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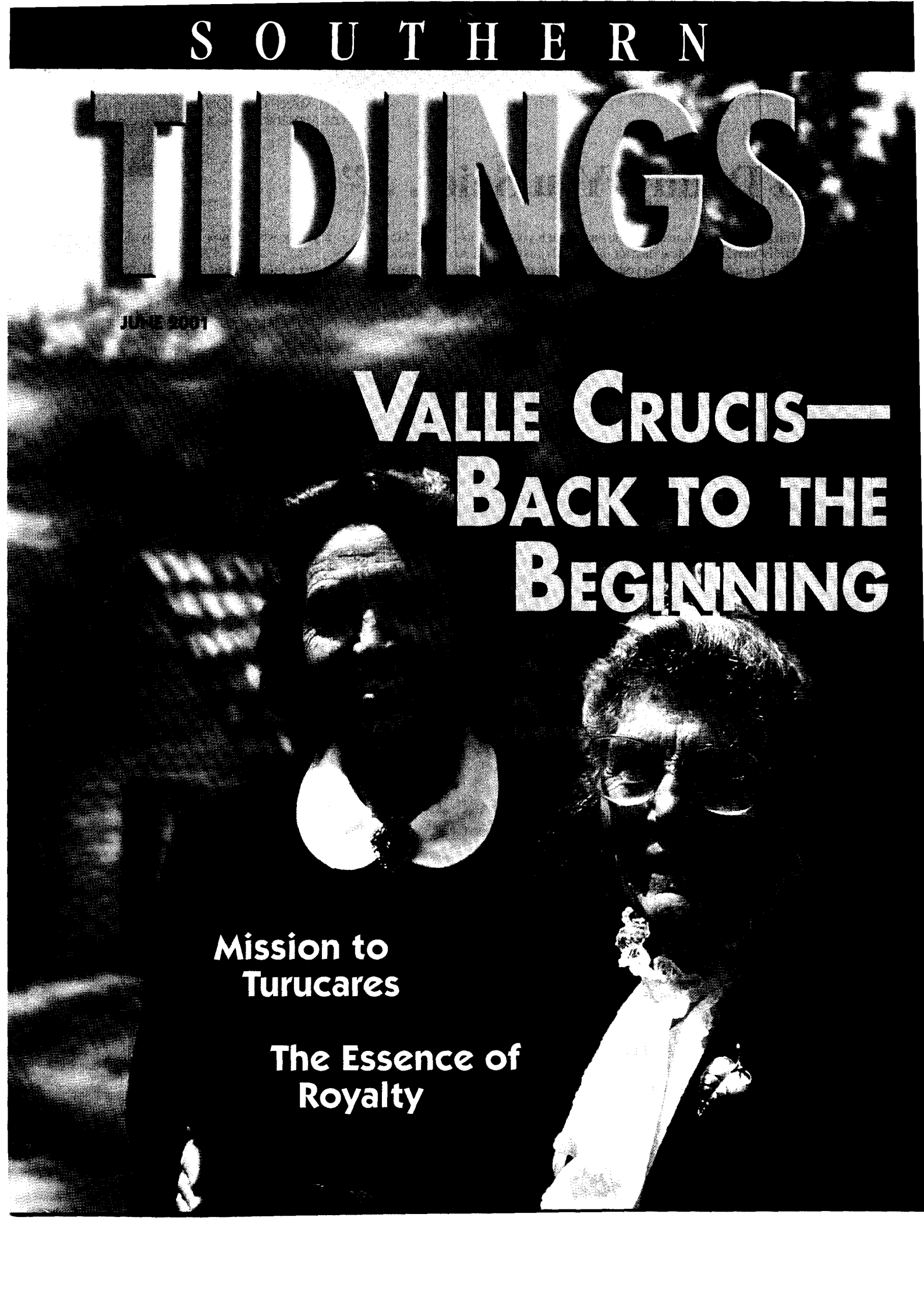
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VALLE CRUCIS— BACK TO THE BEGINNING

Mission to
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The Essence of
Royalty





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“But Daddy, You Said . . .”

It was with great anticipation and enthusiasm that a young minister and his family moved to a new district, in fact his first church as senior pastor. As you can imagine, the young pastor was most anxious to be a success, especially in this particular church. It so happened two of the previous young ministers had not fared very well. The head elder, it seems, had not taken kindly to some of their new and progressive ideas, subsequently their tenure was short lived.

It was in this setting that Charles and Natalie Craig and family arrived on the scene. Now Charles had been appraised of the challenge and quickly set about to remedy this situation. He and Natalie decided to invite the head elder and his wife for a Sabbath meal and fellowship with their family. Perhaps their hospitality would help to warm the elder's heart and soul as well.

Some time during the previous week, young Pastor Craig shared with his little daughter, five-year-old Stephanie, of their Sabbath plans. The whole family would be working together to make this a really special Sabbath. As Mother Natalie busied herself in the kitchen putting the last finishing touches on this memorable meal, Stephanie was mother's little helper, and she went about setting the dining room table with their best china, silver and glassware.

Soon it was time for everyone to gather around the food-laden table while new Pastor Craig rendered an earnest and heartfelt blessing ending with a fervent "Amen." Upon opening her eyes, Mother Natalie noticed that Brother Head Elder had only a dinner plate and that all the silverware was missing. Mother Natalie, puzzled, turned to little Stephanie and asked, "Why didn't you give Brother Head Elder silverware?"

Stephanie innocently replied, "Well Mommy, Daddy said Brother Head Elder ate like a horse."

Stephanie is a young woman now and really doesn't remember the incident.

Stephanie was just a little girl and was simply repeating what she had heard the previous week. But what about us? James 1:26 clearly states, "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridled not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain."

Words are so powerful. Our words can erect fences and walls that divide or they can help build beautiful bridges that bless. Someone has suggested that, "As you go through life you are going to have many opportunities to keep your mouth shut." It goes on to say, "Take advantage of them all." You see, it takes a person but two years to learn how to talk and the rest of his life to learn when not to. Thankfully, the following little poem by Don Campbell gives us a chance to talk about someone even behind his back.

Talk

Remember, as you talk about others whether they are old or young, don't let words to judge them slip off your tongue. They could have problems which need someone to care, or who will offer them an encouraging word, remember them in prayer. If you talk about anyone, say as much as you please; then so long as you're only discussing it with God, while bowing on your knees!

Let us never *prey* on one another but may we *pray* for one another on our knees. Always be careful of your tongue. Remember, it's in a wet place and can easily slip.

By the way, young Pastor Craig was able to mend his fences thanks to the head elder's forgiving spirit. Pastor Craig successfully pastored that church well for several more years.

P.S. All names have been changed.

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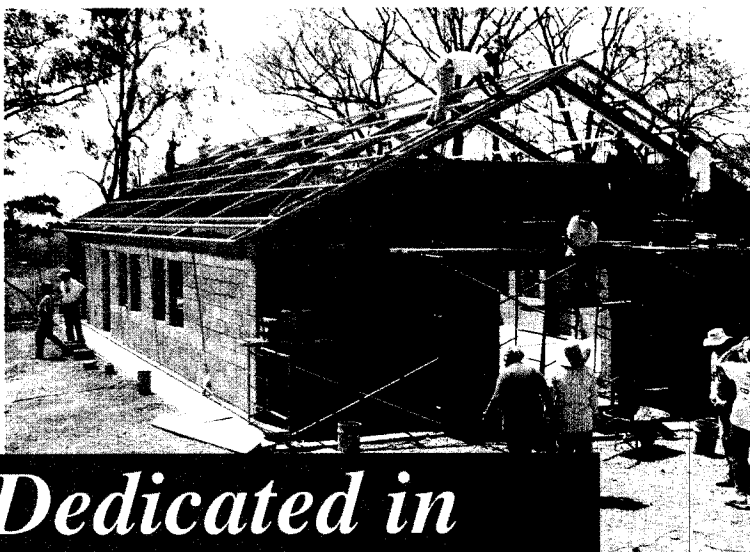
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Cover: Descendants of Valle Crucis charter members: Wanda Hodges (left), great-granddaughter of Larkin Townsend, and Ruby Clark Denyen, the granddaughter of Harrison and Ellen Clark, stand on the banks of Dutch Creek as they share stories and memories of their ancestors. The dress Hodges is wearing is believed to have been worn by her great-grandmother more than 100 years ago.

Saturday, February 10, was an exciting day for all of those attending the special dedication service of the newly constructed Adventist church in Turucares, Costa Rica. For the McDonald Road church members and the other Maranatha volunteers it was the thrill of seeing a mission accomplished.

Sometime ago, a dedicated Adventist family moved its business to the small village of Turucares and started visiting the people, distributing literature, and organizing Bible studies. Soon, approximately



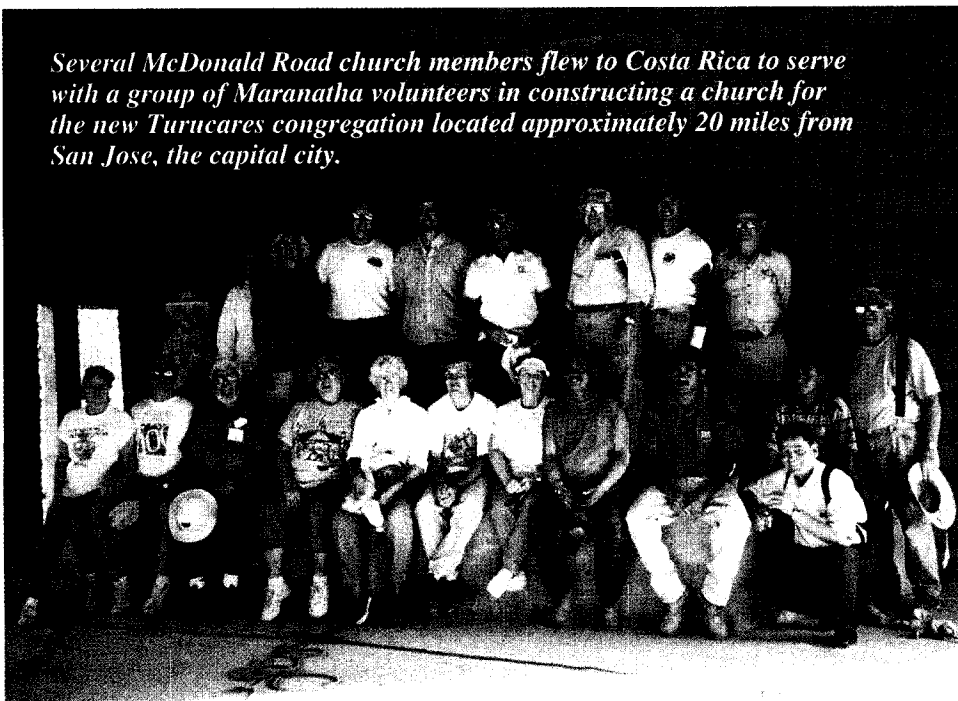
A New Church Dedicated in

60 individuals began meeting regularly for Sabbath services under a temporarily erected tin roof held up by poles.

Under the co-sponsorship of the McDonald Road church and Maranatha Volunteers International, 22 individuals, 14 of whom are McDonald Road members, flew to Costa Rica to construct a church for the new Turucares congregation located approximately 20 miles from San Jose, the capital city. Maranatha had previously prepared the concrete slab and steel framework and our par-



Several McDonald Road church members flew to Costa Rica to serve with a group of Maranatha volunteers in constructing a church for the new Turucares congregation located approximately 20 miles from San Jose, the capital city.



ticipants laid the blocks, installed electrical wiring, the roof, doors, and window fixtures.

Maranatha plans to build 26 churches and eight educational/evangelistic centers through August 2001 to aid in the growth of the work in the Costa Rica Mission.

On the final Wednesday evening, a parting devotional service was held for the project participants. The current Turucares pastor, who is a senior ministerial student, and several young people who had assisted in the vacation Bible school which part of our team conducted during the construction project, came to express appreciation for what had been accomplished. Teary eyes accompanied the words of appreciation and good-byes that were expressed. It's wonderful how such dear friendships can be formed with people you have known for only two weeks.



Young Musicians Combine Talents

On Tuesday, March 20, students attending Adventist Christian Academy in Charlotte, N.C., heard music as they walked the halls, sat in classes, ate their lunches, and went about their day. The music wasn't coming from a radio, but rather from the school gymnasium, where students had come together from the Salisbury, Eddlemon, Columbia, and Charlotte schools to participate, for the first time, in a special band workshop coordinated by the band leaders of each school.

The young people were excited to be able to work together, as well as learn from each other and their instructors. The highlight of the day was when all the students from the academy came downstairs to the gymnasium to attend a concert performed by the combined bands.

"It was a truly wonderful experience," says Chester Caswell, Adventist Christian Academy principal. "These are exceptionally talented kids who are willing to share their gifts with God. We feel it is important to support and encourage them in any way we can."



Seniors Hollie Eirich and Jaelyn Ford spend time with academy days guests, Stephanie Ford and Bailliee Ontko.

A Picture of Life as an Academy Student

BY BETH ANDERSON

Visitors were welcomed to Academy Days at Mount Pisgah Academy with banners, balloons, and smiling faces on Sunday afternoon, March 25. Approximately 113 prospective students with parents and sponsors were treated to a picture of life as a Pisgah student.

The weekend began on a spiritual note. At the academy church, the students were welcomed and the pastoral staff was introduced before everyone was treated to several special performances.

"City on a Hill" Praise Band led out in song service and "His Hands" Creative Ministries performed a choreographed mime routine. Then the academy chorale performed two pieces from the inspirational "Saviour" oratorio. Chaplain Mark Witas led in a worship service themed around Zachariah 8:13, "Fear Not 365 but let your hands be strong."

This theme represents Mount Pisgah Academy's dedication to mission service. In addition to the Monday community service days that each class participates in, every student will be involved in a mission trip next year. Some will go overseas, while others will travel to different parts of the United States to provide service to those in need and to spread the

gospel of Jesus Christ. This year the Academy and the Carolina Conference traveled to Kenya, Africa, to build a church. The visiting students were able to view the video of that trip and get a taste of the incredible excitement of doing mission work.

On Monday morning, "Present Truth" Drama gave an inspiring performance for worship in the auditorium. The junior class then escorted the visiting students on a tour of the various departments on campus, where they had a chance to meet teachers and staff.

The weekend festivities ended with a special surprise showing of "Remembrances," an audio-visual presentation with pictures from the weekend. Every visitor left with an information packet, a t-shirt, and a better understanding of what being a student at Pisgah Academy is all about.

If you would like information about Mount Pisgah Academy or would like one of the campus organizations to perform at your church or school, please contact Louie Parra at (828) 667-2535, ext. 220, or e-mail him at lparra@mpa.candler.nc.us. Also, check out the Mount Pisgah Academy website at www.mpa.candler.nc.us.



Knights and Ladies of the Lord's Army

"We will shout for joy when we are victorious," were the words they sang as 568 Adventurers, staff, and families marched in and stood before the castle erected in the Nosoca Pines Ranch gymnasium. They were dressed in Renaissance fashion, young knights with full armor, and young princesses in colorful flowing gowns. It's **Adventure Fun Day** in the Carolina Conference and the new millennium witnessed the largest participation in its 10-year history.

Following a Renaissance theme, Adventurers, ages 5-9, learned about life and training for knighthood in the Middle Ages. After receiving a challenge from the King's First Knight, Sir Stancelot (Adventurer director, Stanley Knight) to *put on*

the whole armor of God as they fight in the spiritual war between Christ and Satan, the Adventurers rotated through five training areas. The **Era of Enlightenment** featured a walk through the dark ages tunnel opening into craft area where each one constructed potpourri boxes and colored in large window coverings for the windows in the castle. The **Bastion of Bravery** challenged Adventurers with an inflatable obstacle course called the Iron Man, followed by a balloon launch crafted to simulate a medieval catapult. **Squire Skills**, such as jousting, shooting a cross bow, and an armor

relay, was a favorite rotation area. In **Pages' Park**, participants milked a cow, encountered a balance beam trial and a servant's relay. The final rotation exposed Adventurers to acrobatic skills demonstrated by the Mt. Pisgah Academy Gymnastic Team in the **Acrobats' Arena**.

At the closing assembly, Adventurers pledged an oath of loyalty to King Jesus, and were declared to be knights of the first order and challenged to always put on the whole armor of God.

Adventure Fun Day for 2002 is April 7.



Carolina Conference Hosts Training Workshop

The Carolina Conference office in Charlotte recently hosted a joint community services federation and prison ministries workshop. Pictured are: Charlene Moore (left), Spartanburg community services director; Jeni Crane, North American ADRA clothing director; William Bryan, head elder, Asheville Foster Memorial church; Carolyn Bryan, community services director, Asheville Foster Memorial church; Frank Barton, Florida prison ministries director; and Maxine Barton, Florida prison ministries director.

VALLE CRUCIS— BACK TO THE BEGINNING

It stands no more—washed away from the scenes of our minds by a violent storm. It's like an ocean tide erasing a memorable sand castle in one clean swipe. Though pictures, experiences, and miracles exist in the minds of the descendants; the day is coming when it could be all forgotten—Valle Crucis, believed to be the first Seventh-day Adventist church in the South.

Last month, descendants, Church leaders, and members gathered at Dutch Creek in North Carolina's Blue Ridge mountains to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Valle Crucis church, a significant milestone for the Southern Union, as it approaches its centennial celebration September 14th and 15th. There was praying, music, history sharing, fellowship, and a "100 Years of Blessings" shared by Malcolm Gordon, president of the Southern Union, under a beaming sun on a site near Valle Crucis, named after the streams and river which form a cross in the valley.

In the 1870s through the 1890s the South was deeply involved in Reconstruction. In the rest of the United States, they were building a Transcontinental Railroad, discovering oil, constructing cities, and moving westward. But in the South, the dev-

astation and bitterness of the war slowed everything to a crawl, including the growth of the Church.

In 1870 not only was Ellen White thinking about the South, so were several others. Two ladies in the North collected several boxes of literature and sent it to post offices in care of General

Delivery in the mountains of Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. While nothing came from most of these deliveries, one box landed in Watauga County in the hands of a Methodist preacher named Samuel H. Kime.

Seeing that they were religious books but not reading them himself, he passed them out to the people of the surrounding mountains. William Norwood, Thomas Larkin Townsend, William Monroe Baird, William Jestes, Columbus Fox, and Harrison Clark, all received these books and studied them.

Jestes went to Norwood's house and found

him working on Sunday. Their conversation was about how they had both kept their first Sabbath the day before. He proceeded to Monroe Baird's house and found that he had done the same thing. So they went to Pastor Kime to find out about the Sabbath. Pastor Kime said it was not necessary to keep the Sabbath and he would study it out and tell them about it. When they



Malcolm Gordon shares his "100 Years of Blessings" during the Southern Union Valle Crucis celebration.



A wide-angle view of the Pano Dutch Creek area.

returned, he said he had studied it out very thoroughly and had discovered that they should keep the Sabbath. He said he would resign from the Methodist church and join them in their Sabbath keeping.

From these beginnings, a company began to meet in Valle Crucis on Dutch Creek. These believers were spread out over the surrounding mountains from Banner Elk to Boone. Out of convenience they would meet in small groups in various homes on Sabbath. As these groups began to meet more often together, they eventually formed a true church group in 1878. In order to bring all the believers of the mountains together, L. P. Hodges, who was ordained in 1880, organized the Bethel church in Valle Crucis in 1881 with 11 charter members at the home of Thomas Larkin Townsend. Immediately they began to plan for a church building. Larkin donated the land for the church on Dutch Creek and the members from Banner Elk walked 10 miles over Hang Up Mountain several times a week to help build it.

The church, 64 x 14 feet, was framed with wood hewn by hand from the nearby forest. It was mortised and tenoned by hand, and put together with wooden pegs. According to Jake Norwood, the son of pioneer William Norwood, "no nails were

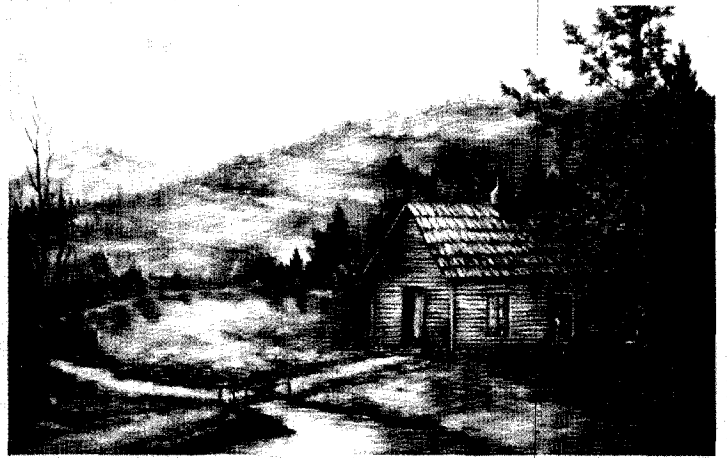


The Clark family following a typical church service.

used in the construction of the church. They hand-planed and hand-grooved boards for the floor and ceiling. The shake shingle roof, according to Jake, in spite of 50 years of winter snow and heavy rains, never leaked."

The Valle Crucis church, completed and dedicated in 1882, was the first Seventh-day Adventist Church below the Mason-Dixon Line. From these early beginnings many churches sprang up in the western Carolina mountains. In addition to Valle Crucis and Cove Creek, companies and churches were organized in Hildebran in 1890, in Asheville in 1894, in Greensboro in 1895, in Raleigh in 1897, and in Durham in 1898. Many of these were the result of correspondence evangelism by D. T. Shireman. He would do house-to-house work and send the names of those who were interested in the message to Seventh-day Adventists in the North. The Adventists in the North would correspond with them and send them literature.

The turn of the century was a time of optimism and grand ideas. From the beaches of Kitty Hawk to the large steamship lines of London and New York, no project was too large to attempt or too difficult to conquer. But the winds of change were



The Valle Crucis church on Dutch Creek, formerly called the Bethel church, is believed to be the first Adventist church building in the southern United States.

also blowing. Across Europe the multitudes of downtrodden people and the entangled politics of intrigue were inevitably moving toward armed conflict. In Russia these same forces were ripening into revolution.

In the Carolinas as well as at General Conference headquarters, the Seventh-day Adventist Church was also changing and maturing. In the spring of 1901, District #2 became the Southern Union Conference. On the first of September of that same year, North and South Carolina missions were combined and organized as the new Carolina Conference. J. O. Johnston was the newly elected president. There were three ministers, four licentiates (all in North Carolina), 10 churches, seven companies, and total membership of 300, 100 of whom were present at the camp meeting in Hickory where the organization took place.

Within two years this union was dissolved as South Carolina was made a separate mission field with E. W. Webster from Spartanburg as director over the two churches and 76 members.

North Carolina continued on alone as a separate conference, publishing the *North Carolina Messenger* in order to keep the believers informed regarding the progress of the work. This was discontinued when a larger work, the *Report of Progress* appeared in 1907 from the offices of the Southern Union. The *Report of Progress* eventually became the *Southern Tidings*.

Additional contributions from Ruby Clark Demyen, Herman Davis, and Wanda Hodges.



Students and teachers of the Valle Crucis church school.



Retired Workers Retreat

Retired denominational employees, living in the Florida Conference, meet annually at Pine Lake Retreat in Groveland for the retired workers retreat. This spring, March 9-11, 220 attended.

There were conference and union presidents, General Conference officers and treasurers, office secretaries, and teachers. They went to academy together decades ago or served the Church together

in Brazil, Africa, the Far Eastern Division or elsewhere around the globe.

“When you see people 30-40 years later at meetings like this, you find out what responsible jobs they have had,” said Marilyn Aldridge last year. “We used to be mischievous back then, and now you see how the Lord has used everybody’s lives in a very special way.

“When we allow God to take over our lives, He does a tremendous job for us. Sometimes we don’t appreciate it or realize it until we start getting into our senior years when we can reflect and see how we used to be and how He has led us.” Aldridge and Rus, her husband, served in Palau, Micronesia; Taipei, Taiwan; New England, and Florida Conference.



Participants included William Johnsson, editor, Adventist Review; George Walper, organist; and special music by Art Garrison, Gwen Howard, Lorraine Bullis, and Lane Schmidt.

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Healed to Serve Doctors Puzzled by Rapid Recovery

BY NORMA HENRY AND R. LYNN SAULS

The Silver Springs Shores congregation was concerned for member William Jones when he nearly died from renal failure over a year ago. Not any more.

Ever since what they believe was a miraculous healing, Jones’ time has been filled with service for God, the Church, and his neighbors. He shares his faith every day and every way he can.

In December, 1998, when Jones became very weak, he thought he had the flu. His doctor felt his condition was more serious and sent him to Monroe Regional Medical Center in Ocala for tests. Kidney specialist, Suresh Lakshminarayanan, M.D., (known simply as Dr. Suresh), diagnosed his condition as renal failure.

Two options—kidney transplant or long term dialysis. Jones chose dialysis.

After discharge from the hospital, Jones received dialysis treatment at the outpatient unit. There he witnessed to the staff and patients. He conducted two Bible study sessions each week.

Toward the end of 1999, the dialysis

hookup area in Jones’ right arm became badly infected. He was re-admitted to the hospital so his other arm could be prepared for dialysis treatments.

After several days of treatment and observation, Jones was ready for discharge; but first, Suresh read Jones’ chart and tested him again.

Amazed at the test results, he took Jones off dialysis completely.

Jones’ doctors cannot account for his recovery. People with renal failure often remain on dialysis the rest of their lives. Jones knows why recovery was rapid.



William Jones

CYNTHIA GRAHAM

When his right arm became infected, his pastor, Creaton Francis, anointed him, praying for healing if it be God’s will.

Jones believes he was healed to serve and, ever since, he walks three miles a day and testifies daily to God’s power and goodness.

He began having weekly Bible studies in his and in other homes. The size of the study group continues to grow because of his influence. When he realized that a family a few doors from his house was in desperate need, he and Suzie, his wife, took them a gift basket of food and invited them to church and to the Bible study. They are now planning to attend.

Jones said he will serve Jesus until his last breath. Recently, during a pouring rain, he knocked on doors to hand out literature inviting people to evangelistic meetings. At a Friday evening service April 7, Jones urged the congregation to shine for Jesus under all circumstances. “There are no dark spots in working for Christ,” he said.



BY HERB PRITCHARD

Ocala Teens Serve With a Purpose

Can teenagers care about anybody other than themselves?

• Ask 14-year-old Stephanie Smolarski, a representative of 15,000 Florida Students Working Against Tobacco (S.W.A.T.). She and other young people from the Ocala Seventh-day Adventist Church Youth Group are making a difference in the lives of other Marion County teens by promoting a lifestyle free of substance abuse and working to curb easy access of cigarettes for youth. A partial victory was gained in early March when county commissioners unanimously enacted an ordinance requiring tobacco products be displayed behind store counters beginning May 1.

• Ask those from the Adventist youth group involved with the Marion County youth coalition. They help plan and conduct meetings in area high schools on teen pregnancy, aids, dating, and school safety.

• Ask Mike Goetz, who has been the church youth leader for the last seven years. "My main goal is to show young people that the Christian walk is fun when it includes active and constructive involvement in the community," said Goetz. Co-leader Wendy Findlay shares his vision.



Ocala Adventist Youth Group. Mike Goetz, kneeling, front row. Wendy Findlay, standing, back row, right.

• Ask former President Bill Clinton. In December, he honored three members of the Ocala youth group with a certificate of award for over 100 hours of volunteer work during the previous 12 months—Jason Glidden, Camille Jefferson, and Stephanie Smolarski.

• Ask Arthur Hibbert, an elderly man in Silver Springs Shores. The Adventist teens have cared for his yard the last three years as one of their community projects. Hibbert became interested in the Advent-

ist message because of the young people and recently became a baptized member of the Ocala church.

• Ask the young people themselves. They meet Friday evenings before sundown for games, fellowship and a meal supplied by parents. In-depth Bible study follows. Teen visitors of all faiths are welcome.

• Ask Jason Glidden, a member of the group for three years. He can hardly wait for the group's seventh annual mission trip. At press

time, they were going to Atlanta where, with other youth groups, they would prepare and serve meals to homeless adults and children. "I love mission trips," said Glidden. "They give me the feeling that I'm making a difference in someone's life."

• After seven years of youth ministry, Goetz sees 11 youth baptized as answered prayers. Most are still faithful to their vows and committed to helping others.

Tampa Bay Area Churches Host Convocation

BY CINDY KURTZHALS



The Greater Tampa Bay Churches Council hosted members at the fifth annual convocation at the Tampa First church and Mahaffey Theatre at the Bayfront Center in St. Petersburg, March 16, 17. Members came with expectations of music and powerful preaching. Their testimonials illustrate they left fulfilled.

Area churches want to work together so their ministry can be more effective. Their goals include better communication and use of ministry resources. Fifteen service opportunities were exhibited, including: Jewish Ministries, Welcome Baby, Discover Bible School, Moldova Mission Project, Hospitality Village, Media Gospel, and Campus Advent.



Southern Students Involved in Community Service

About 375 students from Southern Adventist University painted and cleaned in the Chattanooga area during the University's annual Community Service Day.

The students were involved in many activities such as cleaning a playground at the Chambliss Home, mulching trails for the Chattanooga Audubon Society, and visiting residents of a senior living center.

"The day went well," said Carrie Garlick, student association public relations director. "I heard positive feedback from the different locations and the students."

About 30 students visited the Chattanooga Parks and Recreation Department. The tasks the students accomplished included assisting at the Warner Park Zoo, helping kids at an art camp, and preparing a summer camp booklet.

"The students did an excellent job. They were very cooperative and didn't hesitate to help when needed," said Cynthia Smith-Perkins, programming management coordinator at the Chattanooga Parks and Recreation Department.

The students signed up for Community Service Day online and had the choice of volunteering at more than 45 local venues.

"It was a very satisfying experience to do something for someone that couldn't do it for themselves," said Dioxi Martinez, junior wellness major.



Evelyn Hillmon, sophomore mass communication major, spends snack time with a friend at the art camp of Chattanooga Parks and Recreation.

Southern student elected to local VFW post

Southern Adventist University student Brad Hyden was recently elected to serve as post commander for the local VFW post 1697.

"I was overwhelmed and shocked," said Hyden, a junior theology major and a Persian Gulf veteran. "I pray God gives me the strength to do a good job."

At age 33, Hyden is the second-youngest member, but that did not deter his nomination.

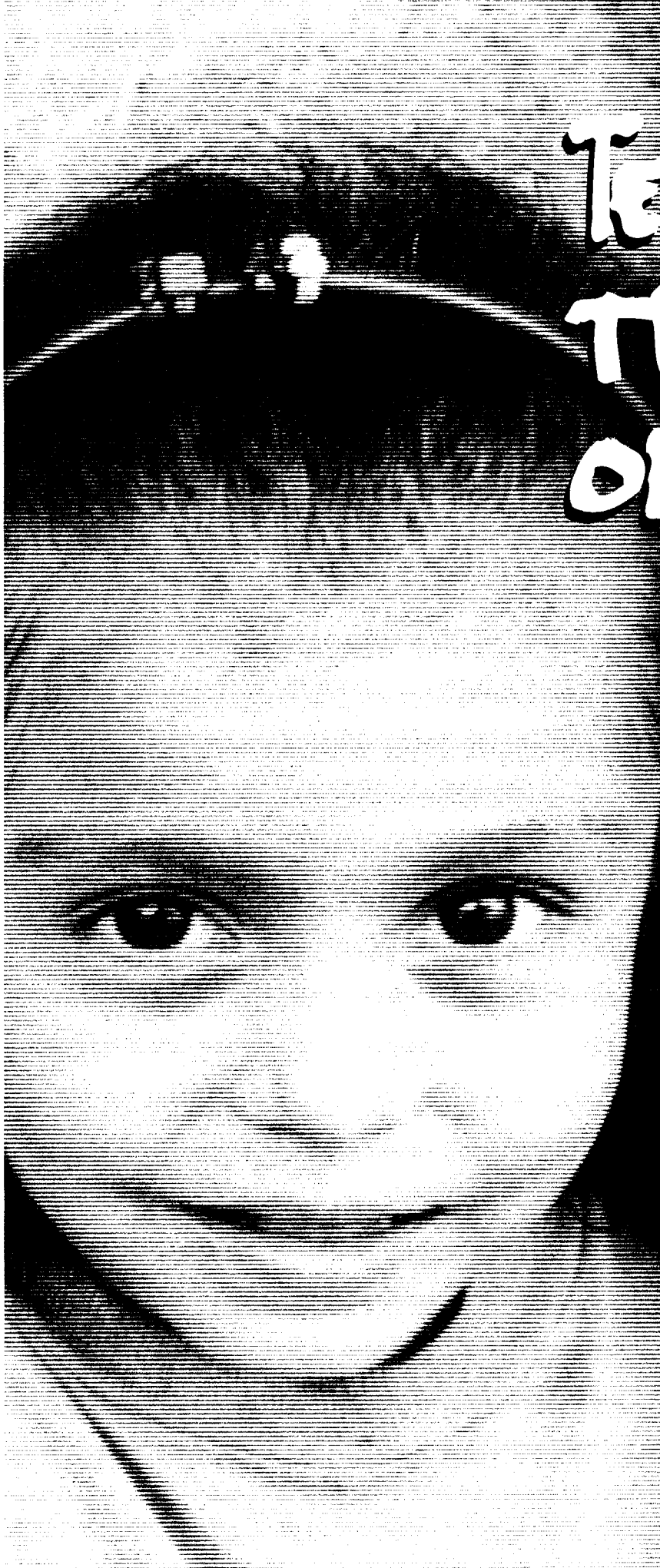
"The post needs some young blood to get it going," said member Charles Whidden.

Hyden said his goals include increasing membership and public awareness of the unit's presence.

The VFW is the oldest veteran organization in the U.S., and the club has 2 million members that fought in U.S. registered combat zones.

What's Happening

- There were 309 undergraduate and nine graduate students who received diplomas during Southern's commencement May 13. The commencement address was given by Donald L. Jernigan, president of Florida Hospital, and the senior class response was delivered by Angela Rho, class president. Martin H. Nash, director of Teacher Education and Accreditation, State of Tennessee, was awarded a honorary Doctor of Laws degree.
- The biology department offered a class in East African Field Ecology in May, and the class requirements included a three-week trip to Kenya. Safawo Gullo and Joel Ongaro, associate professors of biology, led the nine-person group to view large animals in the wild.
- Stephen Ruf, associate professor of journalism and communication, is handling the task of interim general manager at the on-campus radio station, WSMC.
- Michael Hasel, associate professor of religion, led a study tour to the Middle East at the end of May that was sponsored by the School of Religion. Twenty-three students accompanied Hasel on the trip, which fulfills a required class for the archeology major. Some of the sites the students visited included the Sea of Galilee, Jericho, Mt. Carmel, Nazareth, and Jerusalem.
- Lynn Caldwell, associate professor of journalism and communication, was selected as adviser of the year. Caldwell advises 24 students and has been instrumental in developing Southern's nonprofit management program. The number of nonprofit majors has increased from one to 11 since Caldwell arrived at Southern in 1999.



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Remembering “Miss Rosetta”

Rosetta C. Baldwin was born on February 14, 1902, in Graham, N.C., to John Franklin Baldwin and Mary Elizabeth Eubanks Baldwin. At the age of 10, she and her family moved to High Point, N.C., where she attended the Presbyterian and High Point City schools. At an early age, she became involved in church activities.



Recalling a statement made by her father, “Remember the seventh-day Sabbath, and keep it holy,” she dedicated her life to following the Lord’s command. She assisted her father, a local elder, in the construction of a Seventh-day Adventist church. The church cost \$900 with terms of \$9.00 per month.

Believing that children should be taught to obey, pray, and learn the basics, in 1923, Miss Rosetta, as she was affectionately called, started her teaching career in the small town of LaGrange, N.C. She continued to teach in Raleigh, Wilmington, and Charlotte. Her abilities as an outstanding educator was recognized throughout the Adventist Church.

In 1924, she was asked to teach in Louisville, Ky., where she remained until her father’s death. In 1942, she returned to High Point and started a church school there. In 1971, she built the Kindergarten-Day Care on Olga Street and worked there until age 97. Baldwin was a well-known and respected citizen of the community. She has always been active in the church and was instrumental in the construction of the new Baldwin’s Chapel church in 1981.

It was her desire to see an educational facility built in High Point for the boys and girls in the church and community. She was one of the founders of the annual Church School Rally Day celebrated yearly by the schools in the South Atlantic Conference.

In 1998, her dream was realized in the construction of the Rosetta C. Baldwin Educational Center for grades K-8. Her last visit there was in October of 2000 to attend and give remarks at the Grandparents’ Day program hosted by the school.

Ms. Baldwin was faithful in her church attendance until her illness incapacitated her approximately two months before her death. In November of 2000 on a lovely Sabbath day, Miss Rosetta C. Baldwin closed her eyes in sleep awaiting the call of her Life Giver.

Haitian Youth Celebrate Youth Day

BY JEAN JACQUES MEDASTIN

Nearly 500 members of the Haitian community of the South Atlantic Conference gathered at their newly acquired Salem church building at 674 Boggs Street in Mableton, Ga., to celebrate



Several youth and their leaders pause for a picture following church services.

youth day. It was a youth weekend to remember. It started on Friday evening at the church where the AYS coordinator of the Conference, Anthony Phillips, described his visit there as a home coming. He delivered a powerful message to more than 200 young people and a number of adults.

Sabbath morning, Salem church was filled with the musical talents of Nadine Bonet and Magdala Pierre; followed by the

divine hour with a sermon by Darryl Howard, Conference youth director.

Luc Homicile, guest speaker, shared light on the real mission of the YAHA and how, although its goal is to keep the young Adventist Haitians in church, it attracts even Americans and other nationalities as well.

The workshops conducted by Howard followed by the concert presented by the youth were among the delights of the day. The weekend ended with an excursion at the Stone Mountain Park on Sunday. With the birth of Bethesda in Jonesboro, the Conference now has four Haitian churches.

Marc Borieux (right), pastor, and Luc Homicile share the statistics on the growth of the Haitian community in Atlanta.





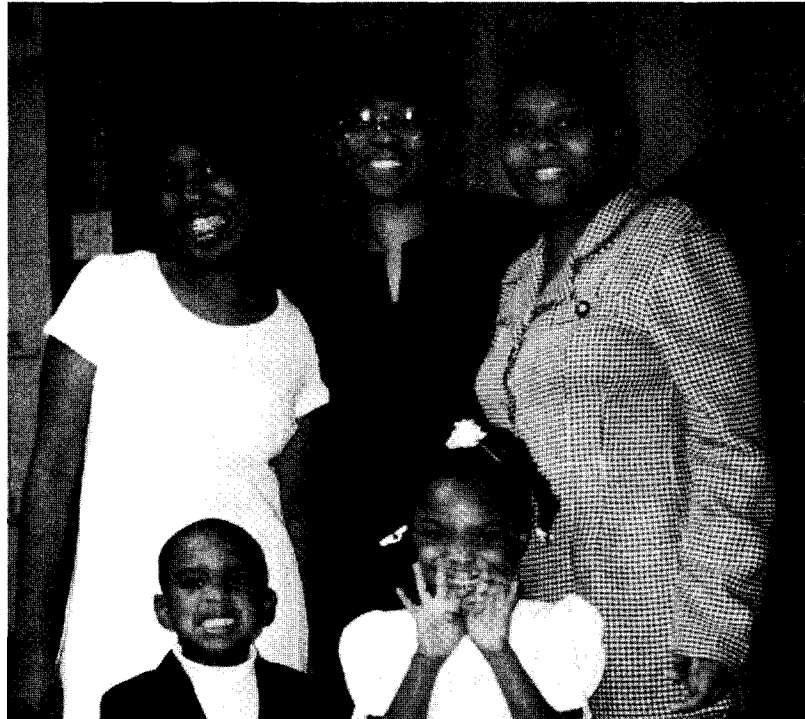
BY LESSIE SCURRY

A Master Guide Is Laid to Rest

The people came from all over Georgia, yet they shared one thing in common—their lives had been touched by Jackie. Funeral services were held for Master Guide Jacqueline Kelly Thompson on Sunday, February 11, at Atlanta-Maranatha church. The 47-year-old had succumbed to a pre-existing heart condition. "I know I left you in a hurry, but God called me and I had to go quickly," her obituary read. "Don't worry, I had a good life..."

Thompson was a member of the Dickerson Memorial church in Griffin, but she was active in various organizations and South Atlantic Conference activities, including Pathfinders, Master Guide, AYS, various ministries, the church choir, and numerous retreats.

She frequently visited other churches



Ann (left), Jackie, Nichole, and Nichole's kids.

in the Atlanta area. Her vivacious personality broadening her friendship base to the point that her church could not accommo-

date all that held her dear.

Upon entering the Maranatha foyer on the day of her funeral, her family and friends were greeted by pictures of Thompson, with the signature smile on her face and tracts laying close. John-John T. Boston II composed a video presentation with snapshots of her life set to music that brought smiles as well as tears to the congregation.

The Georgia Master Guide Club, under the leadership of Joyce Scurry, served as honor guards and pallbearers for the ceremony and burial. The SAC Pathfinder staff presented the Pathfinder flag with Jackie's name engraved on it to the family. This was concluded with a special hand salute by fellow Pathfinder directors.

Jackie was laid to rest in Oak Hill Cemetery in Griffin.

Mt. Olive Plants Churches

After many years of prayers by Daisy Blackburn and Nathel Moody for an Adventist Church in the Loris, S.C., area, a request was made October 1998 by members residing in the area to the Mt. Olive church in Marion, S.C., for permission to become a mission of the Mt. Olive church. On January 9, 1999, the Emmanuel mission began.

The congregation purchased four and a half acres in the Simpson Creek Township, in the city of Loris, from James Bellamy April 2, 1999. The street adjacent to the church has been named, SDA Church Lane. The Quiet Hour radio ministry has supplied numerous boxes of free material to be distributed in the area. Loris was on their target list for outreach. In September of 2000 the congregation paid off the mortgage on its property and made plans to build a church. The building project, with the help of Lloyd Johnson and B.C. Williams Jr.,

pastor, was submitted to the Conference and final approval was given February 11, 2001.

The SAC Executive Committee voted and granted Emmanuel Mission company status on June 27, 1999. The group received church status by the same committee on March 11, 2001.

On Monday, April 2, 2001, at 4:30 p.m., members broke ground for the new church building. Horace Malone, South Carolina Ministerial Association president, presided for the Conference president.

On April 14 the Mt. Olive church planted its second mission in Dillion, S.C. Morris Mortan is heading up this mission under the direction of Pastor B.C. Williams, Jr. The district now includes four churches, Emmanuel in Loris, New Hope in Dillion, New Life in Lake City, and Mt. Olive in Marion.



BJCA/GAAA Alumni Association Sponsors Reception of Teachers

A reception was held at Berean church for the teachers, faculty and staff of Berean Junior Christian Academy/Greater Atlanta Adventist Academy to show appreciation. The event was sponsored by the BJCA/GAAA Alumni Association to demonstrate the support they will provide to and for the staff who strive daily to teach and mold the minds and lives of the students who attend the school.

New alumni officers were elected to serve for 2001-2002. Through the efforts of its new president, Matlyn White, the alumni association is taking on a different focus. The new members wanted the teachers and staff to understand they were a working group and are going to be a means of support, especially for the next two years.

Many items from a teachers "wish list" were presented. The efforts of the alumni association did not stop there. Each



Alumni members presented gifts which were listed on the teachers "wish list" to Ann Smith (left), Patricia Sherrod, and Jean Freeman.

constituent church was asked to donate items that were remaining on the list of needed supplies. The list is continuously becoming smaller.

The faculty and staff of Berean Junior Christian Academy/Greater Atlanta Adventist Academy were very appreciative of the efforts that the alumni association was doing for them.

Philadelphia Church Holds Baptism Services

BY PEARLY M. MITCHELL

The Philadelphia church held baptismal services at Lake Waccamaw State Park in Lake Waccamaw, N.C. The candidates were Cenata Brooks, Isaac Brooks, Whitney Brooks, Shawneque Clark, Adrienne Hardin, Nathan Hollie, Mary Lewis, Cynthia Lewis, Aaron McKoy, Smith Mills III, Terrell Vincent, Rita Vincent, Lonnie Walker, Jahnetta Williams, and Shena Montgomery. The pastor of the Philadelphia church is Walter Boyd Jr.



Shiloh Warriors Outreach Ministry

BY JENNIFER HALL

During the first three months of this year, the Shiloh Warriors Pathfinder club reached out to the Smyrna, Ga., community and surrounding areas.

The beginning of the outreach ministry occurred in December 2000. Over the course of a weekend, club members and staff encouraged church members to look around their homes for clothing, furniture, and other items that could be used at the first garage sale. Not only was the fund-raiser a success, but Pathfinders were able to share their faith with the community.

The next endeavor began the morning

of March 25th with two different service groups. About 10 club members helped the



Shiloh Homeless Ministry prepare meals. Then these young people boarded vehicles

for an afternoon of service and ministry to fill the empty stomachs of the surrounding community. The youth went where people were in need and made an effort to meet not only their physical but also their spiritual needs.

The second service group of about 12 club members remained at the fellowship center and sorted toys, coloring books, crayons, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and religious reading material and prepared them in a beautiful array of spring gift bags to be delivered to the kids at the Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.



BY DENNIS ROSS, JR.

Union Sponsors Joint Conference Youth Rally

On February 24, 2001, the youth, pastors, and administrators of both the South Atlantic Conference and the Georgia-Cumberland Conference met at the Berean church in Atlanta for the first of two youth rallies in preparation for two youth evangelistic meetings. These youth crusades will focus on young people searching after young people who know not Christ as their Savior and Lord.

The youth crusades will both take place in the Atlanta area: North Atlanta for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference meeting, and South Atlanta for the South Atlantic Conference meeting. The speakers for the crusades are David Asscherick for Georgia-Cumberland and Bron Jacobs for South Atlantic. Both of these young men are excellent speakers and will motivate our youth to action for Christ. Although two different meetings will take place, this is a joint venture by both conferences. The training of the youth will be done together as well as the rallies, and

the sharing of talent between the two evangelistic meetings.

We would like to solicit your prayers and support for these young people as they endeavor to share their faith with others. Days of fasting and prayer have been set aside for these meetings and we invite you to join us in intercessory prayer and fasting. The dates are as follows: July 6, August 3, and September 7.

Both of these meetings are held in conjunction with the Southern Union Centennial Celebration that will culminate September 14-16, and are supported by the Southern Union Conference, South Atlantic Conference, Georgia-Cumberland Conference, ASI, Black Hills Training Institute, Youth leaders, and the churches of the Atlanta area.

The Hispanic members of Atlanta have also planned a series of meetings to be held beginning August 25. They had their first rally on January 20 and many are looking forward to joining in the evan-

gelistic experience in the Spanish language.

The servant of the Lord makes the following statement in the book, *Education*, p. 271; "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon coming Savior might be carried to the whole world. How soon might the end come, the end of suffering and sorrow, and sin! How soon, in place of a possession here, with its blight of sin and pain, our children might receive their inheritance where 'The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell there forever, where the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard.'"

My fellow Christians in the Faith, I know you, along with myself, long for this day to come. Let us join hands with these young people, as well as the youth of our churches in general, to help finish the work of God, so we all can go home together.

Department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty

Church and State

Southern Union government liaison representatives recently visited and toured the Georgia State Capitol arranged by three-term, former Georgia State Representative Randy Sauder. Government liaison representatives are trained laymen and pastors who live in or near state capitals and who monitor state legislation for bills adverse to religious freedom. Sauder, a resident of metro Atlanta, is a former Seventh-day Adventist pastor who served in the Canadian Union.

The event was coordinated by Nathaniel Higgs, director of the public affairs and religious liberty department. During a lengthy question and answer ses-




sion with former Rep. Sauder, the group visited the recently renovated, historic floors of both the Georgia State House and Senate. Highlighting the day was a meet-

ing arranged by Sauder with Georgia Governor Roy Barnes.

The tour was a part of the annual training session. The government liaison representatives were impressed with the dimensions of the meeting. Those participating in this event and pictured from left to right are Lowell Benson, Tenn.; Jerry Cornwell, S.C.; Terry Carmichael, Ala.; Blas Gomez, Fla.; Scott Waddell, N.C.; Amireh Al-Haddad, asst. PARL dir.; Gov. Roy Barnes; Raban Kilgore, Miss.; Mariama Gullatte, Ga.; Nathaniel Higgs, PARL dir.; Bob Self, Carolina Conference PARL; David Lawrence, guest; Randy Sauder, former state rep.

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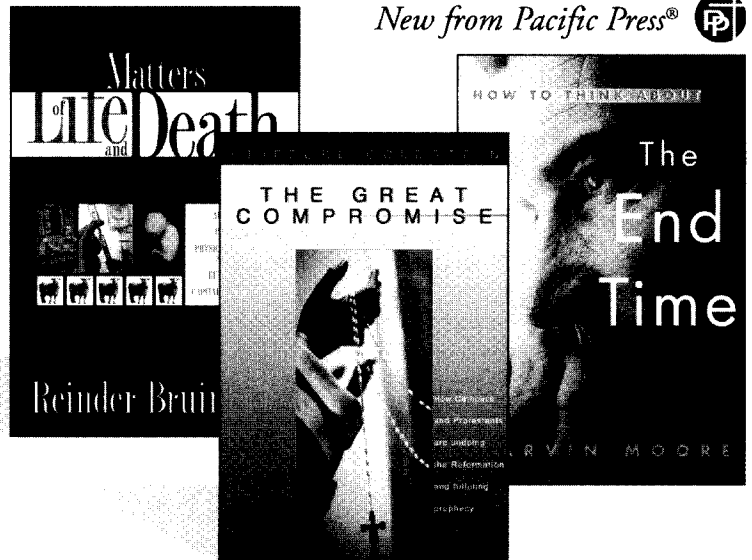
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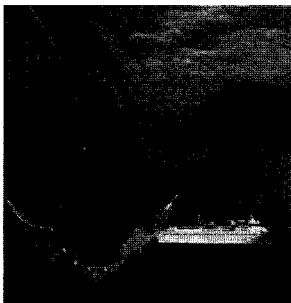
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The Essence of Royalty

South Atlantic Conference held its 57th education rally day on March 17 in Greensboro, North Carolina. The theme, Essence of Royalty, meant that all youth affiliated with Conference church schools were set aside by God to be kings and queens of royalty. The introductory remarks were made by education superintendent, Pennie Lister-Archie, Ph.D. She welcomed



Vanard Mendinghall, Conference president, spoke for the divine service.

parents, students, and supporters from approximately 23 schools present. They represented North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. The Sabbath services were conducted in five segments: Sabbath school, divine worship, AYS, an awards ceremony, and vespers. Throughout the day principals, teachers and staff members led students in parading a variety of talents: poems, skits, songs, dramatic recitations, sign-choirs, choral readings, quartets, and other musical presentations. Georgia students used the Fruits of the Spirit and examples from the lives of Bible heroes to dramatize components of royalty. A regimen of young men from North Carolina moved to the cadence of Donnie McClurkin's "Stand." Another group of students signed the inspiring hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy." All of these renditions confirmed the grace, dignity and bearing of royalty.

Divine worship motivated the spirit of praise and giving in the hearts of worshipers. Although many attendees were already making great sacrifices to keep their own children in school, they responded liberally when an offering appeal was made for an Eighth Grade Scholarship Fund. More than \$3,300 was received. Praise continued with a 100-voice student choir.



Pennie Lister-Archie was recognized for her educational contributions to the Conference.

The message for the morning was presented by Vanard Mendinghall, South Atlantic Conference president. His timely sermon, "Christian or Philistine," clearly delineated the differences between God's education and the education of the world. It left a definite understanding that only through Christian education could God's line of royalty be perpetuated.

The highlight of the day was a special tribute to the memory of Rosetta C. Baldwin, one of the founders of education rally day. She was a veteran teacher at Baldwin Chapel in High Point, North Carolina. Her contributions to Adventist education earned her special commendations from Adventist as well as local civic leaders. The Baldwin Chapel Educational Center has been named in her honor. The High Point community has also set aside a day



Students performed skits, songs, dramatic recitations, and signing during the Sabbath services.

as the Rosetta C. Baldwin day. A posthumous plaque was presented to her family. It was received by Julius Clark, a family member.

Special recognition was given to other supporters of Adventist education. From Fayetteville, North Carolina, the honorees were Michael Miller, Paulette Reese, Carrie Grace, and Francis McNeil. Marie Macon was an honoree from Raleigh, North Carolina. Tokens of love were presented to the leaders and workers in the Conference office of education.

The day came to an end with vespers. Jynean P. Reid, Greater Atlanta Adventist Academy's chaplain, and Divine Harmony, Greater Atlanta Adventist Academy's quartet, well represented this segment of the program. Their closing prayer signaled the end of a wonderful day. Everyone left savoring the idea that students from Adventist education were truly the "Essence of Royalty."

Catherine B. Jackson is the principal of Abney Chapel SDA Christian School.



Alumni Remember When . . .

To remember the sacrifice and devotion of those who have gone before, Fountain Head Park was dedicated during Highland Academy's Alumni Homecoming weekend in a special Sabbath afternoon ceremony. "It is important to note that the work started by the founders of this school is still going on," said principal Jim Ingersoll, who participated in the ceremony with many returning alumni. The park is in the center of the Highland Academy campus.



The Bell Tower from the original campus is now a part of Fountain Head Park.

Braden Mulford, a graduate of Madison College, founded Fountain Head Rural School in 1907. He and his supporters found medical and educational needs in the community and started a sanitarium in 1913, the first medical institution of its kind in Sumner County. Education went on in this building on this site until the Highland Elementary School moved into a new building in 1992.

Fountain Head Park, with a fountain, flower beds, and picnic tables, is on the site of the original school building, first built in 1909, near where Highland Manor

Nursing Home now stands. It was later moved down the hill across the street from the present gymnasium. In the traffic island is a display panel with pictures of the Fountain Head campus prior to 1945 that show buildings and the bell tower—centerpiece of the campus for many years. "We decided to make this bell tower the focal point between the campus and Fountain Head Park," Ingersoll said.

Donna Hooper of Calhoun, Ga., said she attended Fountain Head School between 1930 and 1936. At that time, she says, all 12 grades met in the same building, the elementary school in the morning and academy grades in the afternoon. One group worked while the other attended classes.

Hooper said the garden produced most of the food eaten on campus. Faculty and students all went out and worked in the strawberry fields together in springtime. The dormitory was a two-story building, with boys on one floor and girls on the other. The only bathroom and shower was in the basement.



Donna Hooper of Calhoun, Ga., the oldest former student of Highland Academy to visit during alumni weekend, talks with Jim Ingersoll, principal.

Hooper was in the sanitarium building when it started burning in 1935 and got out safely before the fire destroyed it. She remembers that one student, Norma Pursley, had worked in the business office and reproduced the financial records from memory.

The Adventist lay people operating Fountain Head Rural School and Sanitarium turned both over to the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference in 1945 after financial pressures made it impossible for them to operate without organizational support.

"Our hope is that people will come here to remember their days at Highland Academy," said Ingersoll.

NAD President Speaks to Local Elders

Don Schneider, president of the North American Division, was the keynote speaker at an elders' retreat recently at Indian Creek Camp. In his presentations on Friday night and Sabbath morning, Schneider challenged the local leaders to greater spirituality and urged them to lead their fellow members to know Jesus personally and to share Him with others. In his final presentation, he shared about

some of the exciting things happening in the world Church and the unique challenges facing the Church in North America.

Philip Samaan, professor of religion at Southern Adventist University, discussed the leadership qualities of Daniel and the soul-winning techniques of Jesus.

"This is the first elders' retreat to be held in this Conference for many years

and long overdue," according to Richard Hallock, Conference president. "The newly expanded facilities at our youth camp now enable us to have such events for our church leaders," he said. Hallock also conducted a Town Hall meeting on Sabbath afternoon. He shared Conference events and needs and responded to questions from many of the 125 local elders who were present.



BY DOUG GRIMM AND TAMMY SMITH

Dickson County Prepares for Evangelism



Steve Hamby (left), and Bob East teamed up to prepare the Dickson church members for an evangelistic thrust in July.

Stepping stones to evangelism in Dickson County got into full swing March 9-11. Pastor Bob East and Gospel Singer/Songwriter Steve Hamby teamed up in a not soon-to-be-forgotten weekend.

East began the series on Friday evening with a presentation on Bible prophecy and last day events. Many were

shocked to see how the erosion of the separation between church and state is being broken down in the name of Christianity.

Steve Hamby, who was converted to Adventism through a Revelation Seminar, shared briefly his mission and background at the Sabbath church service and then presented special music. East spoke on Daniel and his companions and their willingness to *Take A Chance* and stand for right regardless of consequences.

Sabbath afternoon a drug prevention program was presented followed by a Hawaiian buffet. Hamby presented a concert in the evening followed by a Daniel Health Plan presentation. East shared the story of his return to full active life after being struck down with a crippling degenerative dis-

ease by following the Daniel plan. Sunday evening a *Health Yourself @ Home Workshop* was held with people sampling healthful ice cream and other goodies.

Dickson pastor, Keith McBeth, noted that a special "high Sabbath" program is planned once each month leading up to *Amazing Facts* evangelistic meetings in July.



Tasty treats were demonstrated at a Health Yourself @ Home Workshop.

Alpha Visits Kentucky-Tennessee

Alpha, currently the best contemporary Christian music group in Puerto Rico, recently visited the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. The group was invited by Carmelo Rivera, director of Hispanic ministries for the Conference, to participate in the celebration of Holy Week. The week prior to Easter is a prime time for evangelism in many Hispanic Seventh-day Adventist churches.

Alpha has performed and made appearances in most of the TV and radio stations in Puerto Rico and Dominican Republic. Dur-



Group members Edgar (left), Ludwig, Abel, Shalom, Juan, and Sammy. Not pictured are Luis and Orlando, who are in charge of public relations and sound for the group.

ing their eleven-year career they have performed for Puerto Rico's Senate, House of Representatives, and the governor's office. They have been selected to sing the national anthem for important social, religious, and artistic events.

During the group's tour of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, they performed 22 concerts in Hispanic and English-speaking churches and schools, hospitals, the Kiwanis Club, and the Opryland Hotel. They visited ten cities, drove 3,132 miles, and sang to nearly 3,500 people.



Gulf States Re-elects Officers

On April 22, delegates from around the Conference gathered at North Hills Christian School in Meridian, Miss., for the 29th Conference constituency meeting. Mel Eisele was re-elected president of the Gulf States Conference. Fred Rimer was re-elected secretary and Dennis Millburn was re-elected treasurer. All departmental officers were re-elected.

The 461 delegates met to elect officers and departmental directors and to conduct church business. The delegates elected new executive committee members and members for the constitution and by-laws committee.

The delegates approved a constitu-

tional change that would change regularly held constituency meetings from four years to five years.

Malcom and Hazel Gordon (left), stand with re-elected Conference officers and their wives. Dennis and Bobbie Millburn (second left), treasurer; Mel and Phyllis Eisele, president; and Fred and Joyce Rimer, secretary.



An “Out of This World” Experience

Fifth and six graders from throughout the Conference gathered at Camp Alamisco, April 10-13, for a unique experience as they studied in the great outdoors. Activities and classes focused on an “Out of this World” theme.

Heather Largo, a fifth grade student from Big Cove Christian Academy, won the theme illustration contest and her pencil drawing of Jesus’ Second Coming was used for the program schedule and student workbooks. The outdoor education week was a combined effort of several teachers and the Conference education department.

Spaced Out, a class taught by George Reed from the Corinth school, focused on the laws of science and how they related to space and everyday living. Demonstrations were given using the laws of inertia, centrifugal force, gravity, and friction. The students heard stories of Bible spacemen such as Enoch and Elijah who left this atmosphere.



Students gather around a statue of Booker T. Washington during a field trip to Tuskegee, Ala.

Dona Ivey, from the Meridian North Hills Christian School, helped students create space posters in their inter-galactic art class. Viki Blanks, a teacher from the Pensacola school, helped with the art projects.

Regina Vann and Debbie Stubbs, from the Junior Academy in Pell City, taught the principles of rocketry. When Stubbs appeared in her space suit the students knew that this was a teacher that was totally involved in her subject. Stu-

dents did hands-on activities exploring such things as how orbital velocity or Newton’s third law of action is relative to space and faith.

“We learned that Jesus holds all forces, whether in space or in our lives, and that the only way we can stay in orbit is through Him,” says Stubbs.

For worship in the evenings, Tim Cove, Panama City school principal, demonstrated astonishing science experi-

ments with spiritual applications, and Don MacLafferty, Conference youth director, challenged the students to trust Jesus. “We wanted the children to be assured that they could know that they would be going to heaven when Jesus comes,” says Cove.

Mary Ellsworth, from the Floral Crest church, taught crafts, and Jeff Marshall, assistant dean from Bass Academy, and Mark Waters, a pastor from the Opelika district, supervised recreation.



BY BECKY GRICE

Friends of Bass Participate in Pride Day



More than a hundred people helped with the landscaping.

More than 100 alumni, faculty, Conference personnel, and other friends of Bass Memorial Academy gathered at the school Sunday, April 29, to rake, hoe, shovel, and plant over 1,000 plants around the academy entrance. BMA Pride Day was an event planned by the alumni asso-

ciation development committee.

The landscaping was planned by Robert Waddel and the plants were purchased by the alumni association. Jeanine Richardson, alumni association secretary, coordinated the ordering of the plants and advertising the event.



Two-year-old Jeremy Carr, a future student, didn't mind getting his hands dirty.

Other Bass pride events are being planned. "Bass Academy began with the involvement of all the constituents and our dream is to rekindle that spirit," says Ronnie Richardson, alumni association president.

West Side Church Has Ground Breaking

BY ANDREW PUEL

On February 18th the West Side church in Pensacola, Fla., broke ground for a new fellowship and worship hall. Mel Eisele, Conference president, Mike Hill, the pastor, and Bob Thompson, Bible worker and retired pastor, presented a vision of what the church might become. Six years ago the University Parkway church in Pensacola began plans to start a mission church



The congregation should be in their new building this summer.

on the west side of Pensacola.

The group finally found a Wesleyan church to rent. Later, in September 1999, they found and purchased three and a half acres in a very visible and desirable location.

One of the church's missions from the beginning has been to serve the members of the military, especially the young Adventist soldiers and sailors.

Water Valley Celebrates New Members' One Year Anniversary

BY MARYLN JOHNSON

In November the Water Valley, Miss., church hosted a fellowship picnic at Enid Lake in honor of the 16 individuals that were baptized the year before during evangelistic meetings. "The long time members are still rejoicing over the success of these meetings and the wonderful help and encouragement of these new members," says Ertis



These new members have helped to revitalize the church.

Johnson, pastor.

An example of the new members' contribution to the church is Chris Newell, who came straight from the rock and drug scene, to become a new Christian and is now the church's head elder and works as a Bible worker. Chris is now married to Sylvia Lott, another newly baptized member.



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100 Years Ago . . .

1992 to *2001* in the Southern Union Conference

Around the World . . . and . . .

South Africa's newly elected parliament chooses Nelson Mandela to be the country's first



black president on May 9, 1994.

Mother Theresa, world-renowned humanitarian and director of the Sisters of Charity, passes away in 1997.



A gun battle erupts near Waco, Texas, February 28, 1993, when Bureau of Alcohol,

Tobacco and Firearms agents try to serve warrants on David Koresh and the Branch Davidians. Four agents and six Davidians are killed as a 51-day standoff begins. Eventually, the compound burns, killing approximately 80 men, women, and children.

On April 19, 1995, a truck bomb explodes outside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 people and injuring 500. Timothy McVeigh is convicted of the bombing and sentenced to death.

In April, 1992, deadly rioting erupts in Los Angeles that claims 54 lives, injurs 2,300-plus, and causes \$1 billion in damage



after a jury acquits four police officers of almost all state charges in the videotaped beating of Rodney King.

1995
- Carolina Conference builds a new headquarters in Charlotte, North Carolina.

1996
- Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists officially gains university status in July, and changes its name to Southern Adventist University.

Hurricane Andrew smashes into Florida in August, 1992, causing record damage; 55 deaths in Florida, Louisiana, and the Bahamas are blamed on the storm.

. . . Within the Adventist Church

- Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences is formed, and the nursing program transferred from Southern Adventist University to the new medical college.
- Oakwood College's office of grants and contracts secures a \$20,000 contract with the US Army Missile Command to investigate nonlinear optical properties of colloidal suspension.

And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

Matthew 24:6

Hong Kong reverts to Chinese rule after 156 years as a British colony in July of 1997.

Following in the wake of Waco and the Oklahoma City bombing, a rash of school shootings occur each year across the country, including the 1999 shootings at Columbine in Colorado (April) and Heritage High (May) in the Atlanta, Georgia, area.



Malcolm Gordon serves as president of the Southern Union
1990-TODAY

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2000-TODAY

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2000-TODAY

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Head Elder Recognized for Service

On October 31, 1998, head elder Wallace R. Battle accepted the leadership of Progress Village church for a short period of time until a pastor was selected. This was intended to be a temporary measure that extended to more than two and a half years.

To show their appreciation to Battle, the members of Progress Village church attended a banquet held in his honor Sunday, March 18. He was showered with much love and appreciation for all the things accomplished under his leadership.

Among those in attendance were Willie L. Taylor, president of Southeastern Conference; David Long, stewardship and trust services director; several pastors and local elders. Taylor thanked Battle and the Progress Village members for their hard work, commitment, and for reaching all of its Conference goals under Battle's leadership.

The members showed their appreciation with poems, songs, skits, and gifts. A memory book was prepared for him containing words of appreciation from each member.

A skit entitled, "Don't Start What You Can't Finish," directed by Opal Lattimore was appropriate for the event. The essence of the skit was the importance of a Christian completing the task that is given to him, even through difficulty, as Christ completed the mission given to Him by His Father to bear the sins of the world. A tribute in song, performed by



Rosa Hamilton, Pathfinder director of Progress Village, included songs such as "It Took A Miracle," "Higher Ground," and "The Wonder of It All."

Battle was appreciative for all of the expressions of love and gratitude that he received from all in attendance and said he would continue to lead until the new pastor arrived, and he pledged his support to the new leader.



BY DAVID HAMILTON

Fish: “Healthy Diversions for Growing Christians”

In April, a small Chattanooga magazine called *fish* celebrated its first anniversary. Thanks to God’s leading, it appears *fish* will be swimming through many more anniversaries. Spearheaded by publisher David Hamilton, a member and Sabbath school superintendent of the Rising Fawn church, *fish* is an unusual communications tool. And it is likely the first magazine of its kind in the nation.

This small, tabloid-style publication is event and activity driven, focusing only on local programs planned for the Chattanooga area by Christian churches of all denominations. A group of volunteer writers and editors helps to create the free magazine each month, and the magazine operates primarily from revenues generated by Chattanooga businesses, churches, Christian schools and ministries who want to advertise in the publication.

The magazine has some impressive goals. The first and foremost is to communicate with Chattanooga families about all the events, programs, and activities taking place in the region that would appeal to them.

The magazine’s motto, visible on the front page points to this objective: “Healthy diversions for growing Christians.” “Chattanooga has a huge base of impressive, family-oriented programs to choose from, but few people know much about them,” Hamilton said.

The magazine’s cover story in the first issue was the annual Sunrise Service held each year by Southern Adventist University, a student-planned event that takes groups of visitors on a walk with Christ’s disciples during his last hours on earth.

Fish is attracting attention. Several television stations as well as the local newspaper have profiled the new magazine and its popularity among readers. Christian schools send *fish* home with students. One bookstore hands the magazine out to patrons.

The magazine’s format has helped draw support from a strong cross-section of denominations in the Chattanooga area.

David wanted *fish* to be different. Plenty of periodicals and Internet sites already serve reader needs for inspirational stories to boost individual Christian growth. Instead, David has been careful to focus primarily on future events and programs. “We don’t live in a closet with our Bibles in hand,” he said. “We live vibrant, exciting, rewarding lives.”

Fish represents a string of miracles that continue to take place. From consistent volunteers to businesses and individuals who help to promote *fish* in the Chattanooga area, David has been overwhelmed by community support.

Meanwhile, God has helped support his family during a year without his newspaper salary. He left his job as an assistant managing editor to work on the project full time and support from friends, family and even a few strangers have helped him pay his family’s bills.

By the magazine’s second anniversary, David believes *fish* will garner enough assistance to open a local office with at least one other staff member. If reader support is any indication, that shouldn’t be a problem.

David says his wife Sandra, who works at a local hospital, has been especially understanding. She should be. She came up with the magazine’s concept more than two years ago while the couple was traveling to see family. After David complained about how poorly churches and other organi-

zations communicated with the newspaper about their plans, Sandra said, “It’s too bad we don’t have a local Christian magazine.”

“I couldn’t get her words out of my head,” David said.

Serving communities as far away as Cleveland, Tenn., and Dalton, Ga., the entire magazine is placed on the Internet each month.

A free program called Adobe Acrobat must be used to view it, and the *fish* website www.readfish.com, is a resource to those who want to get their events and programs into the magazine. For more information about *fish*, you can call David at (423) 698-4302 or email the *fish* office at events@readfish.com.





Missionaries for Christ

A group of 28 students and 17 adults left Collegedale Academy at 2:00 a.m., February 25, to embark on a miraculous mission. Our mission was to build a bunkhouse for the Adventist Youth Camp in Morichal, Venezuela. It consisted of four rooms (sleeping a total of 48 people), professional plumbing in two bathrooms, and electricity for ceiling fans and lights in all rooms.

We usually worked from sunrise until sundown. Two groups worked hard mixing and hauling mortar and cement. Some skilled workers spent many hours laying block. There were many other jobs that needed to be done, and everyone contributed hard work and energy every day.

We arrived at the camp around 10:00 p.m., Sunday, February 25, and started the project the next morning. By the end of the first day the ground had been leveled, the foundation poured, and the walls began going up quickly. Several locals joined us every day to help us complete God's project.

This trip is best described as a miraculous mission because of God. He performed several miracles, even before we left. Whether it was in finances, safety, energy to work, or by removing stumbling blocks, He definitely blessed us in many ways. Most of all He blessed us with a wonderful Sabbath day's rest.

After six days of hard work, our building was almost complete, except for some minor details. We soon had to say our sad good-byes to the friends we had made.



New House of Worship for Conyers Church

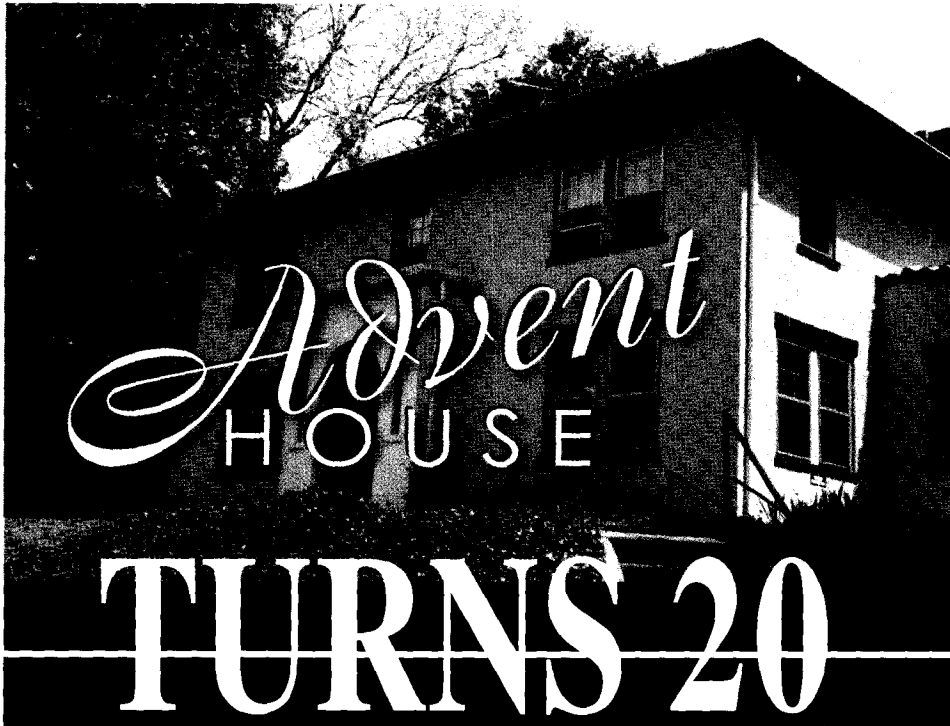
The Conyers, Ga., church celebrated the grand opening of its new church sanctuary April 7, 2001. The new sanctuary has a seating capacity of 500. It was designed to emphasize the worship service and features a spacious rostrum area, seating for a large choir, a built-in screen for presenting high tech productions and an audio visual area located in the balcony.

The new church sanctuary replaces the smaller sanctuary renovated from the old Beverly Road church school building which was moved to Conyers many years ago. The old sanctuary has





BY JAMIE ARNALL



There are an estimated 40 Adventist students among approximately 26,000 undergraduate students on the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, campus. With these kind of numbers there is no doubt a need for Advent House and its ministry to both Adventist students and students of other faiths.

On Sabbath, April 21, 2001, members of the Knoxville First church, along with other special guests, gathered to celebrate the 20th anniversary of this secular campus ministry. On this same day, Ron Pickell and his family were recognized for their 16 years of ministry at Advent House. The Pickells recently accepted a call to minister in Berkley, Calif.

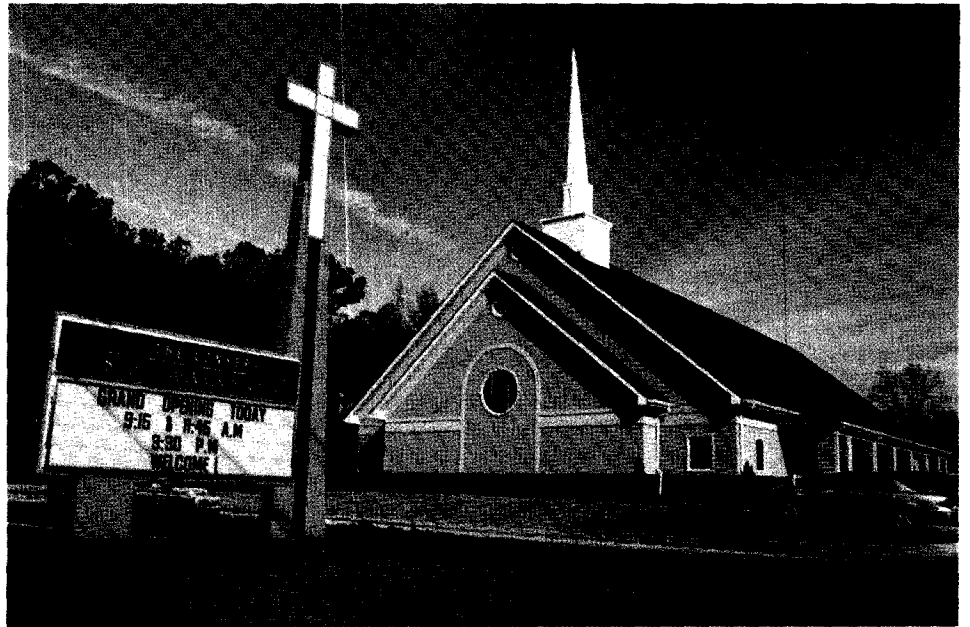
"I will always remember the ministry I had here, the good support of the Conference and the friendships that I've developed here," said Pickell.

now become the church's fellowship room with the two buildings connected by a covered walkway.

The church celebrated the special occasion with three services. On Friday evening they had a consecration service. This service included presentations by the Conyers Bell Choir, and a consecration address by former pastor David Dobias. Several church members were also involved in giving readings and prayers.

The Sabbath school and worship services were well attended with many visitors nearly filling the new sanctuary. A mass choir was organized for the occasion. In addition, the Zephyr Brass group provided special music. Conference President Larry Evans preached a timely sermon entitled "You've Gotta Have a Dream."

The afternoon service was entitled "Recognition Service and Music Festival." The service featured lots of music including the Conyers Bell Choir, Zephyr Brass, Total Praise, and a mass choir. Don Land and Barbara Brown provided accompaniment on the organ and piano throughout the weekend. Several members and groups were recognized for their contributions to



the new church sanctuary as well as the many charter members of the Conyers church family.

Mike Leno, pastor, organized the special celebration for the Conyers constituents and guests. Also joining the celebration were former pastors David Dobias and Harold Peggau.

30th Anniversary Celebration

The Murphy Adventist Church, Murphy, N.C., cordially invites everyone to its 30th anniversary celebration on Sabbath, June 30, 2001. Worship services will be held at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Fellowship dinner at 12:30 p.m. and musical program 2:00 p.m.



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- June 30. Deltona.
- July 14. Forest Lake.
- July 21. Markham Woods.
- July 28. Kress Memorial.
- Aug. 11. Forest Lake.
- Aug. 18. Markham Woods.
- Aug. 25. Kress Memorial.

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- July 1. North Port, Venice-Nokomis, Sarasota, Bradenton, Brandon, Tampa First.
- July 7. Maranatha.
- July 8. Plantation, Lauderhill. (Southeastern Conference: Miami Tabernacle, Mt. Pisgah, Mt. Olivet.)
- July 14. Jacksonville Southpoint.
- July 15. Jacksonville First, Jacksonville Mandarin, St. Augustine, Palatka, Palm Coast. (Southeastern Conference: Jacksonville Ephesus.)
- Aug. 11. Tallahassee.
- Aug. 12. Perry, Lake City, Ocala, Belleview, Silver Spring Shores.

Senior Youth Mission Trip to Costa Rica—June 27-July 8.

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Singles' Ministries Spiritual Renewal Bible Study—June 29, July 13, July 27, Aug. 10, and Aug. 24. Forest Lake church community services building, back room. 7:30 p.m. Details: Diane Miller, (386) 789-3235.

North American Division Hispanic Evangelism Council—July 1-7. Forest Lake Academy, Apopka. Details: (301) 680-6412.

Northwest Dade Church Relocation Celebration—July 7. Northwest Dade church, 6500 NW 202nd St., Miami. 10:30

a.m. Details: Pastor Joel Honoré, (305) 816-1859.

Singles' Ministries Picnics—July 7, Aug. 4, and Sept. 1. Lake Lotus Park, Altamonte Springs. Details/directions: (407) 862-1331.

First Young Professional Women's Retreat, Ages 21-40—July 13-15. Radisson Inn, Hutchinson Island, Ft. Pierce. Speaker: Richard Neil, M.D. Details: (407) 644-5000 x188.

Florida Conference Workers' Meeting—July 15-18. Camp Kulaqua.

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James and Ellen White Restored Home Dedication

You are invited to the dedication of the authentically restored home of James and Ellen White in Historic Adventist Village, Battle Creek, Mich., June 29-30. The festivities will begin on Friday evening at 7:00 with Gordon Retzer, Lake Union Conference president, speaking in the replicated 1857 meeting house. Herbert E. Douglass will give a devotional message for early birds in the meeting house at 7:00 Sabbath morning. Sabbath school and church services will be held in the Battle Creek Tabernacle where the 11:00 service will feature Allan Lindsay of the White Estate in Australia. The official dedication will be held at 2:30 Sabbath afternoon, on the lawn of the restored home. Tours of the village will follow. Call (616) 965-3000 for directions or other information.

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	June 1	June 8	June 15	June 22	June 29	July 6
Atlanta, GA	8:46	8:49	8:51	8:52	8:52	8:51
Charleston, SC	8:25	8:28	8:31	8:32	8:32	8:30
Charlotte, NC	8:35	8:38	8:41	8:42	8:42	8:40
Collegedale, TN	8:52	8:55	8:57	8:59	8:59	8:57
Huntsville, AL	7:57	8:00	8:02	8:03	8:03	8:02
Jackson, MS	8:05	8:08	8:10	8:12	8:11	8:10
Louisville, KY	9:03	9:07	9:09	9:10	9:10	9:08
Memphis, TN	8:11	8:15	8:17	8:18	8:18	8:16
Miami, FL	8:10	8:13	8:15	8:16	8:16	8:16
Montgomery, AL	7:50	7:53	7:55	7:56	7:56	7:55
Nashville, TN	8:01	8:05	8:07	8:08	8:08	8:06
Orlando, FL	8:21	8:24	8:26	8:27	8:27	8:26
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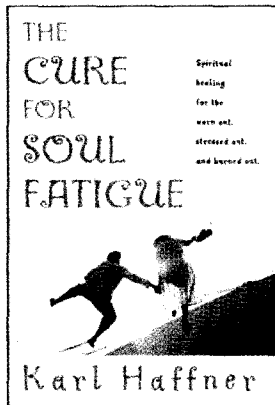
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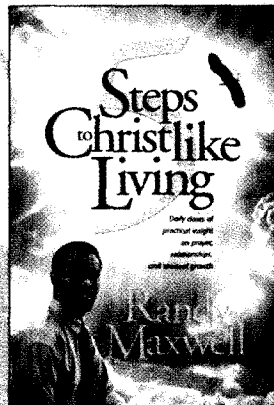
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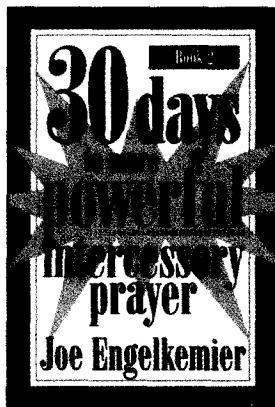
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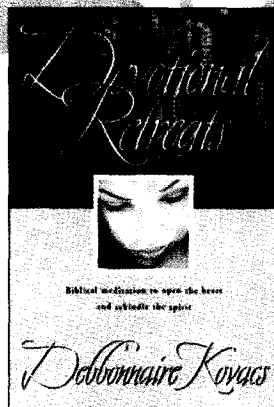
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