volusia Medical Center), which was located near the devastating fires, reached out to those in need.

Thousands of residents of Volusia and nearby counties were forced to evacuate their homes, while hundreds of firefighters from across the nation worked together to try to control the fires that were raging out of control. Nearly 100 employees and volunteers from Florida Hospital Fish Memorial were also affected by the fires.

To help those in need, Florida Hospi-

tal Fish Memorial employees opened their homes to those in danger of the fires.

In addition, Florida Hospital Fish Memorial partnered with local companies, Owens & Minor, Medline and Zellerbach suppliers, to donate toiletries, diapers and other supplies for those who were evacuated from their homes.

Kimberly Carr is the communication coordinator for AHS. Becky Anderson is the director of public relations for Florida Hospital Fish Memorial.

The hospital donated six Nomex jumpsuits. These lightweight fire-retardant jumpsuits help protect the firefighters and increase their heat endurance.





The Miracle Church Dedicated Debt-free

August 1, 1998, the Auburn, Ga., company was officially organized into a church. Two days before the scheduled organization, a providential selling of a business by members Walter and Frances Zornes enabled the facility to be dedicated debt-free. The Zornes had tried selling their business several times, but God's timing allowed them to fulfill a desire to do something special for the Auburn church.

Some call it the "miracle church." Those in the small Bible study group who felt impressed in 1991 to start a work in Barrow County, know that without miracles a church would not have been possible. "We rented a Methodist church and met on Friday nights," said Barbara Dietrich, church treasurer. Some weeks there were only two or three attending, but the group held firm to their conviction that an Adventist Church should be in Auburn.

Under the leadership of Curtis Morton, a retired pastor from Atlanta, Sabbath worship services began January 1, 1993. When the rented facility became available to buy, ten individuals made the decision to purchase the church. They had \$400 in the bank and 90 days to raise the balance. On October 23, 1993, seven weeks after the purchase, the Conference organized the group into a company with 39 charter members.

In 1994, E.W. Dempsey, conference



A gift of \$50,000 paid off the mortgage of the Auburn, Ga., church. The company was organized into a church and dedicated. Conference president Larry Evans, vice president for pastoral ministries Roy Caughron, Mike Pethel, pastor, and Barbara Dietrich, church treasurer, participate in the mortgage burning.

lay evangelism director, began an extensive evangelistic outreach program in Barrow County. Under a pilot program with Amazing Facts, Dan Bora contracted to work for a year to follow up on interests and to assist the members in conducting NET '96. During 1997, Wayne Cagle, Auburn head elder, held a Revelation seminar. Twenty individuals joined the company from these combined efforts.

Since the purchase of the church, the facility has been totally renovated and paid for in cash. The sanctuary was redone in an European ornate plaster-style, designed by Vasile Neldelco. They even restored the 1892 church bell that rings each Sabbath. Plans are already underway to expand the structure to allow for continued growth. The additional space will better serve its 73 members and the community.

CONFERENCE NEWS NOTES

Forty-one students and leaders were involved in the summer literature **Magabook Program**. The young people worked in Marietta, Ga., and Knoxville, Tenn. They knocked on 200,000 doors and sold 19,500 books. Sales totalled \$195,000. At the end of the summer, 55 members are giving 70 Bible studies with more individuals to contact.

Johnson City **Vacation Bible School** children not only participated in VBS, they brought offerings to help fund the training of monkeys that assist paralyzed individuals through the Helping Hands Foundation. Funds were also given to a volunteer fire department outside the city. An average of 40 children attended each evening. Sandra Holt was the VBS director.

Twenty-six volunteers from Albany Community, Americus, Moultrie, and Thomasville, Ga., churches prepared 108 ADRA clothing boxes at the **Adventist Community Services** South Georgia warehouse on July 19. Members from Oglethorpe and Americus manned the health screening unit at the Watermelon Festival in Cordele, Ga., July 11. Forty-seven visited the unit.

August 9-16, 1998, the **Eastern Deaf Camp Meeting** was held at Cohutta Springs. Jeff Jordan, Atlanta's deaf pastor, was one of the guest presenters and introduced small group ministry concepts. Fifty attended the week-long meeting; 17 were from Georgia-Cumberland. President Evans officiated an ordination and four out-of-conference individuals were baptized.



BY PATRICIA FOSTER

71ST Birthday Celebrated in Triathlon

On June 28, 1998, Herb Ingersoll, a retired pastor from Whitwell, Tenn., participated in a triathlon in Chattanooga, Tenn. At 71 years of age, Ingersoll was the oldest to enter the race. Participants in the triathlon had to swim one mile, bike 30 miles, and run 6.2 miles. It took over four hours for Ingersoll to complete the three events—twice as long as the winner, but he was not the last to finish.

What prompted Ingersoll to become involved? "My 71ST birthday was coming up," Ingersoll said, "and I just didn't want to sit in a rocking chair. I wanted to do something significant." His son, Scott, told him about the triathlon, and the idea appealed to him. Eight days before the event, Ingersoll began training, but he never had an opportunity to do all three events at one time to see if he could endure. "Probably my best training has been my daily lifestyle," said Ingersoll. He lives on five acres in Whitwell with his wife, Dottie, and son. Tending to 50 fruit trees, a vineyard, a vegetable garden, and cutting wood to heat their large home keeps him physically fit. He attributes a simple diet of raw fruits and vegetables and drinking plenty of water for his good health. He also serves as pastor to an active and growing group in Whitwell.

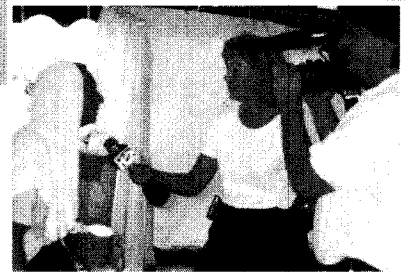
People were fascinated that an "old man" would brave the 105 degree heat index and the strenuous activities to compete in the triathlon. While Ingersoll was visiting a store to buy running shoes, a clerk named Dave took a special interest in him. Dave gave him pointers on strategies for participating in the events and suggested he wait on the shoes. On the day of the race, Dave was at each major junction giving encouragement and tips for the next segment of the triathlon.

Ingersoll was surprised when a Channel 12 TV crew waited for him to finish the race. Out of the 400 participants, he was featured on the 6 and 11 evening news. "Before I decided to enter the triathlon, I prayed that this experience would be a witness," said Ingersoll. Since



CECILIA NEIRA

"I prayed this experience would be a way to witness and to inspire people to do something to improve their health," said Herb Ingersoll (front left). His family was very supportive of his involvement in the triathlon and joined him as he finished the last portion of the 6.2 miles. Front Row: Grandchildren Mishala Abrams, Jonathan, Christopher and Amber Arthur; daughter Star Arthur; granddaughter Honiko Abrams; and daughter Holly Abrams. Back Row: Son, Scott, and wife, Dottie. Inset: TV Channel 12 reporter Scarlett Travis and her cameraman interviewed Ingersoll in the first aid tent immediately following the race. Towels were placed on his head and shoulders to help him cool down.



HOLLY ABRAMS

the race he has received several calls from individuals saying his participation in the triathlon encouraged them to be more serious about exercising and their diet. One caller, 20 years younger than Ingersoll, thanked him for being an example to the "older generation" and commented, "If you can participate in a triathlon, some of

us can do a lot better in exercising and living a healthier lifestyle."

The triathlon provided an avenue to make friends Ingersoll would not have met otherwise, and opportunities to share why he chooses to live a healthful lifestyle. "Besides, he said, "it was a great way to celebrate my 71ST birthday."



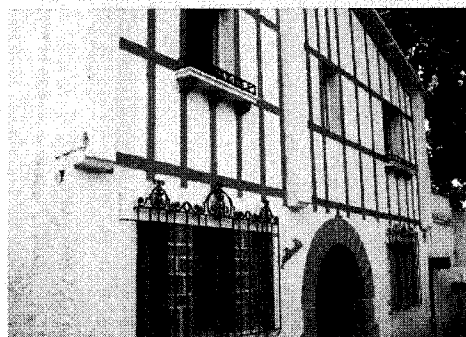
Anniversary

Henry A. and Dorothy L. Uhl celebrated their 50TH wedding anniversary August 2, 1998, at a special reception given by their four children and three grandchildren at the McDonald Road, Tenn., church family center. Henry is a retired minister and Dorothy a retired teacher. The Uhls have ministered in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference since 1977.

Mission Accomplished



The Santa Ana church is located in the hills of Caracas.



A two-story home on the El Paraiso church property was transformed into a community service center.



The Mission Possible team consisted of youth, pastors, and church leaders.

On June 23-July 2, 1998, 40 missionaries from the South Atlantic Conference traveled to Caracas, Venezuela, for Mission Possible. Darryl Howard, youth and young adult ministries director, Keisha Moore, trip coordinator, and Efrain Poloche, Hispanic coordinator, worked with Josney Rodriguez, personal ministries director, Inter-American Division, to make this trip possible.

Mission Possible was a project to serve the El Paraiso and Santa Ana Iglesia churches of Caracas. First, this project focused on ministering through the service of rehabilitation and construction of edifices. Julian James and Horace Malone both served as project contractors. Secondly, it focused on service through key ministries. Evangelism was provided in community service, family life, and women's ministries. B. C. Williams, Melvin Preston and Sylvia Jackson Wilson, headed the sharing in these particular ministries to the church.

Caracas, with a population of eight million, is the capital of Venezuela. El Paraiso church is located in the heart of



Caracas. It is the largest church in the city. El Paraiso has in attendance more than 2,000 people each Sabbath with more than 200 youth meeting for youth church. El Paraiso's major need was renovations on a two-story house owned by the church and is located on its grounds. The house will serve as a community service center and will be dedicated to four Pathfinder Master Guides who were killed last summer en route to a camporee.

Julian James of Augusta served as project contractor for El Paraiso. He led in replacing the roof of the house, installing ceilings in the five rooms of the second floor, as well as repairing hallways and installing sheetrock.

Horace Malone served as project contractor for the Santa Ana Iglesia church. The church is in the hills of Caracas. The hills are renowned for being one of the most dangerous areas in Caracas, densely populated and susceptible to mud slides. This area of Caracas is a challenge to minister in, which made the presence of the Mission Possible team even more rewarding to the Seventh-day Adventist church members who live there. The team removed a deteriorating flat roof and replaced it with an A-frame roof. In addition, the team knocked down two major walls in the sanctuary thereby increasing its size from its previous ability to hold only four pews.

The three supporting ministries of community services, family life, and women's ministries impacted this mission through various contributions. Each leader spoke at least once during Mission Possible's nightly service regarding their respective ministry. Several missionaries brought new or used clothes, and personal care items, and presented these and other household goods to the community services of both churches. Brand new T-shirts, conference bags, and other material from last year's women's retreat were presented to the ladies of the church.

Darryl Howard spoke at the 8:00 a.m. service, 9:30 a.m. youth church service as well as the 11:00 a.m. divine worship service. The theme for the day was "I Love the Lord." Howard's subject was "Communion." A spiritual communion service was held for the overflowing church that afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Hundreds of men and women participated in a well organized order of humility service by washing each others feet in the courtyard and school adjacent to the church then following with their partner in prayer. The women of the church made the bread and grape juice for this service.

The president and other officers of the conference, along with their families, held a banquet in the missionaries' honor on the night prior to their departure. Several gifts were presented to and by both Conferences. A beautiful hand-woven circular wall piece featuring the bird, flower, and other novices of Venezuela were sent back to our Conference president, Vanard



Pastors Juan Guerro of the El Paraiso church, Augusto Perez, Santa Ana church, their Conference President Hector Sanchez, and Darryl Howard of South Atlantic.

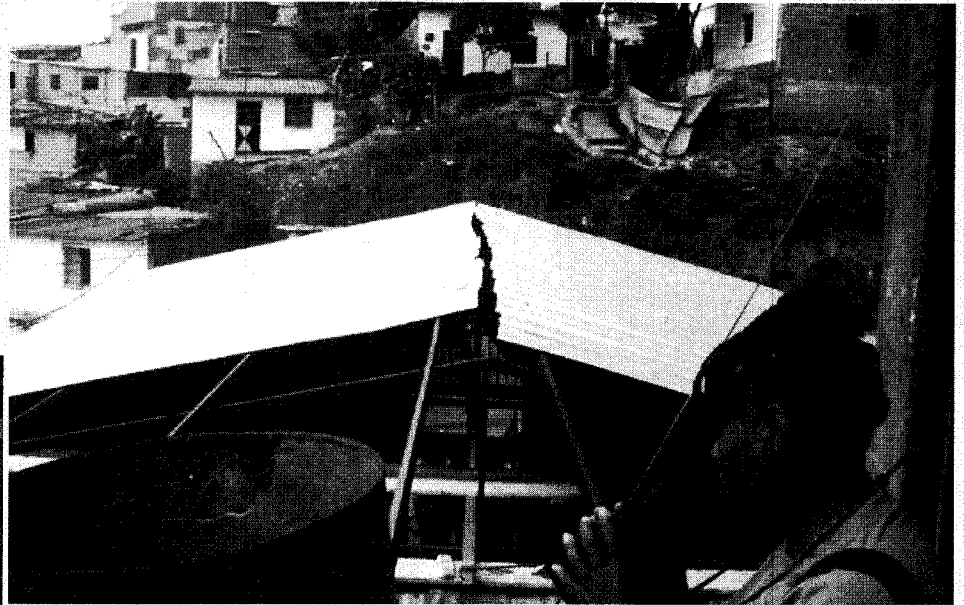
J. Mendinghall, for his support toward the success of this project. The evening finished with a festive rendition of the Venezuelan national anthem.

The majority of our missionaries were youth from 15 years old and up. Their openness to learning about the culture, and helping this economically depressed country, was moving. Their maturity and spirit

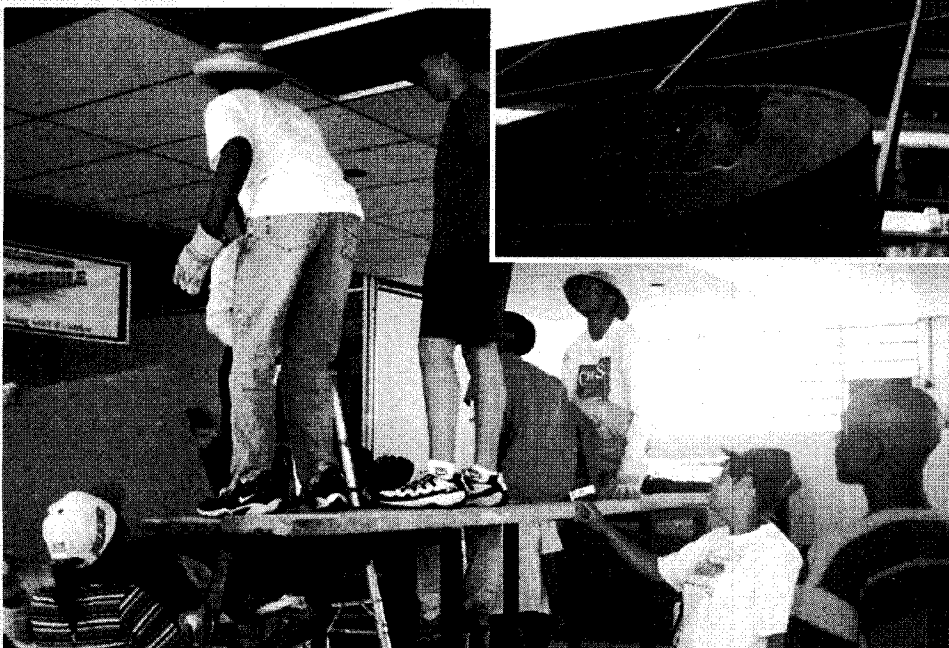
of teamwork, despite unexpected challenges, is a testimony of Christ in their lives. As a result of the experiences of this trip, many of them have shared that their spiritual lives have been revived. Our youth were positively overwhelmed with the receptive spirit of the youth of these churches. Some of them had the opportunity to visit homes to see how youth of Venezuela live. The Spanish were fascinated with our youth and the American culture, including dress, gospel music, school, and language.

Our days opened and closed with prayer, songs, and devotion. We were fed three healthy meals per day including empanadas, beans, and rice prepared by women of the church. The missionaries rallied to stay on schedule with our project in order to take advantage of a leisure day where some opted for a day at the beach and others for shopping.

For the first of what may be an ongoing history of mission work for South Atlantic Conference's youth, Mission Possible became Mission Accomplished by God's grace.



Above: A new A-framed roof was constructed over the Santa Ana church.



Left: The youth church at El Paraiso also received attention from the Mission Possible team. Ceiling tiles were taken down, painted, and replaced to brighten the area. Lockers were given a fresh coat of paint along with the stage area.



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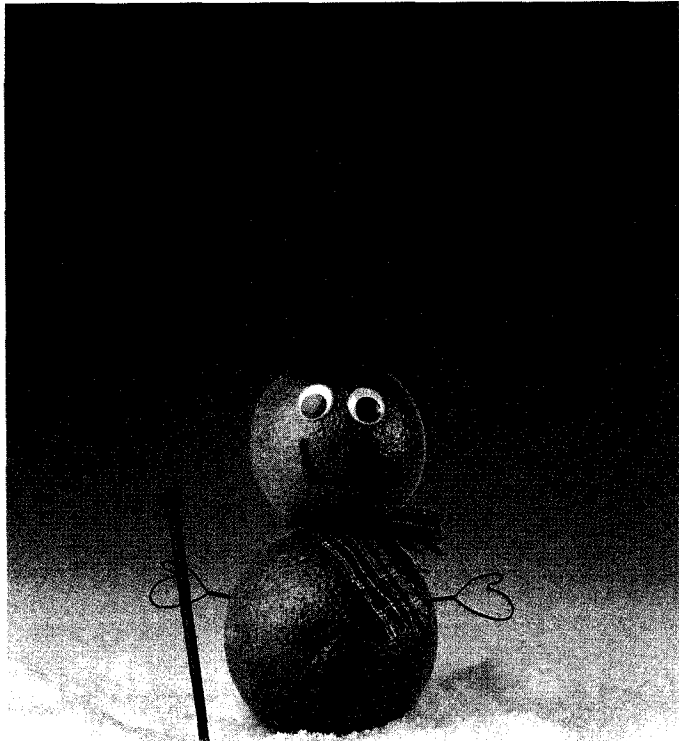
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BY MURRAY TARTT

Couple Benefits from Outreach Ministry

For 70 years, Velma and Abe Barnett have lived in the same house off Bush Dairy Road—a dwelling constructed, by Abe, of plywood and other scrap materials. Abe, 107, and Velma, 102, have been married for 83 years.

The Barnetts' dwelling has deteriorated over the years, with holes in the walls through which daylight can be seen. Parts of the roof are caving in, and the flooring is giving way to the earth.

Michael Harpe, pastor of Macedonia church in Laurel and Soso church, said he and his congregations wanted to reach out into the community and "put faith into action."

Two of his church members, Barbara Beavers and Betty Patterson, approached Harpe and told him of the Barnetts' need. Harpe then contacted Anthony Paul,

Ph.D., head of the biology department at Oakwood College, who works with the National Association for the Prevention of Starvation (NAPS). Paul and seven student volunteers from Oakwood arrived Sunday to see if they could assist the Barnetts.

Paul said they planned to repair the Barnetts' home, but once they saw the structure, they realized the job was beyond their capacity.

"We were in Haiti last month, and the conditions here are worse," said Paul. NAPS volunteers have also worked in Zimbabwe and Botswana and operate projects in Alabama. They go "wherever there is deprivation or need."

Once Harpe and Paul determined the great need for assistance, they began thinking of ways to help the Barnetts. The two

men approached Todd Oliver with Starr Manufactured Homes of Laurel, and Oliver agreed to donate a used trailer to the Barnetts.

Harpe believes there are many other people in Jones County living in conditions similar to those of the Barnetts. It is his hope that residents will turn their attention toward their own neighbors.

"A lot of times, churches are attached to worldwide organizations," said Harpe, "but help is needed right here in this community."

Paul thinks people are simply not aware of the poverty that surrounds them, but, as he said, "Knowledge brings compassion."

[Article taken from Leader-Call, Laurel, Mississippi, Tuesday, July 14, 1998]

Oakwood Receives \$540,747 HCOP Grant

Oakwood College is the recipient of a three-year \$540,747 grant award from the Department of Health and Human Services for a Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP).

The goal of this program is to increase the number of disadvantaged students who ultimately become allied

health professionals. Fifteen pre-college freshmen will be selected each year to participate in an intensive six-week summer program of academic enrichment and skills development.

Academic year activities are designed around a strong support program of advising, mentoring, tutoring, counseling,

and career awareness activities.

Karen Benn Marshall, assistant professor and director of the Allied Health Program at Oakwood College, wrote for the grant award and is the HCOP program director. She is a 1983 graduate of Oakwood College and has been at the college since 1991.

BY KAREN BENN MARSHALL

Oakwood Students Assist Tornado Victims

The tornado that devastated several homes and businesses in addition to taking many lives in Birmingham, Ala., attracted many volunteer helpers from Oakwood College.

A group of students from the biology department assisted in a cleanup effort. From the social work class, a group of 15 sorted clothes, household items, and toys. Social work students had the opportunity to talk with prison inmates who were also helping. Others offered counseling and encouragement to the victims.

Even with the burden of class assignments, more than 110 students, staff, and

faculty traveled by bus and countless others took their cars to Birmingham.

The ADRA office was overjoyed to receive the students' help. They were immediately given the task of sorting food, clothing, blankets, and other essentials which were to be carried to the victims. Some students helped to load trucks, and others went on deliveries. After spending the morning in the warehouse, the students became restless because they wanted to be on site where the people were in need. The warehouse work was essential but the students wanted to help the people more directly. They were given the opportunity



to deliver water to the victims in the afternoon. However, as many of the students saw that the people needed more assistance, they volunteered to help in sorting through their belongings.

The students bonded with the people almost immediately. They helped with the cleanup of property, prayed, and consoled the victims.



Conference Sponsors Fun Day 1998

One hundred seventy-five participants gathered at High Falls State Park in Jackson, Ga., and 100 participants gathered at Sesquicentennial State Park in Columbia, S.C., for the first South Atlantic Conference-sponsored Eager Beaver/Adventurer Family Fun Day.

Following a short devotional, activities included learning Adventurer songs, reciting the Eager Beaver/Adventurer Pledge and Law, award workshops, relays and physical fitness exercises, craft displays with posters and banners, blowing



bubbles, balloon activities, watermelon eating, and picture taking.

Participants included Eager Beavers, Adventurers, staff, Pathfinder helpers, and parents dressed in their field uniform T-shirts and draped with souvenir burgundy and gold ribbons that reflected the event.

Olive Sease, SAC Adventurer coordinator, works specifically with North and South Carolina clubs. Rochelle Capers, Georgia Adventurer coordinator and Adventurer director at Lithonia church, works with ten active Georgia clubs.

Ephesus Sponsors Bible Fun

BY LUCILLE SMITH

Branch Sabbath school Bible Fun at Ephesus church in Winston-Salem, N.C., began Sabbath afternoon, May 2. The theme was "We Can Make A Difference" and the motto was "Even A Child Is Known By His Doing."

For five consecutive Sabbath afternoons, 41 children sang songs, solved riddles, heard Bible stories, nature and health nuggets, gathered wild flowers, and learned object lessons. The children also made corsages with messages of love to mothers printed on the leaves.

The closing program featured memory verses, songs of praise, and I John 3:16 repeated in verse and sang in sign language. The skit "Who Is My Neighbor?" gave everyone food for thought.



Some of the students who participated in the Sabbath school Bible fun.

Regional Camporee at Kulaqua



The three Southern Union Regional Conferences will host the Tri His Spirit Camporee October 14-18, 1998, at Camp Kulaqua.

More than 1,000 Pathfinders will participate in activities and honors. Guests will include Willie Oliver, Allan

Williamson, James Black, and Vanard J. Mendinghall. Contact your Regional Pathfinder director for more information.



Planning committee of the Tri His Spirit Camporee.



Members of South Atlantic's Drum Core.



BY BEATRICE BANKS

Baldwin's Chapel Sponsors Career Week

Baldwin's Chapel Elementary School in High Point, N.C., held the first of its Career Weeks on April 20-24. Students gathered each morning to receive information from various professionals. Representa-

tives included Eugene Brown, financial advisor; Donald Belton, Sr., surgical technologist; Judith Baity, chemist; Martha York, nursing assistant; Douglas Page, banker; and Carlton Robinson, lawyer.



Baldwin's Chapel students pose in surgical garb following a tour of the operating rooms at High Point Regional hospital.

Excite '98

Armed with "the rules," Excite '98 participants were challenged by speakers and presenters, which included General Conference representatives: Robert Folkenberg, president, youth director Jose Rojas, and Dwight Nelson, NET '98 speaker. Other speakers and presenters were Erin Miller, Alex Bryant, Khosi Mthombeni, and John Henderson.

Excite '98 is a ministry planned by young adults for equipping youth for evangelism.



President Robert Folkenberg poses with South Atlantic Conference delegate Marie Florence.

Ephesus Junior Academy Celebrates Graduation



The Ephesus Junior Academy of Winston-Salem, N.C., held its Baccalaureate services May 21. The welcome address was given by Antwon Clemmons, president of the student body. The graduates are Tesheka Covington, salutatorian, Nathaniel Lyles, Jr., valedictorian, and RaeShawn Ferguson. Guest speaker was Vanard Mendinghall, president of South Atlantic Conference.

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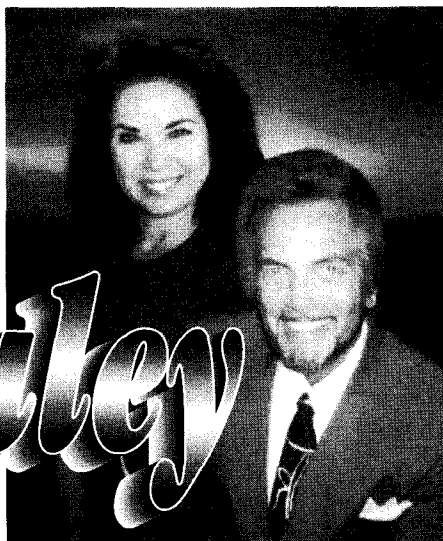
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The Ministry of *Roy Pauley*



Roy and Amy Pauley have been in music evangelism with the Florida Conference for nearly 22 years. They met 24 years ago at a Faith For Today crusade in Ottawa, Ontario, and were married four months later. Amy's favorite bass/baritone turns 50 on October 26.

Roy Pauley has been a featured performer on the popular Bill Gaither homecoming video series for the past four years. "Being a part of the Gaither video family is a great privilege and a lot of fun," says Pauley, Florida Conference singing evangelist. Pauley occasionally sings at live Gaither programs which allow him to perform before 10-15,000 people per concert. Pauley's appearances in the Bill Gaither videos is unprecedented for a Seventh-day Adventist performer. Gaither and his wife, Gloria, are known for their gospel music songwriting, performing, praise gatherings, and homecoming music videos.

On Gaither's "Something Beautiful" video, Pauley performs as bass singer with the renowned Statesman Quartet. He is teamed with two of that group's most famous members, Hovie Lister and Jake Hess. In the 1998 video, "Singin' With the Saints," he is featured as a soloist on "He Pilots My Ship." Most recently he was featured on a soon-to-be-released video with country music star Larry Gatlin. They record together the old favorite, "He Bought My Soul At Calvary."

Pauley and his wife Amy, his pianist and visitation partner, have been involved in evangelistic music ministry since they met in 1974 at a Faith For Today television crusade in Ottawa, Ontario. Amy, who was born in Bulgaria, was a perfect match for Roy because of her studies in music at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto.

After they married, the Pauleys served with Faith For Today, the Kansas Conference, and since 1977, the Florida Conference. They previously teamed with Ron Halvorsen, Everett Duncan, and Gordon Blandford. The past 19 years they have worked with one of Florida's most respected crusade speakers, Lester Pratt. "In a day when singing evangelists are almost a thing of the past, I guess I am one of the last of a dying breed," says Pauley.

Pauley has been a concert, radio, TV, and national recording artist for 40 years. "Before Amy came into my life," Pauley says, "my brother Ron was my original pianist. We began singing together as a team in the mid 1950s." Originally a singing evangelist with the Nazarene Church, the two brothers were feature performers on a weekly television program. Broadcast from Charleston, WV, the program was seen in West Virginia, Ohio, and other northeastern states from the late 1960s to the early 1970s.

Throughout his life, Roy has been a successful performer, but his greatest success is a committed life of service to God. "Singing evangelism is still my calling, and Amy and I are delighted to be teamed with Lester and Zula Pratt. It must be a record for an evangelistic team to be together for nearly 20 years without a single verbal disagreement," states Pauley. "God has allowed our ministry to be both fruitful and enjoyable. I hope to be doing the Lord's work until Jesus comes." Pauley continues, "I'll turn 50 this month, so I'm still young. The Lord will surely come before I wear out."

Walter Maier, Lake Wales/Haines City, Fla., pastor, hosted the Pratt/Pauley team twice in the last 12 months.



This video capture from the Gaither homecoming video series, "Singin' With the Saints," shows Pauley receiving an enthusiastic response during a solo from other participants. Roy and Amy compare the blessings of these homecoming get-to-togethers to a camp meeting experience. Pauley rarely misses an evangelistic meeting commitment, but off-days and vacations often find him participating in a gospel concert or recording session. Quartets in which he has performed as the bass include the Blackwood Brothers, the Statesmen, and the Weatherfords.



ATTLE, Keith, 79, born July 26, 1918, in Pottsdam, N.Y., died Jan. 19, 1998, in Orlando, Fla. He was a member of the Orlando Central church. He is survived by his wife, Marguerite; two sons: Keith, Jr., of McDonald, Tenn., and William James Attle of Peterborough, Ontario, Canada; three daughters: Martha Robbins of Lisbon Falls, Maine, Anna Johnson of Syracuse, N.Y., and Linda Godwin of Longview, Tex.; 19 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

BELL, Helen May, 80, born Nov. 27, 1917, in Coleyville, Manchester, Jamaica, died Feb. 26, 1998, in Palm Bay, Fla. She was a member of the South Brevard church. She is survived by her daughter, Janet Green of Palm Bay; and two grandchildren.

COONEY, Sarah, 91, born Feb. 24, 1906, died May 4, 1997. She was a member of the Highland church in Portland, Tenn.

CURTIS, Elizabeth, 72, born May 31, 1925, died March 18, 1998, in Port Charlotte, Fla. She was a member of the Punta Gorda church in Punta Gorda, Fla. She is survived by her son, William; and two daughters: Marilyn and Bonnie.

DAVIS, Grace Anne, 59, born April 16, 1938, in Jamestown, N.D., died March 27, 1998, in Lilburn, Ga. She served with her husband in various administrative church offices in Texas, Arizona, Kenya, Maryland, Massachusetts, and Georgia, as a secretary. She is survived by her husband, Larry L. Davis; three sons: Steven Davis of Lilburn, Ga., Kevin Davis of Cary, N.C., and Kenneth Robin Davis of Tunkhannock, Pa.; her mother; two brothers; one sister; and two grandsons.

GARY, Harold R., 66, of Statham, Ga., died Aug. 1, 1997. He was a member of the Athens church and served as treasurer. He was a literature evangelist from 1970-79. He was employed by Boeing Aircraft. He is survived by his wife, Majel of Statham, Ga.; one daughter, Debra LeClair of Bethlehem, Ga.; three sons: Brad Gary of Melbourne, Fla., Tom Gary of Kodiak, Alaska, and Matthew Gary of Statham, Ga.; two brothers; two sisters; and six grandchildren.

GILMORE, George E., born in 1934, died March 19, 1998, in Miami, Fla. He was a member of the Miami Springs church.

HAIGHT, Joan Irene LaFleur, born Nov. 1, 1943, died March 14, 1998. She was a member of the Collegedale, Tenn., church. She is survived by her husband of 34 years, Terry; one daughter, Barbara Strickler; one son, David Haight; and one grandson.

HARRIS, Sharon Joiner, 37, born Nov. 24, 1959, in Nashville, Tenn., died Oct. 22, 1997, in Memphis, Tenn. She attended Georgia-Cumberland and Collegedale academies, and Southern College. A registered dietitian, she served at Loma Linda Medical Center and Loma Linda Foods; and she taught marketing at La Sierra University. She earned three graduate degrees, including a Ph.D., awarded posthumously by the University of Memphis. She is survived by her husband, Jim; two children: Noel and Mitchell; her father, James Joiner of Ooltewah, Tenn.; and her sister, Becki Timon of Laurel, Md.

HENDRICKS, Ellen Alexander, 89, born March 30, 1908, in Champaign, Ill., died Jan. 23, 1998, in Wilmington, N.C. She was a member of the Greenville, S.C., church for over 60 years. During part of the 60s and 70s, she was dormitory dean of student nurses at Fletcher Hospital. Her husband, Frank L. Hendricks, preceded her in death in 1967. She is survived by her daughter, Ellen H. Lancaster of Pasadena, Tex.; one granddaughter, Suzy Hess of Wilmington, N.C.; and one great-grandson, David Hess of Wilmington, N.C.

HILLIARD, Perry Allen, 42, born May 18, 1955, in Belvedere, Ill., died Feb. 13, 1998, in Zolfo Springs, Fla. He was a member of the Walker Memorial church in Avon Park, Fla. He is survived by his wife, Susan; and son, Logan, both of Zolfo Springs, Fla.

HOLLOWAY, Marie, 80, born Sept. 26, 1917, in Raleigh, N.C., died Dec. 16, 1997, in Orlando, Fla. She was a member of the Florida Hospital church in Orlando, Fla. She was employed 42 years as an elementary teacher in the Carolina and Alabama-Mississippi conferences, and from 1957 to 1980 in the Florida Conference. She is survived by two sisters: Billie Brown of Orlando, and Eloise Reifsnnyder of Cleveland, Tenn.

HUGHES, Patricia, 90, born May 9, 1907, died Dec. 21, 1997. She was a member of the Johnson City church.

KEIM, Dorothy Jean, 73, born Nov. 7, 1924, died Feb. 14, 1998, in Winter Park, Fla. She was a member of the Shuler Memorial church in St. Cloud, Fla. She is survived by one son, Jim; and one daughter, Lynn.

KING, Martha Mae, 73, born April 19, 1924, died Jan. 26, 1998, in Jellico, Tenn. She was a member of the Jellico church.

She is survived by her husband, John R. King, Sr., of Jellico; one son, Jay King of Dallas, Tex.; three daughters: Patricia Loveridge of Orlando, Fla., Jacqueline Huber of Columbus, Ohio, and Martha Quirk of Jellico; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

LACKEY, Adam, 19, born March 6, 1979, died March 24, 1998, in Jacksonville, Fla. He was a member of the Jacksonville Mandarin church. He is survived by his parents, William and Connie of Jacksonville.

LORD, Madeline, 86, born Jan. 3, 1912, in Philadelphia, Pa., died June 6, 1998, in Apopka, Fla. Her husband, Thomas, preceded her in death Oct. 26, 1997. She was a member of the Florida Living church. She is survived by one son, E. Dale Lord of Boston, Mass.; one daughter, J. Elaine Ellis of Apopka, Fla.; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

MASKER, Carl C., 79, born March 12, 1918, in Eustis, Fla., died Feb. 23, 1998. He was a member of the Mt. Dora church in Mt. Dora, Fla. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; two sons: James Watson of Westerville, Ohio, and Joe Masker of Charleston, W.Va.; two daughters: Brenda Dolan of Proctorville, Ohio, and Shereen Justice of Eustis, Fla.; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

McCLELLAN, Callie, 101, born April 3, 1896, in Liberty County, Fla., died March 6, 1998, in Bartow, Fla. She was a member of the Ft. Meade church. She is survived by two sons: Wayne and Max; and three daughters: Ruth Hamrick, Grace Lee, and Nellie Stanley.

MELGREN, Edna M., 83, born Oct. 9, 1914, in Jacksonville, Fla., died Jan. 22, 1998, in Jacksonville. She was a member of the Jacksonville Mandarin church. She is survived by her husband, Raymond; and son, Eric of Texas.

MILES, Florence, 91, born Sept. 16, 1905, died Mar. 14, 1998, in Ft. Myers, Fla. She was a member of the Bonita Springs church. She served as a teacher in the New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia conferences.

MILLS, El Rita Ellis, 78, died May 11, 1998, in Collegedale, Tenn. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Elder R. C. Mills; three sons: W. Sidney Mills of Ooltewah, Tenn., Robert H. Mills of Atlanta, Ga., and Charles H. Mills of Berkeley Springs, W.Va.; one daughter, Susan Van Cleve of Evansville, Indiana; eight grandchildren: four great-grandchildren; three sisters: Margaret Bata Dower of Ooltewah, Tenn.; Dorothy Minner of Calhoun, Ga.; and Barbara Jones of Duluth, Ga. El Rita served the church with her husband in Nashville, Tenn., Tampa, Fla., Atlanta, Ga., Seoul, Korea, Tokyo, Japan, Manila, Philippines, Singapore, Portland, Tenn., Syracuse, N.Y., Beirut, Lebanon, Collegedale, Tenn., and Mt. Vernon, Ohio. She was secretary in several conference offices as well as singing and playing for evangelistic meetings and church services. She led out in the children's division for Sabbath schools in churches and camp meetings.

MOORE, Vernie Ethel, 88, born in Higdon, Ala., died Jan. 30, 1998, in Higdon. She was a member of the Floral Crest, Ala., church. She is survived by her brother, Rufus Moore of Higdon.

MORRIS, Avie Lee, born in Tifton, Ga., in 1910, died Aug. 3, 1997, in Orlando, Fla. She was employed as a nurse by Florida Hospital Orlando. She is survived by two brothers: Al Morris of Sanford, Fla., and Ralph Morris of Gainesville, Fla.; and one sister, Luella Ricks of Winter Park, Fla.

NEUFFER, Julia Richardson, 90, born Oct. 18, 1907, in Columbia, S.C., died March 15, 1998, in Orlando, Fla. She was a member of the Florida Living church in Apopka, Fla. She served as a book editor for the Review and Herald Publishing Association in Tacoma Park, Md., from 1940 to 1972. She edited the *Bible Commentary* set, *Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers* and others. She participated in several archaeological expeditions.

PARTELOW, Russell, was a member of the Clearwater church. He is survived by his wife, Margaret of Dunedin, Fla.; two sons: Russell of Mt. Kisco, N.Y., and Edward of Ooltewah, Tenn.; one daughter, Rosemary Ford of Yorkton Heights, N.Y.; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

PINE, Carlton Wesley, 81, died March 15, 1998, at his home in Collegedale, Tenn. Pine began the ministry in Nebraska. He also worked in Oklahoma, Missouri, Virginia, and Maryland. During his ministry he was involved in the construction of 12 churches. After moving to Collegedale in 1983, he served as an assistant pastor for the Collegedale church on a voluntary basis. He is survived by his wife of almost 59 years, Martha Clark Pine; three daughters: Jean Pine and Carleen Adams of Millington, Tenn., and Jody Lay of Hixson, Tenn.; one brother,

Ray Pine of Austin, Tex.; two sisters: Lela Butler of Joshua Tree, Calif., and Ollie Mae Pine of San Francisco, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

PIPER, Thelma Montana, 86, born July 31, 1911, in Columbia Falls Mont., died March 22, 1998, in Altamonte Springs, Fla. She was a member of the Florida Living church in Apopka, Fla. She is survived by her son, Richard Nielsen of Reston, Va.; one daughter, Dora Hamilton of Brooksville, Fla.; seven grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

REILLY, Rozann Hall, 53, born Aug. 5, 1944, in Orlando, Fla., died Feb. 1, 1998, in Altamonte Springs, Fla. She was a member of the Orlando Central church. She served for 25 years as a nurse, assistant manager of Critical Care, and manager of the Cardiac Rehab Unit at Florida Hospital Orlando. She is survived by her mother, Pearl Hall; one daughter, Terri Reilly; and one sister Helen Jean Lippert.

RICHARDS, Jack B., 73, born Dec. 17, 1924, in Duncan Falls, Ohio, died Dec. 19, 1997, in Orlando, Fla. He was a member of the Kress Memorial church in Winter Park, Fla. He served in the Florida Conference for 32 years in transportation and warehousing. He is survived by his wife, Francis Jackie; one son, Dudley; one daughter, Pam Finne, all of Orlando; one grandchild; and two great-grandchildren.

SMALLEY, Edward E., Jr., 85, born in South Dakota, died March 9, 1998, in Grove Hill, Ala. He was a member of the Mobile First church. He is survived by his wife, Kay Parden Smalley; four sons: Joshua Parden, Cody Parden, and Kevin Parden all of Grove Hill, and Edward E. Smalley III; one brother, Russell Smalley; and one sister, Anna Mae Halversen.

SMITH, Cecil D., 86, born July 18, 1911, in Ft. Meade, Fla., died Jan. 22, 1998, in Bartow, Fla. He was a member of the Ft. Meade church. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; two daughters: Frances Bagley and Sandra Spann; and three grandchildren.

STEWART, Dolly, 98, born Aug. 7, 1899, in Jacksonville, Fla., died Sept. 25, 1997, in Jacksonville, Fla. She was a member of the Jacksonville First church. She is survived by her son, Henry of Jacksonville; and two grandchildren.

STRICKLER, DeVerl T., Jr., 81, born Feb. 5, 1916, in Columbus, Ohio, died Oct. 16, 1997, in Roan Mountain, Tenn. He was a member of the Roan Mountain church. Dr. Strickler retired from his practice in 1987. He is survived by his wife, Marion W. Strickler; one daughter, Betty Metcalfe; three grandsons; and four great-grandsons.

TODD, May Virginia, 80, born Nov. 29, 1909, in Washington D.C., died Feb. 19, 1998, in Apopka, Fla. She was a member of the Florida Living church in Apopka. She is survived by two daughters: Winona Hanson of Wauchula, Fla., and Ileen Brown of Lanham, Md.

USEWICK, Barbara Jean, 67, born May 15, 1930, in Queens, N.Y., died Feb. 7, 1998, in Hudson, Fla. She was a member of the New Port Richey church. She is survived by two sons: John Holton of Palatka, Fla., and William Usewick of Port Richey, Fla.; three daughters: Jill Eckert of Springhill, Fla., Janice Dunlap of Lox, Fla., and Stacey Usewick; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

VAN OLST, Nicholas, 91, born Sept. 16, 1906, in New Jersey, died Dec. 15, 1997, in Orlando, Fla. He was a member of the Florida Hospital church in Orlando. He is survived by his wife, Mae of Orlando.

WALTHER, Louise, died March 22, 1998. She was the wife of Daniel Walther, formerly Dean of Southern Junior College and a member of the first graduating class of Southern Missionary College after it became a four-year degree college in the 1940s. She was an educator and taught in many schools in the United States and abroad. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, David Walther, M.D., and Sally Jo (Eastman) of Concord, Mass.; and four grandchildren, Erika, Hilary, David, Jr., and Ryan.

WELLS, Areta Gay Taylor, died Oct. 17, 1997, in Orlando, Fla. She was a member of the Kress Memorial church in Winter Park, Fla. She is survived by her brother, George W. Taylor of Winter Park, Fla.

WRIGHT, "Jeremiah" Walter Frank, 49, died Jan. 23, 1998, in Jacksonville, Fla. He was a member of the Jacksonville First church. He is survived by his mother, Alberta Walters; father, Edgar; three brothers: Edward of Austell, Ga., Marvin and Ernest of Daytona Beach, Fla.; five sisters: Joyce Ann Wilson of Madison, Fla., Annie Grace Edwards of Pompano Beach, Fla., Gloria Moultrie and Cheryl McFadden of Daytona Beach, Fla., and Sheryl Cole of Orange Park, Fla.



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Carolina

Retreats

- Oct. 9-11. Caring for Marriage. Ortel's home.
- Oct. 16-18. Caring for You. Ortel's home.
- Nov. 6-8. Father/Son. Nosoca Pines.
- Nov. 13-15. Lay Advisory.
- Dec. 11-13. New Believer's. Nosoca Pines.
- Jan. 22-24. Elders. Nosoca Pines.

Pathfinder Camporee—Oct. 1-4. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

Lay Pastoral Assistant Training—Oct. 2-4. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

Adult Ministries Workshops—Oct. 1-4. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

Fall Camp Meetings

- Oct. 9-11. Spanish. Nosoca Pines Ranch.
- Oct. 16-18. Korean. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

Florida

Evangelistic Meetings

- Oct. 9-Nov. 14. South Brevard. Lester Pratt and Roy and Any Pauley.
- Oct. 9-Nov. 14. Boca Raton. Ric Swaningson.
- Oct. 9-Nov. 14. Miami Springs. Bill and Cora Waters.

NET '98. The NeXt Millennium Seminar: "Finding A Forever Friendship with God"—Oct. 9-Nov. 14, via satellite from Berrien Springs, MI, to your church or a church near you.

International Mission Outreach Project—Oct. 18-Nov. 1. Adventist Singles Ministries evangelistic series and construction of a new church in Cabildo, Chile. Details: Lorraine Hansen, (704) 697-2409.

Forest Lake Academy Parent Weekend—Oct. 23-25. Details: (407) 862-8411 x 234.

Adventist Bookmobile Schedule

- Oct. 24. Jacksonville Mandarin.
- Oct. 25. Jacksonville First, Jacksonville Southpoint, St. Augustine, Palatka.
- Oct. 31. North Miami.
- Nov. 1. Maranatha, Ft. Lauderdale, Lauderhills, Pompano Beach.
- Nov. 7. Key West. Marathon.

- Islamorada, Key Largo, Florida City, Homestead.
- Nov. 14. St. Petersburg.
- Nov. 15. Clearwater, New Port Richey, Spring Hill, Brooksville, East Pasco, Plant City.
- Nov. 18. Inverness, Ocala, Silver Springs Shores.
- Nov. 21. Naples.
- Nov. 22. Ft. Meyers, Port Charlotte, Arcadia, Walker Memorial, Winter Haven.

Adventist Singles Ministries Fellowship Dinners. Details: Doug Hursh, (407) 321-1217.

- Oct. 24. Kress Memorial.
- Oct. 31. Deltona.
- Nov. 14. Forest Lake.
- Nov. 21. Lake Lotus Park.
- Nov. 28. Kress Memorial.

ASM Barn Party—Oct. 24. Home of Irene Moorehead.

ASM Christmas Banquet—Dec. 6.

Counselors in Training (CIT) Retreat—Nov. 6-8. Camp Kulaqua.

Fun Day Eager Beaver/Adventurer—Nov. 13-15.

Reveille Explorer. North area—Nov. 20-22. Camp Kulaqua.

Reveille Explorer. South area—Nov. 20-22. Jonathan Dickinson State Park, West Palm Beach.

Thanksgiving Caving Trip—Nov. 25-29. Raccoon Mountain, Tennessee. Reservations/Details: (407) 644-5000 x 127.

"Partners for Life" Marriage Seminar—Nov. 6-8. Pine Lake Retreat. Pre-registration required. Details: Ken Bryant (407) 644-5000, x 123.

Forest Lake Academy Science/Technology Weekend—Nov. 12-14. Details: (407) 862-8411 x 234.

Hispanic Families' Retreat—Nov. 25-29. Camp Kulaqua. Speaker: Joaquin Casares. Details: Luz Bedoya, (407) 644-5000 x 153.

Executive Committee Meeting—Dec. 13. Florida Conference Office.

National Singles New Year's Retreat—Jan. 1-5, 1999. Camp Kulaqua. Hosted by Florida Conference family life dept. Registration/details: Shannon, (904) 454-1351.

Georgia-Cumberland

Cascade Road Church Homecoming—Oct. 10. Speaker: John Stevens, former pastor. Potluck fellowship dinner after church. Activities begin at 9:30 a.m.

Marriage Encounter—Oct. 16-18. Cleveland, Tenn. Details: (423) 396-2465 or (423) 263-5759.

Executive Committee—Oct. 21.

Harvest Moon Adventist Singles Retreat—Oct. 23-25. Cohutta Springs. Details: (706) 629-7870. Speaker: Victor Czerkasji.

Lay Pastor Training—Oct. 30-Nov. 1, Cohutta Springs.

Men's Retreat—Nov. 20-22. Cohutta Springs. Speaker: Noble Alexander.

Adventist Bookmobile Schedule

- Oct. 24. Cumberland Heights.
- Oct. 25. McMinnville School, Cookeville, Deer Lodge, Crossville.
- Oct. 31. Savannah.
- Nov. 1. Waycross, Lakeland, Thomasville, Albany Community.
- Nov. 7. Jellico.
- Nov. 11. Murphy.
- Nov. 21. Macon.
- Nov. 22. Columbus, Pine Mountain Valley, Carrollton, Calhoun.

Kentucky-Tennessee

Pathfinder Camporee—Oct. 1-4.

Women's Retreat—Oct. 2-4.

K-12 Board—Oct. 6.

Business & Professional Foundation Retreat—Nov. 6-8.

ABC/Publishing Committee—Nov. 9.

Association Board—Nov. 10.
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Vespers
Oct. 2. Alex Bryan.
Oct. 9. NET '98. Church.
Oct. 16. NET '98. Church.
Oct. 23. NET '98. Church.
Oct. 30. NET '98. Church.

Church Guests
Oct. 10. Hymn Fest.
Oct. 31. Gordon Retzer, first service; Ken Rogers, second service.

Concerts—Country Music w/ Acuff Brothers—Oct. 31.

Community Service Day—Oct. 7.

Student Missions Opportunity Fair—Oct. 10.

Symphony Guild Flea Market—Oct. 18.

Alumni Homecoming—Oct. 29-31.

Southern Union

Adventist Marriage Encounter Weekend—Oct. 16-18. Hospitality Inn, Cleveland, Tenn. Details: (423) 396-2465 or (931) 863-8268.
NET '98—Oct. 9-Nov. 14.

Out of Union

Campion Academy Homecoming—Oct. 16, 17. Details: (970) 667-5592.

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Atlanta, GA	7:20	7:11	7:02	6:54	5:47	5:41
Charleston, SC	7:03	6:54	6:45	6:37	5:30	5:24
Charlotte, NC	7:05	6:56	6:46	6:38	5:30	5:24
Collegedale, TN	7:22	7:13	7:03	6:55	5:48	5:41
Huntsville, AL	6:28	6:19	6:10	6:02	4:54	4:48
Jackson, MS	6:44	6:35	6:27	6:19	5:12	5:06
Louisville, KY	7:24	7:13	7:03	6:54	5:45	5:38
Memphis, TN	6:42	6:32	6:23	6:15	5:07	5:01
Miami, FL	7:06	6:59	6:52	6:46	5:40	5:36
Montgomery, AL	6:28	6:19	6:11	6:03	4:56	4:50
Nashville, TN	6:29	6:19	6:09	6:01	4:43	4:46
Orlando, FL	7:10	7:02	6:54	6:48	5:42	5:37
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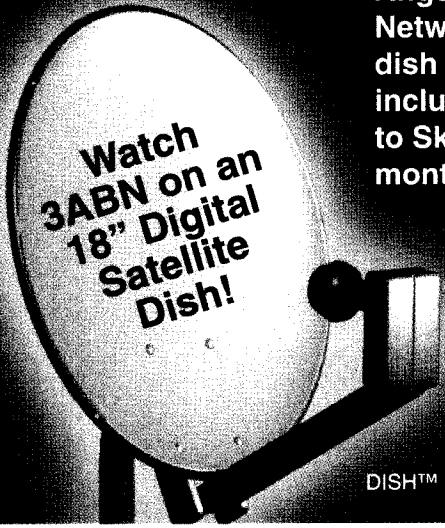
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