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Changes in Southern Union Association

Larry Davis retired as treasurer of the Southern Union Conference Association recently. Larry has faithfully served the church for more than 41 years. His denominational service included treasurer of the Indiana Conference, East African Union, Chesapeake Conference, Southern New England Conference, and since 1988 the Southern Union Conference Association.



We congratulate Larry on his distinguished service in behalf of God's church and wish him the very best as he retires. Thankfully Larry will continue to serve the Southern Union Association on a part-time basis.

We are pleased to welcome James S. Caskey to the Southern Union staff as our new association treasurer. James was born in Arcadia, Louisiana, and graduated from Louisiana Tech University with a B.S. in business with an accounting major. He worked for a CPA firm in Monroe, Louisiana, for four years, and then worked for a CPA company in Shreveport for another four years. He passed his CPA exam in February, 1966, and worked from January 1, 1968, through March 28, 1987, for the Associated Rental Services in Shreveport, Louisiana, as



their controller and practiced public accounting as James S. Caskey, CPA. During this period he served the community in various capacities with the Jaycees and Optimist Club as well as being very active in the Southern Baptist Church.

Caskey joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Shreveport, Louisiana, in the fall of 1975 during one of the Cox crusades. He served in various capacities at the Shreveport church from 1975 through 1985. Among the positions he held at the church were Pathfinder counselor, teacher, deacon, head elder, Sabbath school teacher, school board chairman, school treasurer, and church board member. In March of 1987 he went to work with the General Conference auditing service at the Lincoln, Nebraska, office as a staff auditor. In June 1988, he became the district director of the Lincoln office. In October 1989, they moved to Atlanta where he became the district director of the Atlanta office until August 1994. Then Barto, Hoss and Company hired Jim as a senior staff accountant to manage the Southern Adventist University audit along with other audits and tax work. Southern Adventist University called him to be the controller at Southern in July 1996.

He is married to the former Betty Urban. They have one son, one daughter, and three grandchildren.

James Caskey's long experience and pleasant personality will be a great asset to our Southern Union Conference Association.

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A New Home

Advent Home Youth Services dedicated its new home residence December 3, 2000. An over-capacity crowd filled the school auditorium. Tours of the newly dedicated boys' dormitory were not dampened by snow. The 8,100 square foot



This 8,100 square foot dormitory will house at-risk teen boys and their group home parents.

dormitory will house at-risk teen boys and their group home parents. The half million dollar facility has been occupied since the first of the year.

Volunteers donated time. Businesses sharply reduced costs or gave donations. Adventist schools sent staff and students to help build the new and refurbish the old. Miracle after miracle happened as the administration and its staff prayed.

The new dorm facility has been dedicated to Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries. ASI has been

very supportive throughout the project. Executive-secretary, Dwight Hildebrant, commended AHYS's administration for building a spacious, modern dormitory that will greatly contribute to the boys' needs and provide the best environment for staff and students. He is pleased to see the first of three such dorms ready for occupancy.

Malcolm Gordon, president of the Southern Union, shared repeatedly how "inspired" he has been by the vision to help young people. He backed his heartfelt appreciation with a financial pledge. Larry Evans, Georgia-Cumberland Conference president, offered the dedicatory prayer. He, too, was thrilled at the ministry taking place on the campus, its vision to step into the future on behalf of needy youth, and the step in faith the administration and its staff continue to make.

Blondel and Gloria Senior founded the Advent Home for at-risk youth in 1985. Opening in St. Petersburg, Florida, the facility grew and later relocated to Zellwood, Florida, in 1987. In 1989, ASI members funded the purchase of 220 acres in Calhoun, Tennessee. This property provided a minimal distraction environment in a rural setting along the Hiwassee River.

The Holy Spirit blesses AHYS as it ministers to teens who are at-risk physically, mentally, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. The program emphasizes the eight laws of health to achieve wellness.

AHYS provides residential care, counseling, schooling, group therapy, parent training, community outreach, spiritual growth, as well as work and recreation. Its long-term goal is to develop a campus that will support 48 students and staff. At present, one-third of the nine million dollar project has been accomplished.



Advent Home ministers to teen boys who are at-risk.

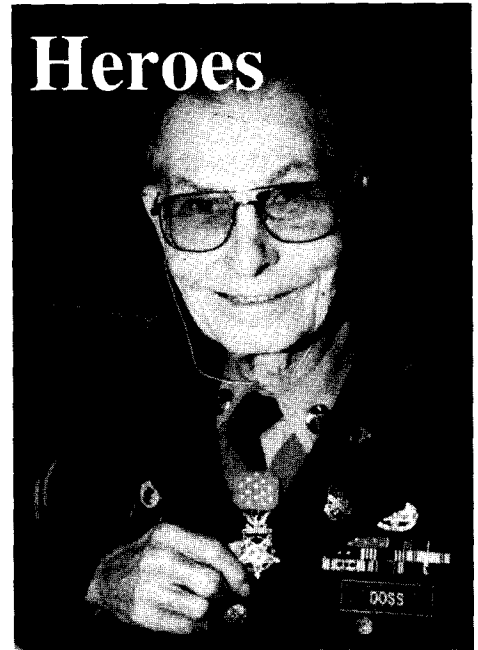


Salute to America's Greatest Heroes

Renown Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, Desmond T. Doss, Sr., and his wife, Frances, were in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., November 20-22 as part of the Grand Hotel's "Salute to America's Greatest Heroes" event. He autographed and sold many of his books and spoke to students who came to visit the display. Doss was joined by several other Congressional Medal of Honor recipients. The

is part of Pigeon Forge's Celebrate Freedom! event that opened Veterans Day, November 11, and continued through November 22.

On November 21, Doss and his wife visited the Smoky Mountain church where Doss spoke to 22 Pathfinders and other church members including Pathfinder leaders. He captivated his listeners with stories of his experiences, including sev-



PHOTOS BY JIM PINKOSKI

Although now in his eighties, Desmond T. Doss, Sr., regularly attends public functions and lectures to young people about how God protected him, a committed Seventh-day Adventist, during the battles of World War II.

eral incidents that convinced him his guardian angel stepped in to save his life.

By an act of Congress, the Medal of Honor can be awarded only to one who, in conflict with the enemy, "distinguishes himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life and above and beyond the call of duty."

In World War II, of the 16 million men in uniform, just 431 earned this, the nation's highest honor. However, Doss received this award while serving as a non-combatant. He never carried a gun but served with distinction as a medic.

Sandra Pinkoski, a reporter and staff writer for the Tennessee Star Journal, a newspaper serving the Pigeon Forge, Tenn., area, interviews Desmond Doss. Pinkoski is a member of the Smoky Mountain, Tenn., church.



Smoky Mountain church Pathfinders shared some special time with Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, Desmond T. Doss, and his wife, Frances, on Tuesday evening, November 21. Doss was a part of the Pigeon Forge Grand Hotel's "Salute to America's Greatest Heroes," a tribute to Congressional Medal of Honor recipients held in conjunction with Veteran's Day. The event opened November 11 and continued through November 22.

Grand Hotel event featured one of the largest displays of artifacts from all wars, beginning with the Civil War, since the Congressional Medal of Honor was first issued in 1863 to Andrews' Raiders who are buried in the Chattanooga National Cemetery.

The displays were courtesy of Chattanooga's National Medal of Honor Museum, under the supervision of administrator Ann Moyers. The exhibit featured never-before-seen artifacts such as uniforms worn by medal recipients from Tennessee, weapons, and other military items. The "Salute to America's Greatest Heroes"





BY JAMIE ARNALL

Youth Make a



Seven young people from the Cohutta church collected more than 400 items of food from the community on December 9, 2000. These items were used to prepare food baskets that they delivered to five needy families in the Cohutta community just before Christmas.

"We're trying to show the young people ways in which to give back to the community," said Tom Pyke, youth leader for the Cohutta church. He explains that they are looking for ways in which they can reach out and establish relationships with the community and at the same time gain a better sense of the fulfillment that comes in serving others.

Food Collection, left to right: Tom Pyke (standing), Josh Gray, Travis Pyke, Mary Beth Salguero, Trevor Pyke, Justin Stone, Thomas Pyke, and Carlos Salguero (standing) joined their efforts to collect enough food to provide five needy families with food for the holiday. Not pictured: Marcus McGrath.

Prison Ministry Baptisms

An active prison ministry is operated by members of the Mountain City, Tenn., church. Sabbath school, church services, and evangelistic meetings are conducted three times per week. The result has been numerous baptisms.

Even several inmates in solitary confinement are responding to the message and have requested baptism. Every Sunday, Carroll Davis, who leads the group, visits those in the "hole." He spends about 15 hours each week involved in prison

ministry along with his mother-in-law, Violet Richardson (see sidebar below) who just turned 100. Other prison ministry volunteers include Mary and Russel Minor, and their daughter Renita who regularly writes to 160 prisoners across the nation. They mail letters, Bible studies and other religious books. Additional volunteers include Jenette and Wayne Barker, Betty Drysdale and Leta Davis, along with Kirk Styron and Barbara Styron. All agree this is a most rewarding ministry.

BY LETA DAVIS



Kirk Styron, pastor of the Mountain City, Tenn., church baptizes a prison inmate. A week later he baptized two more inmates.

100TH Birthday

Many relatives and friends came to see Violet Richardson celebrate her 100TH birthday on November 30, 2000. Her parents moved to Montana by covered wagon shortly before her birth. She and her husband had three children. They lived in California and Oregon. After the death of her husband and losing her eyesight, Violet moved to Tennessee where she currently lives with Carroll and Leta Davis, her daughter and son-in-law. She has eight grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and 13 great-great grandchildren.



Although having lived more than a century, she continues to spend nine hours a week as a volunteer involved in prison ministry. To know her is to love her, and she is affectionately known as "Grandma" to all those around her.

If you would like to get involved in prison ministry, please call E. W. Dempsey at the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, 800-567-1844, ext. 332.



PHOTOS BY BOB EAST

Community



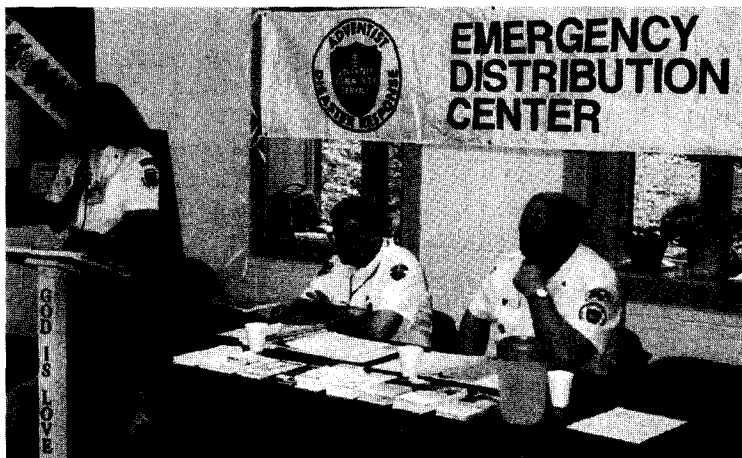
directed by Ed Skoretz and Terry Haight. It should be noted that most serve as ACS volunteers.

A "Thank You" time followed an abbreviated Sabbath school lesson during which Nes Levotoch, Emergency Management Director; Officer Gary Willis of the Police/Fire Bureau; Jim "Doc" Jones of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS); and Selene Hardin of the American Red Cross (ARC) gave brief reports of their agencies. Officer Willis presented special music and Skoretz had the sermon. This was followed by an appreciation luncheon under the direction of Carolyn Grant.

Interim pastor, Bob East, posed the question, "What type of activity could be offered in which folk of this caliber would speak and sing in an Adventist church aside from this?" He went on to point out that it is a new day for Adventists to have

Members knew it was going to be a different day on Sabbath, December 2, 2000, when they entered the church parking lot and met a team of traffic directors led by head deacon Neal Puterbaugh. Upon entering the church, they met a number of individuals in uniforms. Was this a takeover of the Johnson City church?

Not exactly. This was Community Appreciation Day for agencies involved in emergency response. A number of city and county agencies were represented along with the Adventist Community Services Disaster Response (ACSDR) team



Rhonda Christensen teaches the Disaster Response Training Class for participants at the Johnson City, Tenn., church, while co-instructors, Henry Beaulieu and Terry Haight observe.

Park Retires After 41 Years of Service

PHOTO BY JAMIE ARNALL



Pastor Sung Woo Park and his wife, Young Soon, were recognized on Sabbath, December 16, 2000 at the Atlanta Korean church for their 41 years of ministry. During these years the Parks served in Canada, Korea and the United States.

During their time in Canada, Sung Woo worked as a literature evangelist and one year led the world in total sales. The Parks have spent the past five years in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference and plan to retire in California.

a written working agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the American Red Cross (ARC) to fulfill an important roll in emergency situations.

In the afternoon, Ed Skoretz and Terry Haight met with community services leaders and others interested in its activities. On Sunday, an eight-hour disaster response training class was conducted by Terry Haight, Henry Beaulieu, and Rhonda Christensen. East, who also serves as area coordinator for Disaster Response, stressed the urgency of having trained volunteers who can be called on in times of need.

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EDSON WHITE'S SOUTHERN WORK REMEMBERED

COVER FEATURE

BY R. STEVEN NORMAN, III
Communication Director and Archivist
South Central Conference

January 10 marked 105 years since James Edson White began his ministry of evangelism and education among blacks in the South.

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

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

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

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

A. L. Phillips, field secretary of the Colored Evangelistic Work for the Presbyterian church, observed that "the colored people as a rule prize education and they love the church that gives it to them."

When the Education Movement began in 1865, the Seventh-day Adventist church was only two years old. But even though

the Church was in its infancy, Ellen G. White was shown the need to educate and evangelize blacks in the South and called for Seventh-day Adventists to join in the great work being done for blacks.

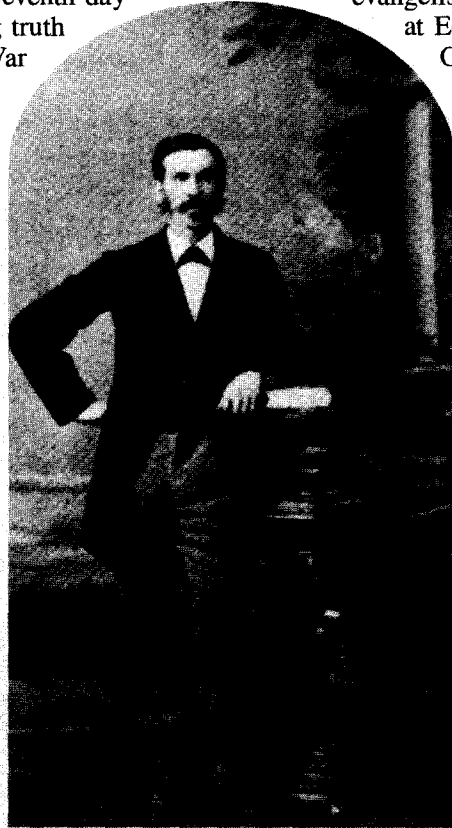
In 1877 Mrs. H. M. Van Slyke reported a school in Ray County, Missouri, and a little later Joseph Clarke and his wife opened a school in Texas. Elbert Lane, joined by his wife who was also an evangelist, organized the first church of black people at Edgefield Junction, Tennessee, in 1883. Silas Osborne established a second church in Louisville, Kentucky, on February 16, 1890, and in quick succession other colored churches were organized in Bowling Green, Kentucky, in 1891, New Orleans by C. M. Kinney in June of 1892 and a fifth one in Nashville in 1894. But there was still much work to be done. So in 1891 Ellen White again summoned the church to action in a pamphlet entitled "Our Duty to the Colored People."

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

God had uniquely qualified Edson to accomplish the great work that lay before him in the South. He learned the printing trade as a boy at the Review and Herald office, he was a prolific writer and pub-

lisher and possessed a vast vision and deep commitment to evangelize blacks in the South.

God had also given him a wonderful wife, Emma MacDearmond of Wright, Michigan, whom he married in 1870. She



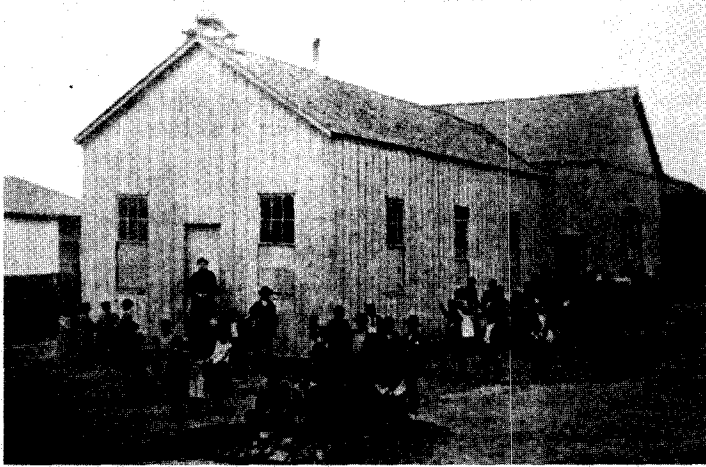
"At Yazoo City," *Gospel Herald*, June 1900. p.40.

was such a helpful partner in ministry for Edson that he wrote to his mother, "The thing which does me as much good as anything else is the cheerful, hopeful, helpful spirit that Emma manifests. She is ready to do anything that is best and duty. She will go South with me in the spring and take hold with me in teaching and assisting the colored people."

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

Vicksburg

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



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

in attendance at night school.

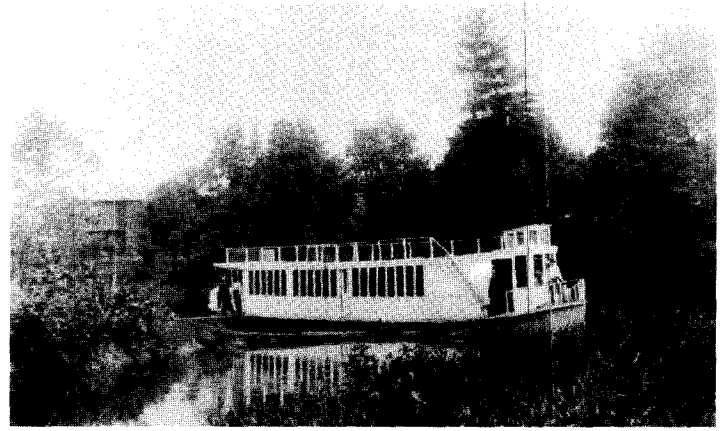
Later a 26' by 30' chapel and a 12' by 16' library and recitation room were added. The library held approximately 1,000 books Edson collected from Dr. Kellogg and other Battle Creek residents who were interested in Edson's work. For \$20 he also picked up three 300 pound bells, one for the Vicksburg church, one for the *Morning Star*, and one for the movable chapel being prepared for Yazoo City. One of these bells is in the Oakwood College Museum today.

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

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

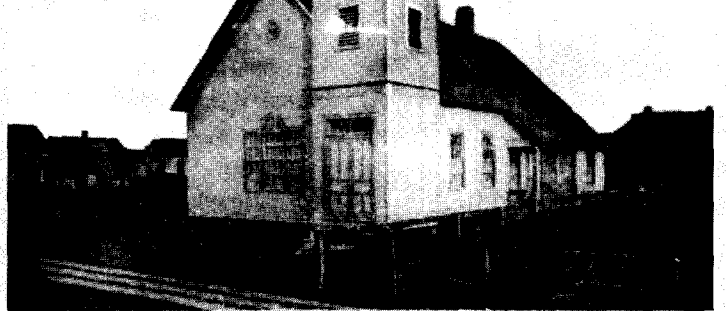
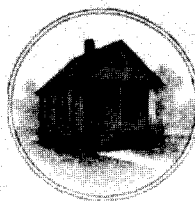
Describing her visit to Vicksburg, Mrs. White said, "We determined to visit the South, and I went in my feebleness. I was very sick, but I did not allow my sickness to hinder me. I went to Vicksburg, and what did I see there? Just as pretty a little church

as we have built at Cooranbong. In the basement of this meetinghouse a church school is held. Besides the church in Vicksburg a mission house of two stories has been built, with another house of four rooms. This is the beginning."



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

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



singing in the heavenly courts, then I am mistaken." — *The General Conference Bulletin*, April 5, 1901, "In the Regions Beyond."

Some of the teachers that taught at the Vicksburg school were Edson and Emma White, Fred Halladay, Anna Agee, and Anna



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

Jensen. Some of the black workers were Elder N.B. King, Elder and Mrs. Thomas Murphy who joined the church hoping to find a better lifestyle and J. D. Grimes, a colporteur. Because there was a need for additional medical workers Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Kynett came to Vicksburg on January 1, 1896, to join Ida Wekel, an undergraduate nurse from Battle Creek Sanitarium. A month later the Kynetts were joined by their daughter Dr. Lydia Kynett-Parmelee.

Yazoo City

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



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

A Sunday-school was opened in a private home in Lintonia. The school quickly outgrew this home and in 1898, a "movable chapel" was built on the lot in Lintonia. Fred Rogers and his wife came from the West Coast to teach at the school in Lintonia. They began the day school in December 1898 with 15 students and within months had 200 students in attendance. An addition was added to the back of the school and three teachers were hired. In 1900

Franklin G. Warnick moved to Yazoo City to become the first black principal of the school which already had two black and one white teacher who had served under F. R. Rogers' supervision.

The Southern Missionary Society

Because the work Edson and his fine cadre of workers needed to be organized, he formed the Southern Missionary Society (SMS) to serve as an umbrella for his varied and far flung min-

istries. The mission of the SMS was "to carry the principles of Christian education to the people of the South" (*Gospel Herald*, December 1899, p. 105).

Yazoo City was the first headquarters of the organization which later moved with *The Morning Star* and finally settled in Nashville, Tennessee. Some of the many projects and organizations owned by the SMS were the Dixie Health Food Company, the Herald Publishing Company, which was a forerunner of the Southern Publishing Association; and the Nashville Colored Sanitarium (1901-1903) which was later replaced by the Rock City Sanitarium in 1906. The *Gospel Herald* of October 1908 reported that the Society also controlled 28 mission schools with an enrollment of nearly a thousand pupils.



The SMS became a branch of the Southern Union in 1901

and after the organization of the North American Negro Department in 1909 it served a function that made it the forerunner of the South Central Conference.

Final Years

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

Though 100 years have passed since Edson White steamed into Vicksburg, the work that he accomplished and the descendants of people he won continue to hold aloft the light of *The Morning Star* that illumined the South. In 1992, the writer visited the last living student from the *Morning Star* School, Mrs. Madeline Edwards, who said, "He was a nice man. He made me feel so special."



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Vision Into Reality

Through the vision of Harold Ihrig, retired Review and Herald worker, and the dedication of several other Adventist fami-

ard Hallock, Kentucky-Tennessee Conference president, and Marvin Lowman, Kentucky-Tennessee Conference secretary, confirmed the organization December 9, 2000.



Members of the newly organized Lebanon church, with Robert Miller, pastor, and his wife (front, left).

lies, the Lebanon, Tenn., company was planted on March 1, 1997. Nearly four years after eight people first met with Jerry Higgs, pastor, to start the company, the congregation celebrated being officially recognized as a church. With 47 members and guests in attendance, Rich-

ard Hallock, Kentucky-Tennessee Conference president, and Marvin Lowman, Kentucky-Tennessee Conference secretary, confirmed the organization December 9, 2000. Isaiah 29:17, "Is it not yet a very little while, and LEBANON shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?" has been claimed as the congregation's masthead. This small group has dedicated themselves to the outreach and ministry of God. Already, they have sent 31,639 copies of *Happiness Digest* and 12,771 copies of *The Great Controversy* are being mailed to every household in Wilson county. The membership is growing through baptisms, professions of faith, and transfers resulting from an Amazing Facts Evangelistic Crusade with Jack Pefley, and Bible studies requested through the mailings. Under the guidance of Robert Miller, pastor, the building fund continues to grow while the congregation prayerfully searches for a permanent house of worship.

Winchester Member Celebrates 90 Years

BY NANCY ROBINSON



Fannie Reffitt

Fannie Mae Reffitt, a member of the Winchester, Ky., church, recently celebrated her 90th birthday. Her friends and several family members gathered at the home of Volker and Christa

Schmidt in Lexington for a potluck dinner and birthday party.

Reffitt, one of 12 children, was married to William Omer Reffitt in 1928. He passed away in 1947. They had eight children, two of whom died as infants. Reffitt has 18 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren. Her life has been devoted to her home and her family.

Couple Celebrates 70th Anniversary

BY ALBERT DITES

He was 19, she 17. They grew up together, and a Justice of the Peace married them Christmas eve of 1930 in Winslow, Ark.

Gilbert and Opal Parrish celebrated 70 years of being together with an open house in their home on Sunday, December 24.

How did they stay married for 70 years? "The best I can say is we wanted to get married and planned to stay married," said Gilbert Parrish. "We believed the marriage vow."

They grew up in Arkansas where their grandparents had migrated from Tennessee and North Carolina. Gilbert started out supporting his family by working on road construction in Mississippi and Illinois. "I had to go where the work was," he said. "I helped build the library and amphitheater at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville." Work also took him to Indiana and Oklahoma, then back to Arkansas. Timber on his family farm enabled them



Opal and Gilbert Parrish

to survive the Great Depression.

Gilbert registered for the army during World War II, but was told he could make a better contribution to the war effort by working in an Oklahoma defense plant. After the war, one of their friends from Arkansas moved to Highland Academy and found the school needed a maintenance man. Gilbert got the job. The Parrish family moved to the Highland community in 1945 and has lived there ever since.

The Parrishes had seven children. Their three surviving children all graduated from Highland Academy and have enjoyed fruitful careers. They have seven grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

"We have been here so long we couldn't move," said Gilbert, who will be 90 years old in February. "The Lord has just blessed us. That is the only way we could be married 70 years."



BY ALBERT DITTES

Anesthesia School Marks 50 Years

Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia celebrated its 50th birthday at commencement services October 28, 2000, when 37 graduates received a Master of Science degree with a focus in nurse anesthesia. MTSA is authorized by the State of Tennessee to offer the degree, and is fully accredited by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists' Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs.

Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia (MTSA) is the only single-purpose, university-status school in the United States offering a Master of Science degree in anesthesia. It has 80 students nine months of the year and 120 students the remaining three months going through a 27-month continuous program.

With the encouragement of church leaders, Bernard Bowen, a second-generation graduate of Madison College and the first person born in the sanitarium and hospital on campus, founded the Madison College School of Anesthesia in 1950. When Madison College closed in 1964, the school became the Madison Hospital School of Anesthesia. This affiliation continued until Madison Hospital terminated all educational programs in 1980 and later changed its name to Ten-



Mary DeVasher, vice-president and dean of MTSA since 1982.

nessee Christian Medical Center (TCMC). A Board of Trustees took over and changed the name to Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia. MTSA now leases space from TCMC.

Mary Elizabeth (Ikey) DeVasher, vice president and dean of the school since 1982, was herself a student there in 1968. "Approximately 100 years ago, God gave Ellen White a vision outlining the purchase of this land on the banks of the Cumberland River to begin a work of education in the South," she wrote at the October 28 graduation. "He could see the future into our day as well. We believe we are part of that plan. No student or faculty member is involved in this program by accident. In addition to education in anesthesia, they are here to either witness, or to receive witness of God working in the lives of people in these last days of earth's history."

MTSA had its initial on-site review by the Commission on College of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in July 1994, and became the first specificity-and-regionally accredited, single-purpose, anesthesia-specific, and graduate degree-granting institution in the United States December 13, 1994.

Cumberland View Towers Celebrates 20 Years

BY MARVIN LOWMAN

When we think of churches, we think of ministry. But it is tempting to take a narrow view of ministry—teaching doctrines, inspiring worship services, beautiful church buildings, etc. We



Barbara Morris has been the executive director of Cumberland View Towers for its entire 20-year history.

get an altogether different view of ministry when we look at the life of Jesus.

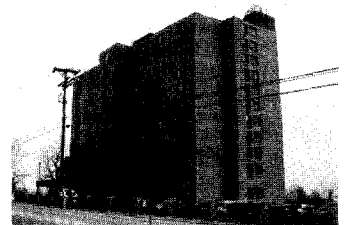
He said, "I did not come to be ministered to, but to minister." His ministry was one of healing the sick, comforting the afflicted, and championing the cause of the downtrodden. In His own words, He declared at the beginning of His ministry, "I have come to proclaim release to the captives and to set free the downtrodden." James describes

pure and undefiled religion as that which manifests concern and provides help to orphans and widows in their distress.

Think about the anxiety for those approaching the later years of life not knowing, "How will I make ends meet financially? Where will I live?" Social Security alone cannot maintain one's previous level of comfort and security. Often the addition of a small pension is not sufficient.

Twenty years ago, the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference saw the opportunity to provide housing for low-income elderly people thanks to provisions made through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This was seen as a ministry that could be a blessing to hundreds of elderly people in Middle Tennessee, and assist them in maintaining their independence for as long as possible. During the last 20 years more than 750 low income elderly have found a haven at Cumberland View Towers.

On December 10, Barbara Morris, executive director, her staff, members of the board (past and present), along with many community and church friends celebrated the 20th anniversary of the facility. Currently, Cumberland View Towers is home for 166 elderly residents.



Cumberland View Towers



Southern Invites Parents to Campus for the Weekend

Southern Adventist University is extending a special invitation to parents to come and visit the campus from February 16-18, and participate in Parents Weekend.

"We wanted to give students' parents the opportunity to experience what their children are doing here at Southern," said Kari Shultz, director of student activities.

Parents will have the option of attending classes with their students on Friday, eating in the cafeteria, attending vespers Friday evening, going to church Sabbath morning, and more.

A special program is planned for Saturday evening featuring the wind symphony, the symphony orchestra, the combined choirs, and the Gymasters. The following morning Gordon Bietz will host a Meet the President Brunch (reservation only).

"There are several schools which coordinate programming that gets parents involved," said Shultz. "We've put a lot of work and planning into this weekend and we're looking forward to a great response," said Shultz. For more information contact Kari Shultz at (423) 238-2484.



Nursing nets outstanding results

Southern's School of Nursing recently received results from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc., that the school is ranked first out of 30 nursing programs in its jurisdiction; 13th out of 816 associate degree programs in the nation; and 16th out of 1,357 of all nursing programs in the nation.

Phil Hunt, dean of the School of Nursing, attributes the success to a number of factors, including increased clinical hours and better preparation for computerized national tests.

Last spring, students from Southern's School of Nursing achieved a 100 percent passing rate on the National Council Licensing Examination.

What's Happening

- Wilma McClarty, Ph.D., chair of Southern's English department, authored the upcoming General Conference Sabbath School Lesson quarterly. The quarterly, which will feature various Bible biographies, will be released April 1, and will be used during the second quarter of this year. An estimated ten million people will read the publication.
- Jonathan Geach, a senior chemistry major, accompanied Ray Hefferlin, Ph.D., to New Orleans to attend the sectional meeting of the American Chemical Society. The two have been working on a paper called, "The Algebraic Construction of Lewis Diagrams," which was presented at the meeting.
- Seven Southern students attended the American Humanics Management Institute in Orlando, Fla., from January 3-6. This annual national training conference is for students who are pursuing nonprofit certification and careers in the nonprofit sector. Southern was the only Adventist institution represented at the meetings.
- Students participated in the annual Health Careers Fair on January 25 in the Iles P.E. Center. Dozens of professionals from the health care industry were present to answer questions about careers in health care.
- More than 30 biology students displayed their works for their fellow students, faculty, staff, and community members as part of the Biology Expo in Hickman Science Center. Several of the students are involved in the Tennessee River Gorge Turtle Survey project with Dave Collins of the Tennessee Aquarium. Students have been analyzing turtles, and determining the effects of pollution on different animal species.

Let My Little Light Shine

He was a deacon. He was a Pathfinder. He was involved in both the Bible Bowl and the children's ministries at his church. He actively participated in outreach evangelism. His musical skills spanned vocal as well as instrumental. The radiance from his smile captured the hearts of all who came into his circle, yet Craig Harvey was only ten years old.

When talking with Craig, you would soon come to feel as if he was much older than he was. His attention to detail and level of sensitivity when dealing with others would cause you to marvel. Craig was the child who would bring calm to any situation regardless of the age of the individuals involved.

Craig's life had purpose. Craig's life had direction. Reflecting on the years of his life you could see the hand of God moving him to a closer walk with Christ. His life became the standard that others would pattern.

Early on Sabbath mornings, his was the talent that at times caused the piano to make music as you entered the sanctuary at the New Hope church in Ellenwood, Georgia.

Because Kirk was the oldest of the three children born to Devon and Arline Harvey, the parents were naturally desirous that Kirk would give his heart to the Lord. They began working with Kirk, hoping that he would come to such an understanding. One morning unbeknownst to his parents that Craig had been attentive to their desires for Kirk, Craig unabashedly announced to them that he would like to be baptized.

On April 3, 1999, exactly one week following Craig's baptism, Kirk Harvey, following the footsteps of his brother, sealed his decision to follow the Lord all the way by also being baptized.

Taking such a stand is a natural for Craig, an honor roll student at Chestnut Elementary School. Craig, without a fuss would be the one to gather his peers for Bible Bowl practice as well as choir rehearsal. He would calmly, yet firmly cause his peers to understand that it was time for practice and that they needed to be in attendance.

Walking into the Decatur church on October 31, 2000, one would soon realize that

this was no ordinary person that so many family, friends, and associates had come to say goodbye to. The crowd filled the sanctuary and there were some standing on the outside wishing they had arrived earlier to obtain one of those coveted seats. The uniformed honor-guard of Pathfinders in dress regalia, the tributes that were made of his life, the multitude of cards that had been received would easily lead you to believe that a great statesman had been there, lying-in-state.

It had happened on October 20, 2000, on a vacation trip to Florida. The vehicle in which Craig was traveling was involved in an automobile accident. Thrown from the vehicle, Craig died on the spot. To the casual onlookers, this would seem to be such a tragedy; however, those with spiritual eyes would come to understand that God had called His ten-year-old worker, Craig Harvey home, because his work on earth had ended.

In her public tribute, Bridget Joseph reflected on her relationship with Craig, "he was my friend but I loved him like my son. Five years ago when I first met Craig, I can remember that He had a huge crush on me. We both fell in love with each other and had been going together since then.

"Whenever we met he followed me like a bee as if I were the honey and he were the bee and I loved every minute of it. My little shy guy, I often referred to him that way because he did not like to talk to me when others were around. He would wait until we were alone then he would remind me about the first time that we met.

"I have known Craig to be a loving, sweet caring, charming and shy guy. I will miss his sweet little hugs and kisses but most of all I will surely miss him. The last time I saw him, he was growing up to be a sweet young boy. We both made a pledge that we would be friends forever. Now I feel so sad that he has been taken away from me. All of my dreams and plans I had made for him are all gone.

"But Craig, you are at peace with the Lord, yet, you will always remain in my heart forever and ever. Peace my friend until we meet again. And I quote these words from the famous song, 'in the sweet by and by we shall meet on that beautiful shore.'"

Among the redeemed in the earth made new, we who know Craig Harvey will be searching the throngs for that smile which was Craig's signature, his confidence is His Lord and in a life lived to the fullest. Let my little light shine.



Craig made it clear that he was a "Student of the Month."



Pursuing excellence as a Bible Bowl participant was one of Craig's goals.



Craig (left) and Kirk pose for a picture following Pathfinder/ Adventurer activities.

U.S. Congress Fulfills God's Purpose for California-Based Mission

Jamie Spence knows how the Israelite priests felt as they waded into the Jordan River on their way to the promised land.

Like the Israelites Spence has seen the water part for a mission ship so that people can learn about God and might live, but only because God made it happen, Spence declared. The ship is the *White Holly*, originally a US Coast Guard cutter and the first vessel ever donated by the US Congress to a nonprofit medical organization (See *Recorder*, April 1999).

To Jamie and Jacque Spence, founders and leaders of Canvasback Mission Inc., and the staff and supporters of Canvasback, the acquisition and launching of *The White Holly* represents the clear hand of God in bringing the gospel and modern medical care to the indigent people of the Marshall Islands.

Headquartered in Benecia, California, Canvasback Missions had

reached a crossroads in their effort to widen the opportunities for bringing sustained medical care and the gospel of Jesus Christ to the island people.

Their original 71-foot catamaran built to shuttle medical missionary personnel and service from island to island could no longer meet the growing needs of the people. The islands have long been plagued by poverty, poor health education, and a lack of modern healthcare. Almost half of the adult population has adult-onset diabetes, much of it the result of poor nutritional habits.



For the past 12 years Canvasback has delivered about \$1 million in health care and medicine each year to the islands. With a larger vessel, capable of carrying some of the special foods needed to help stem the epidemic-proportion diabetes, Canvasback anticipates that it will be able to deliver double that amount of care each year.

Mike Hakanson, a pastor, was lent to the Canvasback from the Northern California Conference to assist Canvasback in acquiring a larger ship to more adequately serve its mission to the Marshall Islands.

An International Affairs Officer in Washington, D.C., encouraged Hakanson to request from the government a ship which had been retired by the Coast Guard.

He was told that the only way Canvasback could succeed in getting the ship would be to attach the request to the 1998 Coast Guard authorization bill. To do that they would need Senate support.

"We tried to find a senator who would provide that support," Spence said. "Hakanson faxed messages to several US Senators without success. The vote was about to be taken on the authorization bill and we thought it was all over for us."

Finally Hakanson called the office of Senator Olympia Snow of Maine and the staffer said, "I'm so glad you called. When your fax came in two months ago, Senator Snow was walking past the fax machine and saw your proposal come in. She picked it up and said she liked it and told us to attach it. But she never intervenes like that. Your phone number was so blurred that we couldn't call you."

"That bill had been attached for two months without our knowledge," Spence said. "Only God could have done this."

Another Divine intervention came while the bill was in Senate committee. The senators told a staffer to call Hakanson to see if Canvasback was competent to run the ship. At that time

Hakanson still had little knowledge of Canvasback. An unopened packet of information from Canvasback, which had just arrived that day, lay on his lap when the call came. He ripped open the envelope, scanned through it, found a paragraph and read it to the staffer. The staffer said, "I didn't want to insult you. I can see that you are well qualified to operate the ship."

"Without that information coming in just at the time that the call came in, that bill would have been thrown out. That was God's eleventh hour signature, His perfect timing," Spence declared. Included in the subsequent Congressional action was a clause indicating that Canvasback could have additional military surplus items to enhance the operation of the vessel. A foreign affairs aide to the President called that a blank check. "Only you can determine what will enhance the operation of the ship. It's a miracle that that ever passed," said the aide.

"There was a time when we badly needed some credibility in the shipyard where the White Holly was being kept," Spence recalled. "And \$200,000 appeared in our account out of nowhere. We had applied to various government offices hoping to raise that kind of money, so we thought that one of them had provided the funds. That bought a lot of credibility for us with the Coast Guard."

Then the Coast Guard set a date for transferring the title of White Holly over to Canvasback. "Pastor Mike and I flew to Baltimore on September 9, and the signing was to be the next day," Spence recalled.

"But we had none of the \$800,000 required by the legislation," he said. "We were to have that money available for the operation of the vessel once it was fit and ready for use. Mike and I agreed that because God had worked nine major miracles to bring us this far, He's not going to let us down."

Then came a commitment—a cabinet resolution signed by the president of the Marshall Island. "It arrived on the afternoon of September 9, just hours before we were to sign. It committed \$200,000 a year for four years for the operation of the ship once it got to the Marshall islands. God's perfect timing," said Spence.

"The next day, after signing the titles we learned that the original \$200,000 which appeared mysteriously on our accounts was an accounting error," he said. "But at that same time the Marshall Islands had increased their commitment by another \$200,000. To me it appeared that God had just casually moved that \$200,000 from one account to another. You can't tell me that that was just a coincidence. That's a God-sized thing that only He can do."

God's miracles confirm the message. They draw us to God. And strengthen our faith. The White Holly arrived safely in Jacksonville, Florida, November 13. God literally swept away one obstacle after another in answer to prayers. Your continuing prayers are needed.

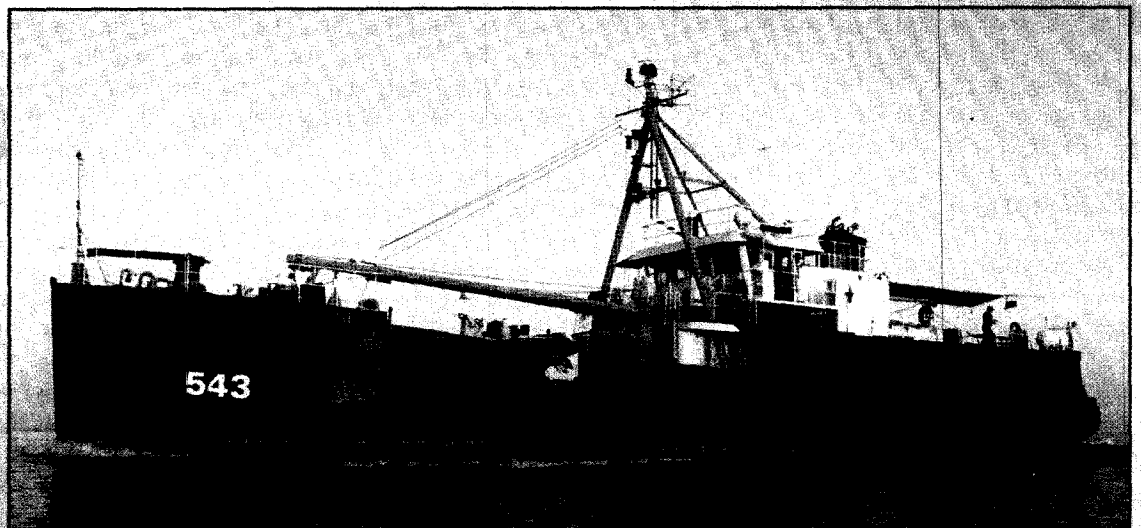
Canvasback antici-

Ports of Call

Ports of call on the one-year voyage to the Marshall Islands include:

Savannah, Ga.	Feb. 10-11
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	Feb. 17-18
Tampa, Fla.	March 3-4
Panama Canal	March 25-26
San Diego, Calif.	April 21-22
Long Beach, Calif.	April 28-29
San Francisco, Calif.	May 5-6
Portland, Ore.	June 6-10
Sacramento, Calif.	Aug. 8-12
Honolulu, Hawaii	Nov. 9-10
Marshall Islands	Dec. 2001

pates having the White Holly in-service in the Marshall Islands by December 2001. For information about Canvasback, or for information on volunteer opportunities, please call 1-800-793-SAIL (1-800-793-7245), or send e-mail to: canvasback1@earthlink.net More information is also available on the Canvasback website: www.canvasback.org





No Age Limit in Church Planting

Commitment — That's what Shirley and Etta Vernal credit their 68 years of marriage to. We have a strong commitment to the marriage vows we made to the Lord and each other," says Etta. That dedication is also evident in their participation in the new church plant in Monroe, N.C.

Shirley was born into an Adventist family. In fact, his parents thought so highly of the pastor, Shirley Haynes, that they named their son after him. He fondly remembers traveling the rocky road to Sabbath school in a horse and buggy.



Etta was raised Catholic. In her teen years she began babysitting for a family who

lived next door to Seventh-day Adventists. They had a 12-year-old daughter who was very vocal about her faith. The spunky youngster continued to share with Etta, until Etta agreed to take Bible studies. At 16 she was baptized.

The word "commitment" also describes their relationship to the Church. In 1993 the Vernals moved to Charlotte. They were pleased to learn that their former pastor from Florida, Ken Coonley, was the Conference president. He asked them where they would like to attend church. After some thought the Vernal's said that Monroe would be their choice. Coonley expressed that he had been praying for a new church in that community, so they too added it to their prayer list.

On Sabbath, February 19, 2000, Shirley and Etta Vernal signed the books as charter members of the Seventh-day Adventist church of Monroe.



Ron Halvorsen chats with several new Adventists and other guests who attended a retreat for new Seventh-day Adventists. This special three-day event titled, "Welcome to the Family," is held every two years in December. Halvorsen, church growth director for the Southern Union, was the guest speaker. Over the past two years nearly 1400 people joined the church in Carolina, states Kenneth Coonley, Conference president, "A 'new-believers' event such as this gives us an opportunity to get acquainted with our new members and, at the same time, informs our new members what the church can do for them."

Reaching out with Radio

BY LEE FORBES

On any Sunday morning, if you are listening to WTZY in Asheville, the first words you will hear are, "Good Sunday morning Asheville. You're listening to Bible Answers with Clark and Lee."

Bible Answers is a live radio call-in show where the listening audience can call with questions about anything that could be answered from the Bible. The purpose of the program is to introduce people to the fact that the Bible interprets itself.

Radio hosts, Clark Floyd and Lee Forbes, are members of the Burnsville church. Neither of them ever intended to be on the radio. However, while talking with a sales representative for possible advertising on the local news-talk radio station, Lee was impressed to ask how much radio time would cost for a program that would answer questions about the Bible. Three days later Lee was told that he could

have one hour every Sunday morning for a "Bible Question and Answer" program. At first, Lee was told, radio time would cost \$400 a month. Instead, however, the radio co-hosts learned that management would give them free airtime for their unique program.

Since then, another station owner in Spruce Pine has been listening and asked if a half-hour format could be recorded for his station. That program airs on Sunday morning at seven on WTOE.

One contractor told Lee that he listens to his tape in his truck each week on his way to work and it is a great blessing.

If positive phone calls that continue to come into the station are an indication of success . . . then this program, where the Lord worked miracles to get on the air, is a tremendous success.



At the agape feast for the singles, Mike Ortel, adult ministries director for the Carolina Conference, got the group off on the right track with his thoughts on making your ministry and what you can do for the Lord a priority.

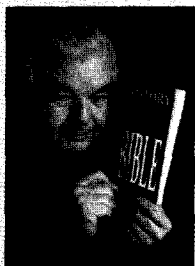
Singles and Single Again Dine at Christmas Agape Feast

Holidays are a special time for families to get together. Those who are single, without immediate families at their doorsteps, need a special time, too. Singles and Single Again gathered at the Carolina Conference office for an inspirational time on Friday evening in mid-December for an agape feast. Mike Ortel, adult ministries director, got the group off on the right track with his thoughts on making your ministry and what you can do for the Lord a priority. His encouragement and the focus on Christ set the tone for the entire weekend. Russ Jenson brought the group a Sabbath sermon the next day, followed

by a luncheon where Cuban-born violinist Pedro Gonzalez from Concord serenaded each table with a Christmas masterpiece. The group reconvened in the afternoon for a seminar on "Single and Complete" by Terrie Ruff from Collegedale, Tenn. That evening, everyone enjoyed the musical extravaganza at a local church in Charlotte.

Hopefully, this will launch the beginnings of a singles ministry in the Conference. The plans are to have a retreat at Nosoca Pines Ranch about the same time next year. For more information contact Debbie Rapp (704) 596-3200.

New Book On Bible and Christianity



Marvin Hunt with his new book.

For the past several years Union, S.C., daily newspaper, *The Union Daily Times*, has been publishing a weekly column by Marvin Hunt. This Adventist pastor is well known for his timely and thought provoking articles. The newspaper column is the basis for his popular Web site called, biblehistory.com.

And now, hot-off-the-press and available through the *Adventist Book Center*, is Hunt's latest book titled *History, Mystery, and Facts About the Bible*. The 304 page book contains a collection of 114 of the web site's most popular articles. This evangelistic book provides a basic foundation about the Bible and Christianity.

A True Vision for the Future

The Roger S. Strange Memorial Endowment

In 1993, the Greenville church school in South Carolina received a gift of \$10,000. The gift was given to further Christian education. Phyllis Knight, the teacher at the time, suggested that an endowment of \$100,000 be created for the school.



Greenville church members honor Pierce and Rebecca Strange with a crystal memento for their generous gift to Christian Education.

The fund grew as church members and local businesses began to contribute. Interest earned from this endowment would help pay worthy-student tuition, as well as provide for the continuing physical needs of the school. In December the Endowment reached it's long-awaited goal of \$100,000. This was made possible through the generous gift of \$65,000 from two founding members of the Endowment, Rebecca and Pierce Strange, and Pierce's brother, Tommy Strange.

"This is the only school that I know of in Carolina," stated Robert Crux, superintendent of education, to have its own endowment for Christian education that will continue to aid young people and their education for generations to come. God has richly blessed," Crux continued, "the vision of a people dedicated to Christian education through the activation of the Roger S. Strange Memorial Endowment for Christian Education."

100 Years

1952 to *1961* in the Southern Union Conference

Around the World . . . and . . .

Berlin is divided in August, 1961, as East Germany seals off the border between the city's eastern and western sectors and begins work on the Berlin Wall.



In 1956 the Italian liner Andrea Doria sinks after colliding with the Swedish ship Stockholm off the New England coast, killing 51.



Alaska became the 49th state in January of 1959, followed in August by Hawaii as the 50th state.

1954:
• Earl Cleveland and Eric Ward run evangelistic crusades in Montgomery, AL, and Wilmington, NC, respectively; each baptize 500.



E. E. Cleveland

Queen Elizabeth II of Britain is crowned in 1953, 16 months after the death of her father, King George VI.

1955:
• Ga-Cumb. acquires Atoka Springs Camp.

. . . Within the Adventist Church

On May 17, 1954, the Supreme Court issues the landmark Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka ruling, declaring racially segregated schools to be unequal.

1958:
• Oakwood College is recognized by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accrediting organization.
• South Central Conference opens a new conference office.

1959:
• Kentucky-Tennessee Conference acquires property for the Indian Creek youth camp.

1960:
• The net worth of Southern Missionary College approaches \$25 million.
• The new Florida Conference building is erected.

1961:
• Bass Memorial Academy is established.

1962:
• Adventist believers in the Carolina Conf. Native American group grow to 35 adults.

The fifties witness fashion for women turning from the wartime "masculine" look to a feminine style, also paralleling huge baby boom years.



Althea Gibson, in 1957, became the first black tennis player to win the Wimbledon singles.



With 300 U.S. Army troops standing guard, nine black children forced to withdraw from Central High school in Little Rock, Arkansas are escorted to class in September of 1957.

John F. Kennedy defeats Richard M. Nixon for the presidency on November 8, 1960.



The first mass inoculation of children against polio with the Salk vaccine begins in Pittsburgh in 1954.



V. G. Anderson serves as president of Southern Union 1948-57

W. H. Branson serves as president of General Conference 1950-54

R. R. Figuhr serves as president of General Conference 1954-66

D. R. Rees serves as president of Southern Union 1957-64

Gulf States Conference membership grows by 40% Late-50s

as we anticipate our 100th birthday



NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in all of its church-operated schools, admits students of any race to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at its schools, and makes no discrimination on the basis of race in administration of education policies, applications for admission, scholarship or loan programs, and extracurricular programs.

CAROLINA CONFERENCE Academy

Mount Pisgah Academy, Candler, N.C.

Elementary Schools

Adventist Christian Academy, Charlotte, N.C.
 Albemarle SDA School, Albemarle, N.C.
 Asheville-Pisgah School, Candler, N.C.
 Beaufort SDA School, Beaufort, S.C.
 Brookhaven SDA School, Greenville, N.C.
 Camden Adventist School, Camden, S.C.
 Charleston Jr. Academy, Charleston, S.C.
 Columbia Jr. Academy, Lexington, S.C.
 Day Star Christian Academy, Anderson, S.C.
 Eddlemon Adventist Academy, Spartanburg, S.C.
 Fayetteville Adventist Chr. Sch., Fayetteville, N.C.
 Florence Adventist School, Florence, S.C.
 Franklin Adventist School, Franklin, N.C.
 Greenville SDA School, Greenville, S.C.
 Haw River Chr. Sch. (Burlington), Haw River, N.C.
 High Country Christian School, Elk, N.C.
 Johnston, William H. Elementary, Hickory, N.C.
 Myrtle Beach SDA School, Myrtle Beach, S.C.
 Poplar Springs SDA School, Westminster, S.C.
 Raleigh SDA School, Raleigh, N.C.
 Salem SDA School, Salem, S.C.
 Salisbury Adventist School, Rockwell, N.C.
 Silver Creek Adventist School, Morganton, N.C.
 Tri-City Jr. Academy, High Point, N.C.
 Tryon SDA School, Lynn, N.C.
 Upward SDA School, Flat Rock, N.C.
 Waynesville SDA School, Waynesville, N.C.
 Wilmington SDA School, Wilmington, N.C.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE

Academies

Forest Lake Academy, Apopka, Fla.
 Greater Miami Academy, Miami, Fla.

Elementary Schools

Clearwater Jr. Academy, Clearwater, Fla.
 Cocoa Adventist School, Cocoa, Fla.
 Daytona Beach (Indigo Christian Jr. Academy),
 Daytona Beach, Fla.
 Deltona Adventist School, Deltona, Fla.
 E. Pasco Adventist Educ. Center, Dade City, Fla.
 Forest City Adv. School, Altamonte Springs, Fla.
 Forest Lake Education Center, Longwood, Fla.
 Gateway Jr. Academy, Leesburg, Fla.
 Gold Coast Jr. Academy, Boynton Beach, Fla.
 Greater Miami Adventist School, Miami, Fla.
 Gulfcoast SDA School, St. Petersburg, Fla.
 Jacksonville Adventist Acad., Jacksonville, Fla.
 James E. Sampson Memorial School of SDA,
 Ft. Pierce, Fla.
 Lakeland Adv. Jr. Academy, Lakeland, Fla.
 Leesburg (Westminster Center for Education),
 Leesburg, Fla.
 Maranatha (Wm. A. Kirtlev Jr. Academy), Opa
 Locka, Fla.
 Melbourne-Palm Bay SDA Christian School,
 Melbourne, Fla.
 Miami Springs Adv. School, Miami Springs, Fla.
 Mt. Dora Christian School, Mt. Dora, Fla.
 Naples SDA Christian School, Naples, Fla.
 New Port Richey Adventist Christian School,
 New Port Richey, Fla.
 North Florida SDA Elem. Sch., High Springs, Fla.
 Ocala SDA School, Ocala, Fla.
 Okeechobee Adventist Chr. Sch., Okeechobee, Fla.
 Orlando Junior Academy, Orlando, Fla.
 Osceola Adventist Chr. School, Kissimmee, Fla.

Pine Hills (Beryl Wisdom Adv. Sch.), Orlando, Fla.
 Port Charlotte Adv. School, Port Charlotte, Fla.
 Sawgrass Adventist School, Plantation, Fla.
 Tallahassee Adventist Chr. Sch., Tallahassee, Fla.
 Tampa Adventist Academy, Tampa, Fla.
 University SDA Church School, Orlando, Fla.
 Venice SDA Elementary, Venice, Fla.
 Walker Memorial Academy, Avon Park, Fla.
 West Coast Christian Academy, Bradenton, Fla.
 W. Palm Beach Jr. Acad., W. Palm Beach, Fla.
 Winter Haven Adventist Acad., Winter Haven, Fla.
 Z.L. Sung SDA Church School, Gainesville, Fla.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE

Academies

Atlanta Adventist Academy, Atlanta, Ga.
 Collegedale Academy, Collegedale, Tenn.
 Georgia-Cumberland Acad., Calhoun, Ga.

Elementary Schools

Apison, Lester Coon SDA School, Apison, Tenn.
 Athens SDA School, Athens, Ga.
 Athens SDA School, Athens, Tenn.
 Atlanta, Becker Adventist School, Decatur, Ga.
 Atlanta, Adventist Sch. of Excellence, Atlanta, Ga.
 Atlanta North SDA School, Atlanta, Ga.
 Augusta SDA School, Augusta, Ga.
 Calhoun, Coble Elem. School, Calhoun, Ga.
 Chattanooga SDA School, Chattanooga, Tenn.
 Chatta., Standifer Gap SDA Sch., Chatta., Tenn.
 Cleveland, Bowman Hills SDA Sch., Cleveland, Tenn.
 Coalmont, Cumb. Hgts. SDA School, Coalmont,
 Tenn.
 Collegedale, A.W. Spalding SDA School,
 Collegedale, Tenn.
 Columbus SDA School, Columbus, Ga.
 Cookeville Chris. Elem. School, Algood, Tenn.
 Crossville/Inez Wrenn SDA School, Crossville,
 Tenn.
 Dalton, Learning Tree Elem. School, Dalton, Ga.
 Dayton, Laurelbrook SDA Elem. Sch., Dayton,
 Tenn.
 Deer Lodge, Meister Mem. SDA School, Deer
 Lodge, Tenn.
 Douglasville SDA School, Douglasville, Ga.
 Duluth Jr. Academy, Duluth, Ga.
 Dunlap Adventist School, Dunlap, Tenn.
 Ellijay, Josephine Edwards Chr. Sch., Ellijay, Ga.
 Gainesville Christian School, Gainesville, Ga.
 Georgetown, Cedar Ridge SDA School,
 Georgetown, Tenn.
 Gray, Tri-City SDA School, Gray, Tenn.
 Graysville SDA School, Graysville, Tenn.
 Greenville Adventist Acad., Greenville, Tenn.
 Hixson SDA School, Hixson, Tenn.
 Jasper SDA School, Jasper, Ga.
 Jasper Adventist Chris. School, Jasper, Tenn.
 Jellico SDA School, Jellico, Tenn.
 Jonesboro, Samuel A. Cavitt SDA School,
 Jonesboro, Ga.
 Knoxville Adventist School, Knoxville, Tenn.
 LaGrange SDA School, LaGrange, Ga.
 Lakeland Adventist School, Lakeland, Ga.
 Macon, Wimbish Adventist School, Macon, Ga.
 Marietta, Carman Adventist Sch., Marietta, Ga.
 Maryville SDA School, Maryville, Tenn.
 McMinnville SDA School, McMinnville, Tenn.
 Morristown SDA School, Morristown, Tenn.
 Mountain City SDA Sch., Mountain City, Tenn.
 Murphy Adventist School, Murphy, N.C.
 Oglethorpe SDA School, Oglethorpe, Ga.

Ooltewah Adventist Kindergarten and School,
 Ooltewah, Tenn.
 Peachtree City SDA School, Peachtree City, Ga.
 Pikeville SDA School, Pikeville, Tenn.
 Rock Spring, Alice M. Daley Adventist Sch., Rock
 Spring, Ga.
 Savannah First SDA School, Savannah, Ga.
 Spring City, King Mem. SDA Sch., Spring City,
 Tenn.
 Warner Robbins, Three Angels Chr. School,
 Warner Robbins, Ga.
 Wildwood Adventist Academy, Wildwood, Ga.
 Zebulon, Son-Shine Christian Sch., Zebulon, Ga.

Specialized Schools

The Advent Home, Calhoun, Tenn.
 Hilltop Christian Ctr. for Girls, Collegedale, Tenn.

GULF STATES CONFERENCE Academy

Bass Memorial Academy, Lumberton, Miss.

Elementary Schools

Bass Elem. School, Lumberton, Miss.
 Big Cove Chr. School, Owens Cross Roads, Ala.
 Brakeworth Junior Academy, Birmingham, Ala.
 Clanton SDA School, Clanton, Ala.
 Corinth SDA School, Glen, Miss.
 Floral Crest School, Bryant, Ala.
 Gulf Coast SDA School, Biloxi, Miss.
 Jackson SDA School, Jackson, Miss.
 Mobile Jr. Academy, Mobile, Ala.
 Montgomery SDA School, Montgomery, Ala.
 North Hills Christian School, Meridian, Miss.
 Panama City SDA School, Panama City, Fla.
 Pensacola SDA School, Pensacola, Fla.
 SDA Junior Academy, Pell City, Ala.
 Skyland SDA School, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
 Vicksburg SDA School, Vicksburg, Miss.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE CONFERENCE

Academies

Highland Academy, Portland, Tenn.
 Madison Academy, Madison, Tenn.

Elementary Schools

Centerville/Martin Memorial SDA Elem.,
 Centerville, Tenn.
 Columbia SDA Elem. School, Columbia, Ky.
 Covington SDA Elem. School, Covington, Ky.
 Dickson Adventist Elem. School, Dickson, Tenn.
 Dyersburg SDA Elem. School, Dyersburg, Tenn.
 Highland SDA Elem. School, Portland, Tenn.
 Hines Memorial Elem. School, Jackson, Tenn.
 Lawrenceburg/Bill Egley Elementary School,
 Lawrenceburg, Tenn.
 Lexington Jr. Academy, Lexington, Ky.
 Louisville Jr. Academy, Louisville, Ky.
 Madison Campus Elem., Madison, Tenn.
 Manchester SDA Elem. School, Manchester, Ky.
 Memphis Jr. Academy, Memphis, Tenn.
 Murfreesboro SDA Elementary School,
 Murfreesboro, Tenn.
 Nashville/Greater Nashville Jr. Academy,
 Nashville, Tenn.
 Pewee Valley Jr. Academy, Pewee Valley, Ky.
 Ridgetop Adventist Elementary, Ridgetop, Tenn.
 Tullahoma SDA Elem., Tullahoma, Tenn.
 Woodbury SDA Elementary, Woodbury, Tenn.

SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE Academy

Greater Atlanta Adventist Academy, Atlanta, Ga.

Elementary Schools

Abey Chapel Chr. School, Fayetteville, N.C.
 Baldwin's Chapel SDA School, High Point, N.C.
 Berea Jr. Academy, Sumter, S.C.
 Berean Christian Jr. Academy, Atlanta, Ga.
 Berean Jr. Academy, Charlotte, N.C.
 Bethany Jr. Academy, Macon, Ga.
 Decatur Adventist Jr. Academy, Stone Mtn., Ga.
 Ebenezer Christian School, Augusta, Ga.
 Emanuel Christian Jr. Academy, Albany, Ga.
 Ephesus Jr. Academy, Wilmington, N.C.
 Ephesus Jr. Academy, Winston-Salem, N.C.
 Gethsemane SDA School, Raleigh, N.C.
 J.W. Jackson Adventist Acad., LaGrange, N.C.
 Lithonia Adventist Academy, Lithonia, Ga.
 Napoleon B. Smith SDA Acad., Greensboro, N.C.
 Oakland Avenue SDA School, Florence, S.C.
 Pecan Grove SDA School, Orangeburg, S.C.
 Ramah Jr. Academy, Savannah, Ga.
 Zion Temple SDA School, Greenwood, S.C.

SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE Academy

Dakwood Academy, Huntsville, Ala.

Elementary Schools

Alcy Jr. Academy, Memphis, Tenn.
 Avondale SDA School, Chattanooga, Tenn.
 Bethany SDA Chr. Academy, Montgomery, Ala.
 E.E. Rogers SDA School, Jackson, Miss.
 Emma L. Minnis Junior Acad., Louisville, Ky.
 Emmanuel SDA School, Mobile, Ala.
 Ephesus Jr. Academy, Birmingham, Ala.
 Ephesus SDA School, Greenville, Miss.
 F.H. Jenkins Elem. School, Nashville, Tenn.
 Oakwood Elementary, Huntsville, Ala.
 University SDA School, Knoxville, Tenn.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE Academy

Miami Union Academy, N. Miami, Fla.

Elementary Schools

Broward Bilingual SDA School, Plantation, Fla.
 Daughter of Zion SDA Sch., Delray Beach, Fla.
 Elm SDA School, St. Petersburg, Fla.
 Ephesus Jr. Acad., West Palm Beach, Fla.
 Ft. Lauderdale SDA Dist. Sch., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
 Mt. Calvary SDA School, Tampa, Fla.
 Mt. Sinai SDA School, Orlando, Fla.
 Palm Beach Bilingual SDA School, Riviera
 Beach, Fla.
 Perrine SDA School, Miami, Fla.
 Shiloh SDA School, Ocala, Fla.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

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 Southern Adventist Univ., Collegedale, Tenn.
 Florida Hosp. College of Health Sci., Orlando, Fla.

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Women's Conference 2000

The women of the Southeastern Conference under the dynamic leadership of Lynda Jordan, are working together to

Caleb Auditorium which was given, free of charge, by the city of Miami.

Service began with a dynamic praise and worship team from the Mt. Pisgah church. Other groups included the Chimers from Perrine directed by Antonia Wilson; Silent Truth; and Lavern Jackson and friends.

Women received deliverance through soul searching, tear jerking, and heart softening testimonies as women randomly came on stage to testify. This inspirational service was certainly spirit-filled, and one the women won't soon forget.

Lynda Jordan acknowledged a number of women who helped to make the women's conference possible with awards and plaques.

sage reminding us that God is such a Big God. She emphasized that this battle is not ours . . . it's the Lord's, and rags can become God's riches if a person allows the Lord to lead.

The Sabbath afternoon program was entitled, "Many Faces of the Christian Women," and portrayed women with different needs such as: the abused/abandoned woman, the career woman, the divorced woman, the single woman, and widowed woman to name a few. This skit was well presented and reminded us that there are women in the church who truly have different needs.

The Omega Singers of tabernacle church under the direction of Renee Hodge capped the weekend with a musical presentation.



The Chimers from Perrine church under the direction of Antonia Wilson.

make a marked difference in churches and in the community. "Our Rags to God's Riches" was the theme of the women's conference held in Miami November 3- 4, 2000.

Southeastern's women's ministries director, Nicolle Brise, was the Friday night speaker. She gave an account of the Samaritan woman who met Jesus at the well—reminding us how Jesus can turn even filthy rags into beautiful clothes.

Sabbath morning more than 900 women assembled at the Joseph



Silent Truth praising God.

The speakers for the divine worship were truly inspirational. Tasanee Jordan, the youth speaker, explained from a youth's perspective just what "Our Rags to God's Riches" really means.

Cynthia Prime, the guest speaker from Indianapolis, delivered a mes-

Willie L. Taylor, Conference president, and Nicolle Brise, brought greetings from the Conference and presented a plaque to Cynthia Prime, as coordinator Lynda Jordan looks on.



Tasaanee Jordan, youth speaker for divine service.



Cynthia Prime delivering a powerful message during divine worship.





Mairs Celebrates 102nd Birthday

Himagenia Alberta Mairs was born November 6, 1898, in Bocas Del Toro Panama, The Republic of Panama in Central America. She was the third child born to the proud parents, James and Sarah Riley. Himagenia had three siblings: one sister, Ann Eliza Riley, and two brothers: Simeon Vidal and Uziah Riley.

Himagenia's parents were Seventh-day Adventists. Faith, daily prayers, Scripture readings, songs, praises, family togetherness, and encouraging words were

their daily antidotes. Himagenia was baptized at the youthful age of 15 by J. A. Reid, pastor. However, she was raised a Seventh-day Adventist since the age of three, which means she has been in the Seventh-day Adventist message for 99 years.

When Himagenia's family went to church on Sabbath mornings, they got into their canoe and paddled three miles across the waters. Needless to say, they would be drenched with water upon their arrival

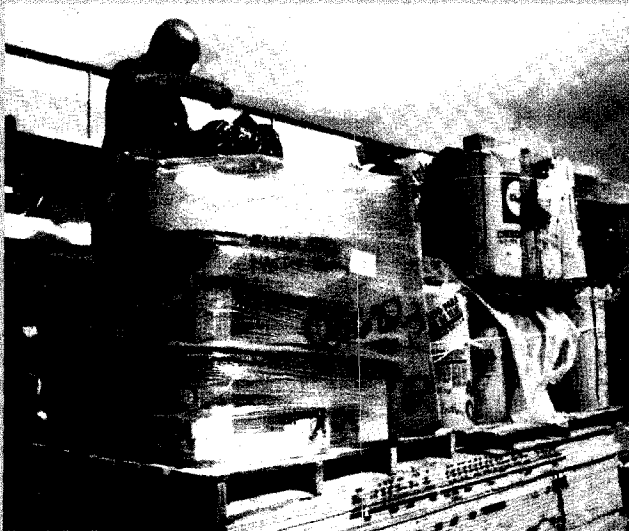


Himagenia Alberta Mairs on her 102nd birthday.

Bethel Aids Bahamian Church

Many hurricanes hit the small islands of the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, and Jamaica. Some go unnoticed because of the island's size. Bethel church community service department of Florida City, with the grass roots of the church being Bahamian descent could not let the Governor Harbor church, in the Bahamas, be roofless after the high winds and waves took many of their churches to the ground. They purchased roofing materials costing \$1600 and shipped it so the roof could be replaced.

"The high waters were as lightning," they said. "It came and went so fast, disaster here and we didn't know until it was gone," said Juanita Smith, the community service leader of the church.



Roland Buchanan, community service worker of Bethel re-enforce tape to the supplies being shipped to the Bahamas church on Eleuthera Island.

for church services. If on Sabbath evenings, it appeared cloudy and the night would not be clear, the family would return home early from church to avoid inclement weather. While at home three miles away, they could still hear the melodious songs being sung by the people in the church. Himagenia enjoyed the singing.

Throughout her church years, she served in various positions as Sabbath school superintendent, teacher, secretary, clerk, choir member, youth leader, lay activities secretary, and an assistant treasurer. She has spent many hours in missionary work.

In 1920, she married Alexander Mairs. They became the parents of a precious baby girl whom they named Lola Evelia. In 1966, the Mairs family immigrated to the United States, and lived in Brooklyn, New York. Years later, her family decided to relocate to Miami where they made Northside church their new church home.

Miami Union Academy

The members of the Bethany church moved forward in faith, and, in 1917 established a school, which they named the Bethany Academy. The Miami, Florida, school began in a section of the Bethany church with 40 students ranging from grades one through eight. The tuition then was \$15 per month. If parents were unable to meet their financial obligations, the church found a way of helping. The first teachers were Katherine Murray and Henrietta Emmanuel. Their salary was very small, so to help support themselves, they sold religious literature. Within a few years, Bethany Academy outgrew its church accommodations, and moved to a building across the street from the church.

In 1963, the Bethany Academy became a constituent school,



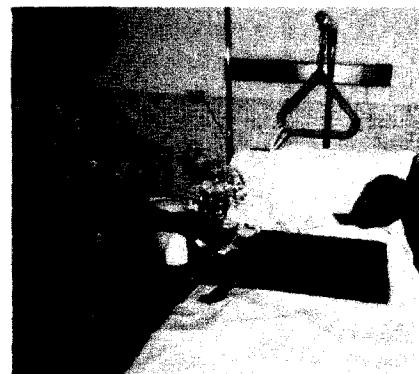
and the name was changed to Miami Union Academy. A few years later, ninth and tenth grades were added. By 1980, the enrollment had climbed to 400 students. With this increase in enrollment came the need for larger facilities. Through much prayer, perseverance and a positive

attitude, a place was located and the move was made to a larger facility, which was shared with another school, and a church. This location met the needs of the school for a few years, but then the physical condition of the building and the environment began to deteriorate. The school board felt it was time to purchase a school home, a permanent place for Miami Union Academy.

An attempt to lease with the option to purchase was made on a two-story facility, which housed the school for almost ten years. Unfortunately, the option to purchase ultimately failed. Finally, in 1997, a purchase was made. This new facility enabled MUA to operate a daycare center, and offer an education for students from age two through twelfth grade. In addition, this new facility offers a sanctuary, and banquet areas which can

be made available to the community for special events.

We here at Miami Union Academy are well acquainted with the blueprint laid out in the book *Education*, by Ellen G. White, and this philosophy provides the guideline for our operation. Beyond this general concept, however, MUA strives to meet the unique needs of the population it serves. Geographically, the school is located in the North Miami area, but students come from as far north as West Palm Beach, and as far south as Homestead, covering an area of almost 110 miles. In addition, MUA reflects the general population of South Florida, accommodating students from the Haitian and Hispanic communities, as well as several islands of the Caribbean and West Indies.



The objectives, then, of Miami Union Academy are to lead students into a meaningful and lasting relationship with God, to help students understand their role in carrying out the great commission, and to acquaint students with the world of work and the dignity of labor job requirements.

These objectives are achieved through the following programs.

Spiritual

Miami Union Academy is a nurturing agency for the spiritual well being of the students. Religion classes come under the direction of the chaplain. Two Weeks of Prayer conducted yearly, and chapel programs are enjoyed on a weekly basis.



Along with the daily classroom worships, a strong message to the students is conveyed: "Give thou thy youth to God."

Community Outreach

The youth-to-youth and drama club give students the opportunity to visit the sick in their homes, visit residents in nursing homes and adult daycare centers, taking flowers, cards and

programs to them, and praying with them. Visits are also made to the Miami Rescue Mission to feed the homeless

Academics

During the 1987-88 school year, Miami Union Academy became a fully accredited high school, recognized by the National Council for Private School Accreditation and the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventists. These organizations are recognized by the state of Florida and the United States Department of Education. Realizing that each student's needs are unique, our program offers three tracts for graduation, addressing those students who plan to seek employment after graduation, those whose plans can be met by a standard high school diploma, and those who endeavor to attain a college-bound diploma. In order to challenge students to excellence, honors classes are offered in various subject areas. The Academy is a member of the National Honor Society and the National Junior Honor Society. Approximately 90 percent of our 260 twelfth grade graduates from the past thirteen years have gone on to college. Many of them have continued on to pursue graduate degrees and some have returned to serve their alma matter.



Music

Music is an integral part of the curriculum. The school's bands and choirs (elementary, junior high and high school) have warmed the hearts of thousands as they performed in different religious and secular venues for a variety of occasions, always lifting up the name of Jesus. Each year the high school band and choir look forward to a spring tour, and have their sights set on visiting Europe for the 2001-02 tour.



Physical Education

Basketball is a popular recreational sport at Miami Union Academy. Through their love for this sport, the students formed a team—The Mighty Jaguars—apart from playing home games they have enjoyed playing with other Christian schools. Presently, the Mighty Jaguars are a part of the Southeastern Conference Basketball League.

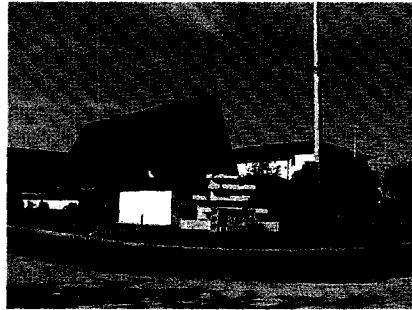
Social

The Knights of Honor and the Ladies of Elegance clubs were established to help students develop skills in etiquette and grace. The student association was initiated to help students develop leadership ability. The members of the student association ex-

ecutive board are responsible for voicing opinions and suggestions from the student body to the administration.

The Elementary Coronation and the High School Pageant

These two annual events are eagerly anticipated every year. In addition to serving as a significant fundraiser, they encourage



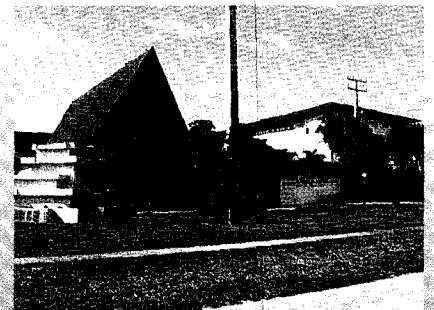
participants to develop their leadership skills, and develop their talents by participating in workshops and clinics. At the respective programs, the participants present their carefully prepared talents and oral presentations and are judged by members of the community. The winner from each pro-

gram represents the school in an official capacity at designated functions for the upcoming school year. These functions have been yet another tool which has helped Miami Union Academy to develop well-rounded leaders.

Work Study

The bakery, print shop and custodial departments provide work for a limited number of students to assist with their tuition. MUA is constantly looking to improve this area in order to make Christian education a reality for more students.

The progress has been slow but steady. Over the years, Miami Union Academy has been blessed with a number of dedicated principals, teachers, supporting staff, parents and constituency members. These have all contributed to the development of Miami Union Academy. There is also the school board who through the years, kept the school alive. Miami Union Academy can be justly proud for it has sent forth graduates who are presently serving society in various capacities. Like the songwriter, we can say, "We've come this far by faith." But we cannot rest satisfied. The enemy is raging a battle for the minds of our children, and we must work for them with all of our hearts, lest they be taken captive. In the midst of a city that teems with all that ails modern society, Miami Union Academy stands as a living testimony that all God's biddings are enabling.





Three Members Killed in Tuscaloosa Tornado



Willis Grant (left), and his sister, Nicole Hurd (second from the right), attended the five-student Skyland church school. Willis lost his life and Nicole lost her home and family.

Sabbath afternoon, December 6, an F-4 level tornado with winds of 175 mph tore through the Bear Creek Trailer Park in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Three, of the 10 residents killed, were members of the Skyland church. Harriett Gibbous, 83, her daughter, Dorothy Gibbous, 52, and her great-grandson, Willis Grant, 9, had just returned home from Sabbath worship service when the tornado struck their mobile home. Nicole Hurd, 12, Willis' sister, was also in the home, but escaped with minor injuries.

When Willis' and Nicole's mother could no longer care for them Dorothy their great-aunt had provided a home. Dorothy had also opened her doors to her mother, Harriett, when she needed special care.

"She was a giver," says Ron Wooten,

ing a preacher when he grew up," adds Wiegand.

According to friends, Harriett Gibbous didn't like to be left out of anything. If there was a church activity or something happening at the day-care center, where she spent her mornings, Gibbous was involved.

A joint memorial service was held for the three family members. Dorothy's son, the only immediate family member living in the area, and his stepfather made funeral arrangements. Since the Gibbous were from New York and most of the

the pastor. She not only gave to her family, but to her church where she was an active member holding several offices including Pathfinder director and church board member.

Willis Grant was a student, along with his sister, at the five student church school. "He excelled at reading and was never afraid to speak in front of groups," says Rachel Wiegand, his teacher. Unlike some children who may be embarrassed, Willis routinely volunteered to pray. "He planned on be-

family lives there the bodies were flown to New York for the funeral service and burial.

Nicole Hurd lost her family, her home and all of her possessions. "She has been given toys, especially dolls, but she misses her books," says Wiegand. "There are so many things she's going to need--such as summer clothes." A fund has been set up at the Goodrich Credit Union to help pay for her education.

The cost for the funeral, the flights and the burial expenses is \$10,000 or more. A Gibbous family memorial fund has been established through the AM South Bank. Donations for either fund should be made to the Skyland Seventh-day Adventist Church. The church's address is 2211 Skyland Blvd., Tuscaloosa, AL 36405.



Harriett Gibbous (left), pictured with her daughter, Dorothy Gibbous, enjoyed hat week at the Caring Days Center where she spent her mornings. Both women lost their lives during the tornado.

Adventist Disaster Response Aids Tornado Victims

Adventist Disaster Response leaders from the South Central and Gulf States conferences worked together to establish a distribution center to aid the victims of the tornadoes that ripped through a five-county area in and near Tuscaloosa, Ala. The center was setup next to the Skyland church and was opened Wednesday, December 20.

A warehouse was opened to receive the many tractor

trailer loads of supplies that were brought in. "We unloaded 20 eighteen wheelers by Wednesday, Dec. 27, and have seven more waiting," said Ray Ellsberry, warehouse manager. Many of the trucks brought building supplies to help approximately 692 families affected by the tornadoes.

Volunteers from churches in both conferences have helped with the relief effort.



BY BECKY GRICE

A Ministry for all the Children

Laughter, smiles, and warm greetings filled the Clanton, Ala., church Sunday, Dec. 17, as the church family and visitors gathered for a Christmas party for the children of the church. The party included a specially prepared lunch by the members, a concert by the children's choir, and gifts for all the children. Each adult Sabbath school member had been given the opportunity to give Christmas gifts to a child from the children's classes.

More than 15 children attended the party along with their parents. Many of the parents were attending the Clanton church for the first time.

Last July, when S.L. Smith was asked to be the children's Sabbath school leader for the Clanton, Ala., church, about four children usually attended. "I knew God had asked me to be the children's leader," says S.L. "Before long God impressed me that I was to be the children's leader for all the children that I knew, not just the ones that were attending church."

About that time, April Abernathy, S.L.'s niece, began attending church again. April had two children and she had a lot of friends with children. She knew that these children needed to come to Sabbath school. Since the children's par-



The children's choir, directed by S.L. Smith, performed, before opening their gifts.

ents knew April and S.L., they felt comfortable trusting their children with them. So every Sabbath, April takes her van and makes the round picking up the children. Between 14 and 16 children attend Sabbath school and church each week.

But S.L. and April's ministry didn't stop after Sabbath school was over. The two women started a children's choir and the children came to practice on Sunday afternoon. To create interest, crafts and other activities were also planned. "I want the children to know that Jesus is their friend," says S.L. Often, one of the children will ask her to pray for their parents, so it was especially thrilling for her to see the parents attending the program with their children.

The week after Christmas, S.L. was



The children enjoyed eating together. Many of their parents attended the church for the first time.

looking for material for choir robes. She wants the children to look nice for the Easter concert she and April are planning.

New Members Keep Attending

BY JACKIE PAYNE/BECKY GRICE

In the past 24 months more than 100 members have been added to the Panama City church by baptism and profession of faith. Most of the new members are still actively participating. These members agree that it was the gospel truth that led them into the church. Other factors have helped keep them.

"Love 'em or lose 'em" is the church family's unofficial motto. Barbara started coming to church when Jackie Payne invited her to a church retreat. "As I look across the church, says Jackie, "I see Bar-

bara flanked on both sides by matriarchs of our church—long-time members who early on took a special interest in my friend. I introduced her to the truth, but Francine, Sarah, and others loved her into staying."

A new member in the church will probably be invited to eat lunch in a different home every Sabbath for several months. You can't stay a "visitor" for long when you get to be on a first name basis with such a large number of members.

Another unofficial "motto" is that a little hard work never hurt anybody. As

new members are added, they are expected to do their part. Whether they are asked to give a brief announcement, lead the call to worship or read from the scripture, the members constantly take turn being front and center.

Whatever their talents, abilities, or interests, people are given the opportunity to serve God in a way that is meaningful to them. The new members know that they are loved and needed...this honors God, benefits the church, and it keeps them coming back.



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North American Division

SOUTH ATLANTIC FEATURE
BY WAYNE DAVIDSON

Bible Bowl XVIII

No sooner had the South Atlantic Conference Bible Bowl coordinator walked on stage at the North Carolina State Federation, the applause began. No doubt word had already reached the audience that their Senior Youth team had captured the North American Division championship. After wishing everyone a "happy Sabbath," his voice could hardly be heard above the applause that had reached a crescendo. "Ladies and gentlemen, allow me to present to you the 2000 NAD Senior Youth Bible Bowl Champions for all of North America. They are right here from Greensboro, North Carolina!"

With that the five-player team from the East Market Street church along with their coach, Connie Phelps, walked onto the stage. On their faces could be seen the smiles of accomplishments, signs of a job well done. This was the first time that a team from North Carolina had represented the conference at the national games. Not only had they represented the conference, they were now the NAD champions.

Similarly was the atmosphere when Antanya Chung, the South Atlantic Conference administrative assistant for Bible Bowl, stood before the Georgia E. S. Portis Youth Federation to present the Junior Youth and Young Adult teams, both from the New Hope church as the first Run-



ners-up in their respective division. Since the inception of three divisions of play, SAC continues to be the only Conference that finishes with a team placement in each division.

The 2000 NAD championship games were played in Texas, at the Dallas Faith Temple church. From across North America and Canada, 30 teams came with the expectancy of laying claim to the coveted title of Bible Bowl Champs. After a rousing song service on Friday evening the games began.

The teams that represented the South Atlantic Conference were not all new to this level of Bible Bowl. However, at the end of Friday's play, all SACs teams had advanced.

Missing from the games were two key individuals, Frankie Lazarus, Ontario Conference youth ministries, and Edwina Mattix, chairperson, National Bible Bowl Coordinators Association. Both were absent because of medical reason and both were missed.

The Sabbath afternoon games started on time despite the challenges associated with the facility. As the afternoon progressed, teams began departing from the pool of those eligible to receive the distinction of champions. Midway through the

afternoon both the Junior team and the Young Adult team from South Atlantic remained behind almost at the same time after playing the teams from South Central and Northeastern, respectively.

The championship-round in the Junior division brought South Central and South Atlantic to the table with South Central taking the championship and South Atlantic the first runner-up. The team from Greater New York was the second runner-up. In the Senior Youth division it was South Atlantic and South Central again. This time South Atlantic captured the championship and South Central was the first runner-up. The team from Ontario, Canada, was the second runner-up.



This was their first placement since entering the games three years ago. They were ecstatic.

In the Young Adult division, the veterans returned. The 1999 champions from Northeastern and the first place runner-up again came together for the moment of truth. In the end, Northeastern retained their championship spot for the second consistent year with South Atlantic again the first runner-up. The team from Allegheny East took the second runner-up spot.

All in all, the games were well attended and at the end of play there was a significant crowd for the award ceremony. The growth in the attendance of these games over the years have clearly demonstrated that they have indeed made a significant contribution to the youth ministries arm of the North American Division.

In the spring of 2001, Indianapolis, Indiana, will host the largest youth gathering of the Seventh-day Adventist Church as young people the world over come together for the United Youth Congress. At this event each conference will select the best of the best for an all-star event. You do not want to miss this event nor the exciting Bible Bowl games that will be one of the highlights of the weekend. See you there.



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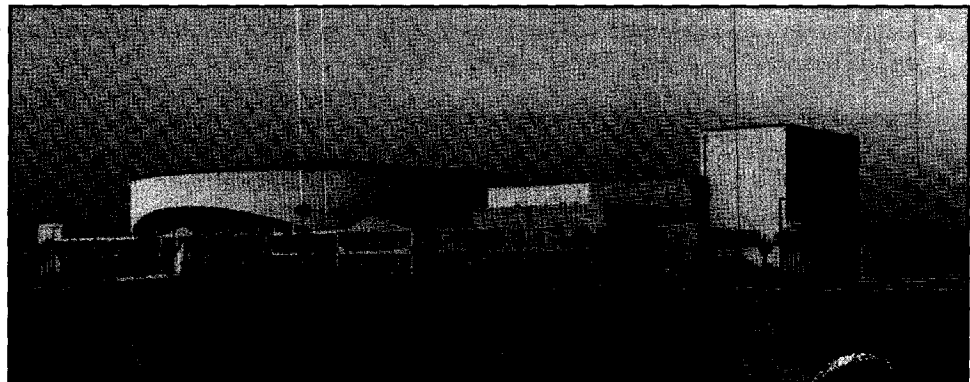
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Mt. Calvary Church Gives Gift of Love

"Hi, my name is Sister Paul, and I am here today to apologize to you for taking so long to visit you and your family." These were the words spoken by each member of the Community Action Outreach Team of the Mt. Calvary church in Huntsville, Ala., during this past summer.

The church began to knock on doors early in July. Each Sabbath at 4:30 p.m. the members gather for a spiritual "pep" rally, consisting of songs, prayers and scripture. Following the warmup charge, the team members take to the streets in the church community.

Each team of two is assigned to visit the same five homes weekly. Prayer is regularly offered with the residents. Once the initial contact is established, the members perform random acts of kindness during the next few weeks. These acts in-



Members of the Mt. Calvary church and friends who helped Leonard and Amanda Lansford celebrate their wedding as a gift of love.



clude services such as lawn cutting, hedge trimming, health treatments, nutrition and lifestyle counseling and literature distribution. The hearts of the community residents are opened in response to the member's prayers and deeds.

Each Sabbath following the weekly visitations, the members gather again at the church for a praise session, in which testimonies of God's miraculous work in the lives of the residents are shared.

On October 21, the church held a Community Friendship Day in which the visitation teams invited their community families to attend a special service in celebration of these new friendships. The theme of the day was, "A Heavenly Home for all God's Children." At the close of the service, certificates were presented to the students who completed the "Family Life or Amazing Facts Bible" studies. A total

Antoine Maycock performs wedding for Leonard and Amanda.

of 29 certificates were distributed.

The crowning feature of this outreach program is the story of a young couple who were visited by the Bible workers, the Jeffries. After diligently completing The Family Life Studies, the couple indicated they were planning to marry, at the courthouse. The couple, Leonard and Amanda Lansford, desired a church wedding. However, they thought it would be expensive, and they were not members. Within the flurry of activities and phone calls, in just a few days, the Mt. Calvary church members made a dream come true. A candlelight wedding was arranged for the next Sabbath evening. Members and friends provided the bridal attire for the bride and groom, while the pastor, Antoine Maycock, officiated the sacred ceremony, as the church family witnessed love in action.

Family of the bride and groom attended and were amazed at the love shown to their children, who were once strangers, yet were now being loved as family. Following the ceremony, a brief reception, complete with wedding cake and gifts was held in the fellowship hall for family and friends of the newlyweds.

A Gift of Love

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND FEATURE
BY JAMIE ARNALL



PHOTOS BY JAMIE ARNALL

Daniel White, from Collegedale, Tenn., takes time out to show his new Romanian friends how to effectively use a puppet.

This is probably the best Christmas I've ever had," said 16-year-old Sarah Bullmer, from Gainesville, Georgia, when describing her experience while on the mission trip to Romania that took place December 20, 2000, through January 2, 2001. Twelve TLT (Teen Leadership Training), Pathfinders and adults spent their 12 days of Christmas on a mission to share a creative approach to street ministry with the church youth in Targoviste, Romania. They taught the youth how to use puppets and balloons to draw peoples' interest towards the church and its saving message.

The youth in Targoviste's Hope church make up more than 50 percent of the church's membership. This large group

of youth spent their Christmas vacation working together with the American team in taking creative ministry to one of the city parks in downtown Targoviste. A memorial resides in this same park paying tribute to the many soldiers who lost their lives in the Romanian revolution 11 years ago. It's their sacrifice that now allows the Romanians and the Americans the opportunity to minister openly in this Romanian city.

"This went well beyond my expectations, because it proved to be very effective and the kids involved were so happy with it," said Cristan Modan, youth director for the Romanian Union. It's this kind of evangelism that he hopes to implement across the Union as a means of attracting souls to the message of Christ. He pointed out that they "can go and train each conference to have a few teams that will do street evangelism. This can prepare people for more detailed programs in the church."

When this small group of missionaries returned home, they discovered that they had experienced more than just helping a group of youth begin a puppet ministry, they had gained a rich blessing themselves.

"This trip has really helped me understand that God is with us no matter where we are or who we are. We are all God's people," said 16-year-old Mandy Brady, from Calhoun, Georgia. This was Mandy's first overseas mission trip and she was quick to say that she wanted their team to bring "new ideas and energy to these people so that they can go and use them to win people to Christ."

John Swafford, children's ministries director for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, summarized their experience with these words, "We saw a people who love Jesus and are serving Him and it inspires us. It's also good to be encouraging others in their service for God."

The American team from the Georgia-Cumberland Conference and the Romanian youth in Targoviste's Hope church worked together during the holiday season on establishing a creative approach to street evangelism there in the country of Romania.





Witnessing to the President

Joe Escobar was 18 years old when he first volunteered to translate in an election polling location on Long Island, N.Y. The bilingual pastor of the Communities West Adventist church in Loxahatchee, Fla., has assisted Spanish and English voters on many election days.

“Being a naturalized U.S. citizen, I’ve always appreciated our country’s election process, despite recent challenges,” he says. “Serving at polling places has also given me many opportunities to meet my neighbors and have them come to know me as the local Seventh-day Adventist pastor.”

So, it was not out of the ordinary that Escobar was involved in Election 2000. “Translating for voters was my plan for assisting in the community,” he says. “I never dreamed I would be asked to drive in a motorcade—

two cars behind then presidential candidate George W. Bush—when he came to Palm Beach County on a campaign swing.

“I knew that Derek Barnes, one of my church members, was planning to drive, as he had been cleared in a previous security check,” says Escobar. “I was simply at the airport because Fran Hancock, a Republican volunteer coordinator, had asked me to be among those to greet Governor Bush after he landed.”

One hour before Bush arrived, it was determined there was a shortage of drivers for the motorcade vehicles. That’s when Barnes volunteered Escobar—who was the only clergy in the group—and vouched that his pastor wouldn’t be the



Joe Escobar and George W. Bush met September 12, 2000, at Palm Beach International Airport in Florida.

cause of any trouble.

“I was totally surprised by the invitation to drive, especially since there wasn’t time for me to go through normal security checks,” says Escobar. “I have to believe that Providence put me in the right place at the right time and, also, that I happened to be the pastor of the right parishoner.”

For parts of two days, Escobar drove the control car which carried officials and Secret Service documents detailing the primary and secondary routes for the motorcade. Barnes drove members of the press in the van assigned to him. His media passengers included Bob Novak, CNN; Carl Cameron, Fox News; and Karen Hughes, Bush campaign spokesperson and now

counselor to the president overseeing the office of the press secretary and communication and speech-writers.

Barnes and Escobar drove in tandem to a \$25,000-per-plate fundraising dinner in a private home, to an early-morning breakfast at a diner, and to Palm Beach International Airport. It was on the airport tarmac that Escobar had the first opportunity to meet the candidate—the next president of the United States.

Before Bush got on the plane to leave, Escobar handed him leather-bound editions of *The Great Controversy* and *The Desire of Ages*. “You’ll find that these books emphasize a value close to your heart—liberty of conscience,” he said. Knowing Bush speaks Spanish, Escobar added in his mother-tongue, “This is a gift from the Seventh-day

Adventist Church, for which I am a pastor.”

Bush responded in Spanish, “Yours is the most important profession.” Then, as the governor took a few steps toward the plane, he turned, looked Escobar in the eye, and requested, “Please pray for me.”

“Yes, sir, I am. And I will,” Escobar responded.

While Escobar watched the next president of the United States board the plane, words from one of the books in Bush’s hands came to the pastor’s mind, “The servants of Christ will be brought before the great men of the world, who, but for this, might never hear the Gospel.”

—*Desire of Ages*, p. 354.



BY MARTIN BUTLER, ELWYN PLATNER

Couple Travels the World for Maranatha

Wayne and Marie Schaffer joined Maranatha Volunteers International in 1979. After going on 50 mission trips, they stopped counting. It is estimated they have been on nearly 100 projects, with most of them outside the United States. Fellow members at the New Port Richey, Fla., church joined them on projects in Honduras and Mexico and funds are now being raised so the group can go on a third trip.

The Schaffers have worked in India five times and twice in Africa. They refer to Mwami Adventist Hospital in Zambia as "our special place where the people are so wonderful." One of the Africa trips took them to a leper colony. "I made chocolate chip cookies for the patients," says Marie, "and it touched us to realize they had never tasted one before. Such a simple thing was like a Christmas present to them."

The same trip took them to a church where many of the members came in their bare feet. Touched by this sight, the Schaffers and other Maranatha volunteers gave their shoes away. When their mission

project came to an end, the group left with empty suitcases. Except for what they wore on the airplane, they had given away all their clothes and shoes.

The Schaffers joined Maranatha when Wayne owned a contracting business in Kalamazoo, Mich. He specialized in building nursing homes—Marie in decorating them. Their first Maranatha mission adventure took them to the Azore Islands after Wayne retired at age 55.

"We were too young to bring out the rocking chairs," Wayne says, "so we went on the road with Maranatha. God had been so good to us, we wanted to do something for Him."

"Now that we're old enough to pull out the rockers, we're having too much fun working to do that," Marie adds.

Each year, the Schaffers join Maranatha volunteers at their annual convention. Wayne is a member of the Board of Directors and represents 1,200 Floridians who belong to the organization.



Wayne Schaffer helps construct a church in Concepcion, Panama. A large school was simultaneously built across the street. Marie Schaffer washes clothes between preparing meals in Reynosa, Mexico, where two churches were built in two weeks.

PHOTOS: BETTY GRABILL

This past summer, 300 volunteers met at Rio Lindo Academy in Healdsburg, Calif. The Schaffers and 100 other members arrived two weeks before the convention to paint, remodel, and re-roof academy buildings and faculty homes.

The Schaffers are humbled whenever they hear mission reports of Maranatha's impact on church growth around the world. "We are ordinary people having a small part in doing something extraordinary because God is in it," says Marie.

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Juan Rodriguez	Fla. Conference Youth Dept. associate director	Jacksonville Mandarin associate
Kwi Row	Greater New York Conf.	Orlando Korean/Miami Korean
Marcello Sigue	Potomac Conference	Filipino-American
Joe Straub	Perry/Crawfordville	Michigan Conference
Idalberto Torres	Hollywood Spanish	Hollywood Spanish/Margate Spanish

* churches merged to become Hialeah Springs Spanish



SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY...

IT'S STILL A MISSIONARY COLLEGE

When Ken Rogers became the chaplain at Southern the student missions program was good. Over the past ten years the program has tripled in size and is one of the strongest student missions programs in the Adventist educational system. However, Rogers is the first to admit that it's not because of the work he's done, it's because of the efforts of students and the power of God.

"We're seeing a renewed interest in service among young people," Rogers said. "They're the ones that make this program work, our purpose is to accommodate them."

This year Southern Adventist University has 93 students filling task force and overseas missionary positions in 36 different countries around the world. From Australia to Albania, Uganda to the Ukraine, students serve as teachers, pastors, literature evangelists, chaplains, and a host of other positions.

Each October the chaplain's office sponsors Missions Weekend. By arranging for exciting speakers and presenting positive programs led by returned student missionaries, general interest in student missions grows. "Our best recruiters are the students who return from the mission field ready to share their experiences with others," Rogers said. "They're the ones that sell the others on the idea."

One Missionary's Story

David Wright, a sophomore religion major, answered the call to the mission

field last year serving at the Seventh-day Adventist school in the Micronesian island of Pohnpei.

As a high school teacher, Wright was responsible for teaching seven different classes, each with its own unique set of challenges. He was also active in church each week taking part in the pro-

gram as often as possible. He participated in school picnics, church outings, and even prison ministry.

But Wright's biggest burden wasn't found in teaching the students academics, it was in teaching them through actions. "It's scary when you realize you're always being watched," Wright said.



Missionary teacher David Wright and student Michael Benjamin celebrate his graduation from high school. Wright and Benjamin are roommates this year at Southern Adventist University.



Collegiate Missions director Marius Asaftei corresponds with one of Southern's student missionaries serving overseas.

"Everywhere you go the kids are watching what you do and how you act. Some kids truly look up to you and let you know how you influence them. Others don't say anything, they just watch."

Wright recalls a young girl named Ginger, who was quite reserved and shy. "The entire time I was there I thought she didn't like me," Wright said. But when he had completed his service and it came time for him to return home, Ginger hugged him good-bye at the airport with tears streaming down her face because she didn't want him to leave. She presented him with a scarf to remember her by, and since then she has written him several letters."

Wright was surprised by what happened at the airport. "Several times while I was in Pohnpei, I found myself wondering if I was really making a difference, or just wasting my time," Wright said. "But it was moments like the one at the airport that made me realize that I was actually making a difference in the lives of the children."

The primary lesson Wright learned in Pohnpei was simple. "God doesn't need perfect missionaries with a medi-

cal degree, a teaching degree, a contractor's license, or someone who can speak multiple languages," Wright says. "All He needs is a willing heart that will say 'yes, I will do what You want me to do, I will go where You want me to go.'"

Even with all the adjustments he has had to make since returning home, Wright says he feels his year of service was definitely worth it. "I became close friends with many of the students outside the classroom," Wright said. One such student is Michael Benjamin, a high school senior who is now a freshman at Southern. As a missionary Wright was instrumental in Benjamin's interest in attending Southern.

"David and I started hanging out and we quickly became friends," Benjamin said.

Training for Service

Before a student heads to the mission field, he/she is required to take a nine-week student missions course that is designed to prepare them for service. But even in nine weeks, it is impossible to prepare the students for every chal-

lenge they may face.

"Many are put in positions of big leadership. They're running schools, coordinating programs, keeping budgets, dealing with personnel issues and more," Rogers said. "But while they're out on their own they realize that they have to have God's help."

Serving the Missionaries

While the student missionaries are in the field, Collegiate Missions director Marius Asaftei and student missions coordinator Sherrie Norton work to keep in contact with the missionaries.

Every two weeks care packages are sent to each student no matter where they are. Included in the packages are school newspapers, newsletters, vespers and sermon tapes, and notes of encouragement from friends back home.

"Care packages are important because they not only help the student missionaries get a sense of what's going on at Southern, but it lets them know that we're supporting what they're doing," Asaftei said.

And when the students return to Southern, the university supports them by awarding them academic scholarships.

Student Missions Success

The success of Southern's Student Missions program is a result of the support of many people throughout the years, and the working of Christ in the hearts of students at Southern. "In 10 years I haven't had to recruit a single student missionary," said Rogers. And even more impressive is the fact that in that same period of time only five student missionaries have returned home before completing their service.

At Southern Adventist University there is rich heritage in student missions. And if the past is any indication of the future, the future of student missions is looking even brighter.

To learn more about Southern's Student Missions program contact the Student Missions office at (423) 238-2787.



Carolina

- Romance at the Ranch**—Feb. 9-11. Nosoca.
- Adventure Staff Retreat**—Feb. 16, 18.
- Pathfinder Staff Training Campout**—Feb. 23-25.
- MPA Ski and Winter Festival**—March 1-8.
- Pathfinder Work Bee**—March 16-18. Nosoca.
- Hispanic Layman Retreat**—March 23-25.
- Carolina Prayer Retreat**—March 23-25. Nosoca.
- MPA Academy Days**—March 25-26.
- Men's Retreat**—March 30-April 1. Nosoca.

Florida

- Evangelistic Series**—March 24-April 28. Miami/South Florida area-wide meetings. Presented in English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, and Romanian. Details: (407) 644-5000 x149.
- Spanish-Language Women's Ministries Retreat**—March 2-4. Camp Kulaqua. Details: (407) 644-5000 x188.
- Varsity Pathfinder/Staff Xtreme Teen Adventure**—**Bikepacking**—Feb. 24. Withlacoochee Croom Forest near Brooksville. Details: (407) 644-5000 x127.
- Varsity Pathfinder Canoe Trip**—March 1-4. Travel from Camp Kulaqua in High Springs to the Gulf of Mexico. Details: (407) 644-5000 x127.
- Pathfinder/Varsity Pathfinder Bible Bowl Runoffs**—Details: (407) 644-5000 x127.
- North Florida Camp Meeting**—March 9-11. Camp Kulaqua. Speakers: Charles Bradford. Details: (904) 454-1351.
- Retired Workers' Retreat**—March 9-11. Pine Lake Retreat Center. Details: (407) 331-8249.
- Fifth Annual West Coast Convocations**—March 16. Tampa First church. Speaker: José Rojas.
- March 17. Mahaffey Theatre at Bayfront Center, St. Petersburg. Speakers: Charles Bradford and José Rojas.
- Men's Ministries Conventions**—March 16-18. Camp Kulaqua. Details: (407) 644-5000 x135.
- March 23-25. Camp Kulaqua. Details: (407) 644-5000 x135.
- Varsity Pathfinder Camporee**—April 6-8. Forest Lake Academy. Details: (407) 644-5000 x127.
- Children's Ministries Vacation Bible School Workshops**—Camp Kulaqua. April 13-15. English. Details: Myrna Wright, (407) 644-5000 x191.
- April 20-22. Spanish. Details: Rebeca de los Rios, (407) 644-5000 x138.
- 107th Annual Florida Conference Camp Meeting**—May 25-June 2. Forest Lake Academy. Speakers: Mark Finley, Rudi Maier, Jack Blanco, John Nixon, Carla Gober, and George Brown.
- Spanish-Language Camp Meeting**—June 6-10. Forest Lake Academy. Speakers: Daniel Belvedere, Sabbath school and personal ministries director, Euro-Africa Division.

Georgia-Cumberland

- Prayer Conference**—Feb. 16-18. Cohutta Springs.
- SGA Convocation**—Feb. 24. Albany.
- SWGA Hispanic Convocation**—Feb. 24. Albany.
- Church Ministries Leadership Training**—Feb. 24. Albany.
- Executive Committee**—March 19. Calhoun.
- Atlanta Area Treasurers'/ Clerks' Meeting**—March 25. Atlanta North Church.
- Elementary Instrument Festival**—March 28. Georgia-Cumberland Academy.
- Cumberland Convocation**—March 31. Crossville.
- Church Ministries Leadership Training**—March 31. Crossville.
- Atlanta Adventist Academy Alumni**—March 31. Atlanta Adventist Academy.
- Women's Ministries Retreats**—March 16-18. Cohutta Springs.

- March 20-22. Cohutta Springs.
- March 23-25. Cohutta Springs.
- March 30 - April 1. Hispanic. Cohutta Springs.

Treasurers'/Clerks' Meeting

- Feb. 25. Albany. SGA.
- March 11. Chattanooga. TN/NGA.
- March. 18. Greeneville. NETN.

Gulf States

- Centennial Committee**—Feb. 13. Conference Office.
- Camp Meeting Committee**—Feb. 13. Conference Office.
- Pathfinder, Adventurer and Youth Leaders' Retreat**—Feb. 23-25. Camp Alamisco.
- Youth Led Evangelistic Series**—Feb. 26-March 3. Panama City, Fla.
- Women's Ministries Coordinators Retreat**—Feb. 9-11. Camp Alamisco.

Kentucky-Tennessee

- Conference Association Board**—March 20.
- May 10.
- Conference Executive Committee**—March 20.
- May 10.
- Kentucky-Tennessee Finance Committee**—Feb. 22.
- K-12 Board**—Feb. 13.
- Eastern Kentucky Camp Meeting**—March 2-3. Speaker: Joel Tompkins.
- Memphis Festival of Faith**—March 10. Speaker: Philip Samaan.
- ABC/Publishing Committee**—March 12.

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Academy Boards

- March 22. Highland.
- March 22. Madison.
- April 12. Highland.
- April 12. Madison.
- May 24. Highland.
- May 24. Madison.

Prayer Conference—April 6-8. Indian Creek Camp. Speaker: Randy Maxwell.

Finance Committee—March 22. Madison. April 12. Madison. May 24. Madison.

Local Church Elders' Retreat—April 20-22. Indian Creek Camp. Speaker: Don Schneider.

Business and Professionals Foundation Retreat—April 27-29. Indian Creek Camp.

Hispanic Camp Meeting—June 15-17. Highland Academy.

Southern Adventist University

- Black History Week**—Feb. 5-10.
- Student Association Valentine's Banquet**—Feb. 11.
- Student Association Election Speeches**—Feb. 15.
- Parents Weekend**—Feb. 16-18.
- Pops Concert**—Feb. 18.
- Student Week of Spiritual Emphasis**—Feb. 19-24.
- Boston Camerata Concert**—Feb. 25.
- Spring Break**—March 2-10.

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Atlanta, GA	6:12	6:19	6:25	6:31	6:38	6:43
Charleston, SC	5:56	6:02	6:08	6:14	6:21	6:26
Charlotte, NC	5:55	6:02	6:09	6:16	6:23	6:29
Collegedale, TN	6:12	6:19	6:26	6:33	6:40	6:46
Huntsville, AL	5:19	5:26	5:33	5:39	5:46	5:52
Jackson, MS	5:37	5:44	5:50	5:56	6:02	6:07
Louisville, KY	6:10	6:18	6:25	6:33	6:41	6:48
Memphis, TN	5:32	5:39	5:46	5:52	5:59	6:05
Miami, FL	6:07	6:12	6:16	6:21	6:25	6:29
Montgomery, AL	5:22	5:28	5:34	5:40	5:46	5:51
Nashville, TN	5:17	5:25	5:32	5:39	5:46	5:52
Orlando, FL	6:08	6:13	6:18	6:23	6:28	6:33
Wilmington, NC	5:45	5:52	5:59	6:05	6:12	6:17



BY GIANNA NORMAN

Aspiring Veterinarians

Annie Burrus and Andrei Spears are both aspiring veterinarians whose passion is working with animals. First-year animal science majors at Andrews University (AU) in Berrien Springs, Mich., they have both realized the benefits of explor-

Tenn., where her family raises miniature horses, it's not surprising that she grew up having a love for animals, especially horses.

She chose to attend Andrews because it is the only Adventist university in the U.S. with an animal science program. "A major in animal science will show the veterinary college admissions committees that I am serious about veterinary medicine," says Annie. One of the main aspects that she enjoys is "the program is so specialized; the classes really give me better experience to prepare me to enter the veterinarian field."

Andrei Spears, from Ashland, Ky., is also excited about fulfilling her lifelong dream to become a veterinarian. "I've always wanted to work with exotic animals," says Annie,

whose goal is to someday do research in natural habitats on these fascinating creatures

Working part time at the Andrews dairy, she values the hands-on experience

with the animals. "I don't want to work with cows the rest of my life, but I've got to start somewhere," she adds.

The professors at Andrews University esteem students who have their hearts set on pursuing such an important vocation. "It is a pleasure to have these students in my classes," says Kathy Koudele-Joslin, Ph.D., the animal science advisor. "They are so interested in the subjects and eager to learn."

For more information on this exciting career, call (800) 287-8502.

Gianna Norman, photographic imaging/journalism major from Nashville, Tenn.



Pictured are students from the agriculture department at Andrews University, Andrei Spears (left), and Annie Burrus.

ing all the opportunities available when working with animals. Annie Burrus, who attends the Collegedale, Tenn., church is excited about studying to become a veterinarian. Raised on a farm in Cleveland,

Southern Union News

Oakwood College's WOCG-FM radio station exceeded its annual November 36-hour Shara-thon \$65,000 fundraising goal by \$2,944, totaling \$67,944 in payments and pledges, reported station general manager Victoria Miller.

One Hundred Years of Graceful Living

BY ISABELLE FRANKLIN

Grace Burchard Quinn celebrated her 100th birthday on February 28, 2000, at the Florida Hospital church in Orlando. Her parents, along with eight other members of the Burchard family, joined the Adventist Church in 1892 during evangelistic meetings.



Grace Burchard Quinn

Born near Graysville, Tenn., she was the 10th of 13 children born to Will and Annie Burchard. Quinn attended Washington Missionary College and Southern Junior College; then taught church school in Knoxville, Tenn.

She celebrated 63 years of marriage to Gilbert Quinn before he died in 1985. Five of these years were spent in Michigan where she worked for the Battle Creek Sanitarium. She assisted at the bedside of John Harvey Kellogg in his home during the illness which took his life on

December 14, 1943.

Quinn spends part of each year in Orlando with her daughter Isabelle Franklin and part at her home in Harriman, Tenn., where she is the only living charter member of the Harriman Adventist church. Patsy Corder, her other daughter, resides in Martinez, Calif.

Family members attribute Quinn's lengthy life to hard work, a healthful diet, and a one-to-two-mile walk which she's tried to take daily, rain or shine, during the past 30 years.

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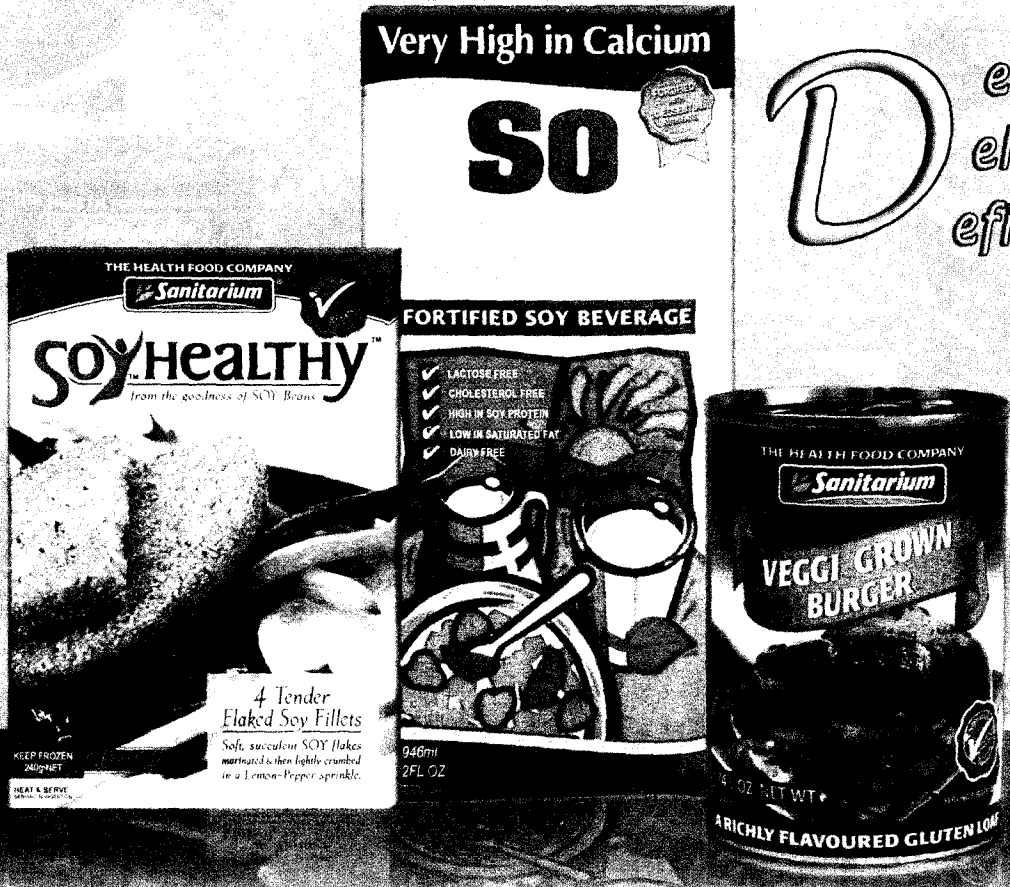
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