

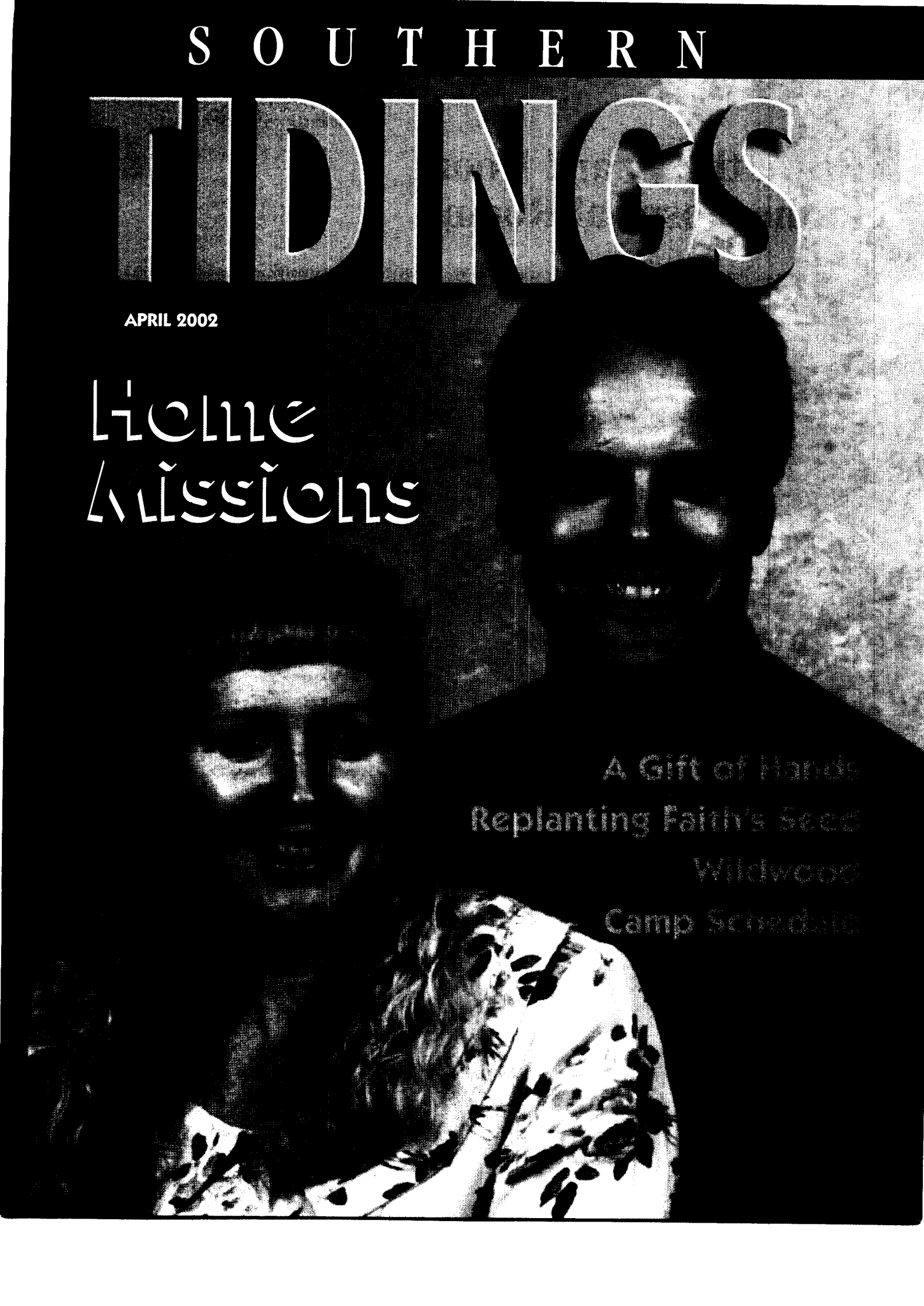
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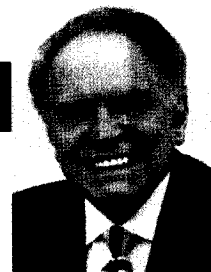
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# From the Board Room to the Hospital Room

Some time ago Hazel and I had the opportunity to go through a very special physical examination program at Celebration Hospital, which is part of the Florida Hospital System. If you saw my report at the Southern Union Centennial Celebration, you may recall that I was showing a little of the Celebration town in Orlando, which was sponsored by the Disney Corporation, and our Seventh-day Adventist hospital that was built there in the town of Celebration.

It was at this hospital that we took physicals called the Rippe Assessment. This was a very thorough examination under the direction of an eminent physician, Dr. James Rippe. He is in charge of a research project in the Boston area as well as many other duties, including authoring 40 books on health, 25 for physicians and 15 for lay people. As a result of this examination, they did some additional testing over a period of time on various occasions when we were in the Orlando area for meetings.

On February 26, we were here in Orlando prior to the Adventist Health System Mission Conference. I was to have a heart cath test, and Hazel was to have an MRI to check something they had spotted some time before that they wanted to investigate further. The cardiologist told me the reason he was giving me the heart cath was not that he was suspicious that I had a serious heart problem but rather because of my family history of heart attacks.

While I was in the recovery room from the heart cath, Hazel joined me after her procedure and within a short space of time, the cardiologist came. He indicated he was shocked, because he had heard about my work in the Southern Union and he had observed my energy level. In spite of this, and no symptoms, the main artery leading to the left part of my heart was 85 percent blocked. My cell phone rang and I was told by my niece that my sister, who is nine years older, and was like a second mother to me, was in a hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and not expected to live much longer. Then, our

family physician came into the room, a young man with a great deal of compassion and maturity for his age. He sat down and said to Hazel, "I am sorry about your husband's need for open heart surgery and about the condition of his sister, and I am sorry to tell you that I am not going to make your terrible day any better. He indicated that the small spot they had seen on her kidney earlier had grown to a larger mass and that it looked like she would probably have to have surgery as well. After more consultation it was determined that her kidney would need to be removed. This challenging news, along with three or four other challenges within a 36 hour period, made us feel more sympathetic than ever with what Mr. and Mrs. Job experienced!

While having two major surgeries back to back is not an easy situation, because of the thousands of prayers that have gone up in our behalf, we are of good courage, and at this point I have had my double bypass open heart surgery. My cardiologist told me he has never seen a person recover better or faster than I have.

Hazel had her surgery March 12, for the removal of her kidney. The surgeon reported that the surgery was highly successful and any follow-up now would be done by Dr. Reynolds, chief of staff at Florida Hospital. The surgeon was very optimistic about the prognosis. So we praise God for His goodness!

I have been so inspired by what is done in the Adventist Health System and Florida Hospital that I have decided to write a series for my *Vantage Point* article entitled, "From Board Room to Hospital Room." I will be sharing with you some wonderful examples of the healing ministry of Christ carried out in the Adventist Health System. I also will share some humorous things that you may enjoy as well.

Thanks for your concern for my surgery, as well as Hazel's, the many flowers, cards, and prayers in our behalf.

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Cover: Donny and Karey Taylor added six Russian siblings to their family of seven. They refer to the experience as "the tornado" that accompanied their decision.

# A Gift of Hands

**T**ake a good look at your hands. Look at them palms up. Now turn them over. Spread your fingers wide. Touch the tip of each finger with your thumb. Now make a fist. Hands are amazing.

I have often thought that the hand alone is one of the greatest evidences of creation. I've also thought how terrible it would be to lose a hand—especially your right hand if you are right-handed. But imagine losing both hands. That's what happened to Abdul Samad.

Abdul was born in Afghanistan. When he was a child, his father was killed in the Russian War. When he was nine Soviet troops overran his village in western Afghanistan while he was away herding goats and he has not seen his mother and family since. One day when he was 12 years old he saw something shiny in the sand. Not knowing that it was a land mine, he picked it up and it exploded. Severely injured, he lost both hands and an eye. Since that time, Abdul has lived with arms that end just below the elbow.

In spite of having no hands, Abdul is able to do just about anything. He writes by clutching a pen between his two arms. He feeds himself by picking up a fork the same way. He brushes his teeth. He has become known for his intricate drawings of red and pick roses that his friends say are works of art. Abdul says the roses remind him of his mother and the roses he remembers her embroidering on pillowcases.

Last fall, a group of students from Madison Academy, near Nashville, Tennessee, went on a mission trip near Liberty, Kentucky. There they were engaged in a number of home repair and rebuilding projects. It was on this trip that they met Abdul. Abdul is now 25 and lives at the Galilean Children's Home, an orphanage in Liberty, Kentucky. He also works there bussing tables at the Home's restaurant.

Even though Abdul does fine without hands, others see him as different. He wanted to be like other people—to be able to wear a suit and look nice. Abdul had hoped for hands for many years but never wanted to ask for them. He knew the Tuckers, the couple who run the Children's Home, had so many other children to care for.

Alan Craig, who organized the mission outreach program for Madison Academy says, "When I met with Abdul he said he had secretly been praying for hands." Craig told his friend, John Dexter, a Tennessee Christian Medical Center physician, about this amazing young man who could do anything with no hands. Dexter asked, "What if I can find him hands? Would he appreciate it?" Dexter says, "I know that we can make his life more comfortable and productive."

Arrangements were made with Rob Pittman of Superior Prosthetics in Hendersonville, Tennessee, to fit Abdul with new hands. Just before Christmas, Abdul made the trip to Tennessee for the fitting.

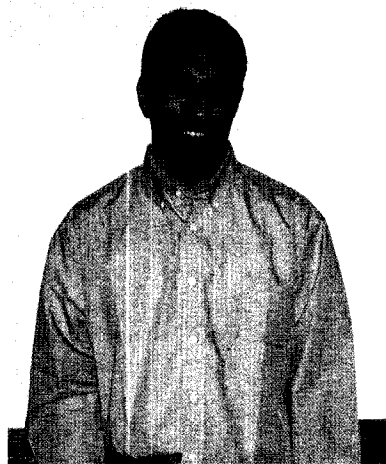
For Rob Pittman it's an art form—a strap here, a cable there, lots of plastic, metal, and tape. The forearms and hands begin to take shape. They are filled with balsa and foam, covered with fiberglass and resin, and fitted with a custom glove to match Abdul's skin tone.

For more than half his life, Abdul has lived without hands. Although it will take some time for him to relearn how to do many things, Abdul is very grateful for his new hands—a gift valued at more than \$10,000.

Craig, Dexter, and Pittman are also grateful—to have the opportunity to help. "God has blessed us and it just continues to grow. I'm just thankful that He allows us to do it," says Craig. Dexter and Pittman agree.

There are many giving people involved in Abdul's story all working together so he can pick something up off the ground with one hand or feel good in a suit—simple things we take for granted.

In Luke 10, Jesus answered the question *Who is my neighbor?* for all time. In the parable of the Good Samaritan he showed that being a neighbor "has no reference to race, color, or class distinction. Our neighbor is every person who needs our help. Our neighbor is every soul who is wounded and bruised by the adversary. Our neighbor is everyone who is the property of God." (DA 503)



*Abdul Samad is gratefully proud of his hands - a gift from his friends.*

Abdul Samad, who has lived half his life in the Galilean Children's Home, learned last summer that he is not an orphan after all. His mother, two brothers, and two sisters are alive in a refugee camp in Afghanistan. He hopes to some day be able to bring his mother to the United States. He is eager for her to see his *new hands*.



*Abdul (left), patiently waits as Rob Pittman makes final adjustments.*



# Bradenton Burns Remodeling Mortgage



Bradenton church members celebrated the 50th anniversary of their current church facility at 2106 17th Avenue West on November 10, 2001 and burned their mortgage. Bradenton is one of the oldest congregations in Florida Conference. It was presented at the 30th annual session, November 8, 1923, with 19 members. Today, it remains focused on church growth. The 266-member congregation is one of 24 churches conducting evangelistic meetings in the Gulf area-wide series at press time, and Alan Jilks' Sabbath school class helped build eight churches in Moldova.

## Interesting Reflections

● Richard Johnson shared how he served as head deacon at age 16, and accompanied then head deaconess "Duffy" Delthia Tedron, now age 99, to purchase the communion set which is still in use today. His grandfather, Jake Johnson, had the vision to purchase surrounding property which has been sold lot by lot to fund church projects.

● Dick Judson told of a summer day with church windows open because of no air conditioning, when an important-looking man in a beige suit, flanked by two deputy sheriffs, came in the back door of the sanctuary, strode to the pulpit and asked questions of the youth right in the midst of their meeting. "Why do you keep the seventh-day Sabbath? Why are you baptized by immersion?" The youth answered. The man later explained he was a local Methodist pastor and told

the youth, "There would have been only a handful of people in my church who could've answered the questions like you did." Then he shared that youth leader, Helen Norris, "put me up to all this."

● General Conference ministerial secretary Jim Cress wrote, "My dad and mom, Charles and Mary Cress, pastored the Bradenton and Palmetto churches, 1958-62, and I was baptized in Bradenton in 1959. I also attended West Coast Junior Academy and even served as the custodian for the Bradenton church facility.

● The Montez and Ila Mae Genton family, with nine children, had attended Baptist meetings, Presbyterian, and Church of Christ tent meetings, then saw a *Bible*



1) *Burning the mortgage. From left: long-time treasurer Wilma Pillsbury; Bradenton pastor George Whitsett; Conference treasurer Randee Reynolds; current Bradenton treasurer Xavier Acevedo; Conference church property development director Cynthia Duncanson; previous pastor Clarence Pillsbury; and Dora Hilton, Bradenton treasurer when this mortgage was written.* 2) *Richard Johnson.* 3) *Members when this sanctuary was built.*

*Prophecy Explained* series banner across Manatee Avenue. A friend invited Genton to attend. The family was among 30 baptized on November 11, 1939, in the Manatee River adjacent to Asa and Laura Pillsbury's home. All nine children graduated from Forest Lake Academy and have served the Church in denominational employment. Lola, the eldest, became a missionary to Bangkok and Marc is a chaplain at East Pasco Medical Center, Zephyrhills.



BY CINDY KURTZHALS

# The Definition of "Rest"...Camp Kulaqua

You know how telephone books have voluminous pages in the front with information about resources, local annual events, and important phone numbers? In High Springs, Fla., the Alltel phone-book—on their own, with no prompting from Camp Kulaqua—published an article and photo boasting the benefits of Camp Kulaqua. Read what they wrote...it's a testament to God's place, God's people, God's touch and influence in the local community, and how readers can come apart and rest a while.

[www.campkulaqua.com](http://www.campkulaqua.com)

## Rally Inspires West Palm Beach Members for Literature Work

BY LYNN HUFF

Members of the West Palm Beach First church were challenged to personally participate in literature evangelism during a *Glimpses of Fire* rally the weekend of February 2. Several members have followed up on that challenge by expressing interest in selling books.

The rally is one of six held each year around the state by the Florida Conference publishing department.

"It's a time when literature evangelists share their testimonies, stories and experiences," says publishing director Joe Holloway. Southern Union Conference Publishing Director Bill Beckworth introduced Florida's 22 literature evangelists (LEs) and students.

Throughout the weekend, publishing leaders shared how they were called by God to become part of the publishing ministry and literature evangelist students led both the Sabbath school and church services.

LEs and students gave demonstrations of how they do their work. Examples were shown of how to present books at the door and what to say once allowed into a home.

Holloway said the addition of the LE students made the weekend especially

*Phil Younts, Conference administrative director for camp ministries, looks at the Alltel telephone book which featured Camp Kulaqua. (Reprint below.)*



CINDY KURTZHALS

**T**here's just something about Camp Kulaqua that appeals to the kid in you. Maybe it's the water fun, or the delicious cafeteria food. Maybe it's the cabins and the horse-back rides through the forest and the smell of campfire at night, or maybe it's the inspirational programs that reach down to your motivation level and, for many, down to the spiritual level.

"The feeling is the same, whether you're 10 years old or 40 years old and all ages besides. It's a feeling of rest that no amount of money can buy.

"Few cities the size of High Springs can boast such a facility for conventions, meetings, retreats, and family gatherings. The modern cafeteria, built about 10 years ago, seats up to 500 people and has facilities for outdoor dining and cookouts as well.

"The camp has RV and tent camping facilities, horses to ride, cabins that are heated and air-conditioned, VIP cabins set up as hotel rooms, mini-lodges that house 20 people each, a chapel, recreation center, amphitheater, swimming and water sports in Hornsby Spring, and a fully operational zoo. In connection with the zoo, a nature center/museum displays fossils taken from the spring and many natural and historical items.

"For information on camp rental and pricing, contact: Camp Kulaqua, Rt. 2, Box 244K, High Springs, FL 32643, (386) 454-1351."

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memorable. "The student LEs related well to the young adults in the church, student-to-student."

Church member and LE, Ray Stephenson, said he received the greatest blessing from several members who expressed a desire to work as an LE either full- or part-time. Particularly fulfilling to him was "observing the youth who are excited about this ministry." Twelve youth now want to sell MagaBooks this summer and 15 adults inquired about working in literature ministry.

## IN TRANSITION

PASTOR  
Elias Macias

Dan Schiffbauer

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CHURCH  
Melbourne Spanish/  
Poinciana Spanish  
Belleview/Marion Oaks  
Spanish company  
Bradenton

Church members were given a large quantity of books to distribute in their communities and workplaces. The books included *Steps to Christ*, *The Desire of Ages*, and *The Great Controversy*—all in MagaBook, or abridged form.

# Home Missions

COVER FEATURE  
BY BILL KNOTT

If there is something great to be done," the proverb urges, "give it to a quiet soul." Donny and Karey Taylor would surely blush to be called quiet souls, for little about their lives or home in the past three years has seemed serene. Adding six Russian siblings to their family of seven in November 1998 has left few moments peaceful or pristine: they laughingly refer to "the tornado" or "the storm" that accompanied their decision to adopt an entire family of orphans into their rural Georgia home.

But it is the gentleness of their spirits that lingers after the tape recorder has been shut off and [large] family photographs have been sorted. Even with the duty charts and elaborate schedules necessary to bring order and education to 11 children, there is a settledness in both of them that most couples would find unthinkable in their circumstances. Some would call it "fortitude": Donny and Karey talk quite easily of "faith."

"The first months were desperately trying for Karey and me," Donny says softly as he remembers adjusting to six new children, ages 5 to 15, who collectively spoke not a word of English. "I remember waking up in the middle of one night, not even being able to sleep because of worry. *What have we done?* I asked myself again and again. I hadn't read my [Sabbath school] quarterly or my Bible that day; everything had just been too hectic. So I finally got up and went into the living room and turned on the light.

"Something seemed to say, 'Just pick up your quarterly and read it.' I opened it and saw the instruction to read Jeremiah 29:11. When I turned to the Bible text, I saw the words that spoke to our situation right there in front of me: 'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future' [NIV]. And I just closed my Bible and went back to bed—and I slept peacefully. I knew that God would solve our problems." Donny Taylor and Karey Leach met when both were students at Pioneer Valley Academy in the late 1970s and began dating during a summer they worked at the conference youth camp in Massachusetts. When they enrolled at nearby Atlantic Union College, they continued building their relationship as Karey finished a two-year associate's degree in nursing and Donny completed requirements for medical school. They married in 1983, one year

before Donny graduated from college and enrolled at Loma Linda University.

During the eight years they spent in California, Donny completed the medical course and a four-year OB-GYN residency. Karey gave birth to two daughters and a son in Loma Linda—Audrey (1985), Shannon (1987), and Michael (1990).

"I had grown up as a missionary's kid in South America, and Karey had served with Maranatha Volunteers International in Panama while she was in college," Donny says, "so we naturally thought about the possibilities of mission service. That was always in the back of our minds. But as we were going through medical school and our children were being born, we started thinking about the logistics of moving to another country, educating our children—and the whole six-year medical school repayment thing."

The Taylors decided instead to settle near Calhoun, Georgia, where Donny joined a local medical practice; Karey

devoted herself to raising first three, then four, children. A third daughter, Elise, was born in 1993.

"Karey had always talked about wanting to adopt," Donny remembers with a grin. "In fact, her mother says she always joked about wanting 25 kids!"

## A Brother for Michael

"By the time Michael was 7, he was really determined that he needed a brother to play with," Karey remembers. "We began to think more seriously about adoption. In just a few weeks we were contacted by a doctor who asked if we knew anyone interested in adopting the child of a young mother whom he had talked out of an abortion. We thought and prayed about it carefully, and finally decided that this was something God wanted us to do.

"Everything was going wonderfully right up through the end of the young woman's pregnancy, and when the baby was born, we held him and fed him and had a wonderful time with him. But just a few hours later we got word that the birth mother had changed her mind and decided to keep her son." The Taylors' disappointment in not being able to adopt a child for whom they had waited nearly four months was tempered by the news that the birth mother was marrying the child's father and trying to



The Taylors

make their relationship stable. It also sharpened their determination to pursue adoption with another child. After months of paperwork, home visits, and complex international negotiating to find a Russian child, they finally succeeded, in January 1998, in adopting an infant Vietnamese boy whom they named Isaac.

"A few months later Michael told me in all earnestness, 'Well, I love Isaac, Mom, but I still can't play with him,'" Karey says with a laugh. "And just then the agency with whom we had been working for a Russian adoption called back to ask if we would consider a little Russian boy, which they knew had been our first goal. We weren't ready to make any commitment just then, but we told the agency they could send us pictures and information that we'd consider."

After weeks of discussions with the Taylors, the adoption agency ultimately recommended a boy named Sergey, but added a cryptic phone message: "There's a catch: he's got siblings."

"I don't even think I thought to ask how many brothers and sisters he had at first," Karey says. "I was assuming maybe two. But when she told me that Sergey had five brothers and sisters, I asked her, 'Are you crazy? There's no way we could do that!'"

"The longer we looked at the pictures of the children, the more challenges we saw," Donny says. "The two oldest—Nick and Alex—were teenagers, older than our eldest child, and the six of them ranged from 5 to 15 in two-year intervals—5, 7, 9, 11, 13, and 15. All we knew about their family background was that the Russian government had taken parental rights away from their mother, and that several fathers were 'in the picture.' All but one of the kids had been living together in a government orphanage about 12 hours east of Moscow."

The Taylors mulled over the momentous idea of the wholesale adoption of the six Russian children for several months, hardly letting themselves seriously consider a decision freighted with so many financial, medical, and logistical problems.

"I found myself talking with our biological children almost every day, and posing to them the kind of problems that such a big change would bring to our home," Karey says. "I needed to be convinced that this idea wasn't completely crazy. I'd say, 'What will we do about this? Where will everybody sleep?'—and they had answers!"

"We were thinking impossibility, and they were thinking possibility," adds Donny. "I prayed about the idea a lot—mainly expressing my difficulties with the whole situation. The thought of the physical challenges to provide materially for so many children was almost overwhelming—and it was our children who kept pushing us forward, helping us to see the situation positively. Finally Karey and I decided that if God wanted this whole-family adoption to happen, it would have to be an all-or-none proposition. We weren't going to split up the children."

The Taylors agreed to start completing the paperwork, still almost certain that some medical or legal obstacle would stall the process for at least one of the children. Preliminary estimates brought the financial challenge clearly into view: it would take nearly \$45,000 to successfully adopt the six children through the agency, pay the necessary government fees, and bring them to the United States.

"I told Karey that God was going to have to drop at least \$25,000 into my lap before I would be convinced that He really wanted us to do this," Donny says. "About a week later my accountant called up with some shocking news: 'You're getting money back from your taxes this year—to the tune of \$14,800.'"

When I called Karey with the news, I was quick to add, 'Now, that's not \$25,000!'"

Two days later the adoption agency called with equally dramatic news. At a board meeting directors had agreed to drop fees for all but one child if the Taylors would consider adopting all six. The change would lower their costs by an additional \$10,000.

"Now it was really getting scary," Karey says quietly. "The home study was done, the consult with the social worker was completed, and the paperwork was moving forward rapidly."

## Pushing Out the Walls

Believing that God had answered their prayers to remove seemingly insurmountable obstacles, the Taylors informed the adoption agency in September 1998 that they would agree to take all six children. They also quickly called some carpenters who had been working on a planned addition to their house and asked for their help in reconfiguring the space to accommodate the adoptive children. A large bathroom on the second floor was divided in two, another bedroom and a laundry room were added, and the garage was ultimately transformed into a family room.

"We had been led to believe that we wouldn't be able to travel to Russia to pick up the children for five or six months—in February or March," Karey remembers. "But in October we got a call from the agency, asking us if we could travel in two weeks. We ordered furniture, and we arranged for family and friends to move in with our five kids while we traveled to Russia."

Still lacking \$10,000 from their promised federal tax return, which they planned to use as travel money to go to Russia, Donny and Karey wondered if the money would arrive in time for them to make the trip. Amazingly, the long-delayed tax check arrived in their mailbox just days before they were to leave, with a Post-it note from the mail deliverer.

"Found this in the road," she had scribbled. "Thought you might need it." The envelope had been opened at some point and the contents spilled out—for the check was actually crisscrossed with tire treadmarks.

Gathering up clothes by age and estimated size for Victoria (5), Anya (7), Sergey (9), Svetlana (11), Alex (13), and Nickolay (15), Donny and Karey left for Moscow in early November. A relatively smooth process at the government orphanage and the court in Kazan allowed them to collect all six children and return to Moscow one week before Thanksgiving. Sympathetic administrators at the Moscow ADRA office gave them use of an apartment there for a weekend before the flight home, and the six children had their first experience of a Sabbath worship service at the Moscow Adventist church.

After a medical clearance by an embassy-approved doctor, the visas were cleared and stamped at the U.S. embassy in Moscow. The long flight back to America was relieved by the Russian-language version of *The Bible Story* on cassette tapes given by the other Taylor children to their new brothers and sisters.

"At the immigration office in New York City we found ourselves in line with two or three other couples who had also returned from Russia with a child each. We were all waiting our turn. The agent was trying to make everyone feel better, and he asked us, 'So, which one are you adopting?' When I told him, 'All six of them,' he burst out, 'Nooooo! I can't believe that!' Fortunately, he really helped speed up our process,

or we would have missed our connecting flight to Atlanta.”

Surprised at the Atlanta airport at 5:00 a.m. by friends and four of their five children, the Taylors and their newest children arrived in Calhoun just two days before Thanksgiving. A tumultuous holiday season held surprises for everyone involved.

“It was the most bizarre Christmas we’d ever had,” Karey says solemnly. “I think we were crushed. We thought this would be the most exciting Christmas our new kids had ever had. But they were thinking, *They’re trying to buy our love*. They didn’t seem to have a hint of pleasure or excitement or happiness on any of their faces, even with the brand-new bicycles for each of them and the many gifts from us and our families.”

“Looking back, it was just too much, too much,” Donny agrees. “It was sensory overload for them, I’d guess. They were used to having so little in the orphanage that they felt overwhelmed by all the things available in an American home. We learned that offering so much stuff can be very confusing, and that it’s better to introduce new things one at a time, so that they can learn to value and appreciate things.”

### Adapting to Change

The Taylors’ biological children also quickly learned that having six new brothers and sisters meant dramatic changes in their daily routines and available space. Favorite toys and games were taken or broken while the Russian children slowly learned to respect others’ property. Sharing bedrooms with new siblings who spoke little or no English and who didn’t always meet expectations for orderliness also proved a strain for the older Taylor children. Relationships gradually emerged between the children as language skills improved and the family focused on spending considerable time together.

“We were all on a fast learning curve,” says Donny as he reflects on the difficult first months after the adoption. “We discovered that we had to become more intentional about the basics of our daily routine.”

“I didn’t have time to do anything but the most vital things,” Karey adds. “I was cooking three hot meals a day for 13 people, and my older daughters sometimes helped. But we still couldn’t keep up with a family this big.”

All the children were soon recruited to help by means of The Chart, a large daily schedule on which each family member’s duties and responsibilities from 5:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. were carefully laid out. “With The Chart, the kids knew where they were

supposed to be and what they were supposed to be doing—no getting into each other’s hair.” Karey says.

Building faith in children who had little or no exposure to Christianity has proved challenging as well during the past three years. Regular family worship and attendance at church each week gave the children exposure to basic Bible stories. As home-schooling lessons were gradually added to the daily routine, spiritual truths became a part of the emerging conversation in English.

“We felt a real burden to win the older children to the Lord right away, because we felt their time with us was so limited,” Karey says. “But we’ve since decided that our only job is to offer it to them. It’s their option to choose it. We have them attend church with us, and we make it clear that we expect that to be the case as long as they live at home. But we’re not going to force-feed faith to them. We pray with

them, but we can’t make faith happen in them by our own efforts.”

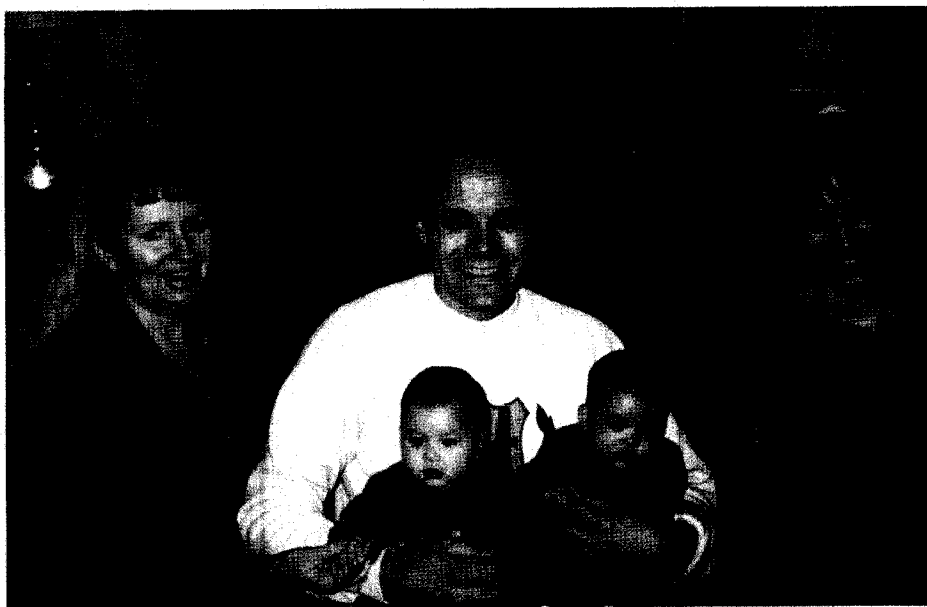
Donny and Karey credit their biological children with considerable maturity in the adjustment process, even as they note the difficulties encountered. “Without a doubt it’s been good for them,” Karey says, “even though they might have said otherwise at first. All of them say the first couple of months were a blur—that they don’t really remember much. That, without a doubt, is the grace of God!”

“Our birth children have learned a lot about how to deal with a group and how to work through problems,” Donny adds. “They have learned some really important life lessons about managing time, pitching in to help make a home operate, and a lot of practical skills. It’s helped make them more compassionate and sensitive to others to have a mission field right under their own roofs.”

“We know we don’t have a perfect home, and probably won’t have one anytime soon,” Karey concludes. “But we believe that we’ve been blessed to help provide a safe, secure place for children who haven’t seen much blessing in their lives. God has put us together so that all of us—parents and kids, Americans, Russians, and Vietnamese—can grow more into the likeness of Christ.”

*If you would like to communicate with the Taylors about multiple adoption, or adopting international children, you may contact them at their e-mail address: [dkttaylor@gccinternet.net](mailto:dkttaylor@gccinternet.net)*

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*After their trip to Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam, Don, Karey, and their oldest daughter Audrey pose with their two adopted four-month old daughters, Hannah Thi Grace and Heidi Le Alana at their Calhoun home.*





BY RYAN WALLACE

## *Southern Celebrates Seventh Annual SonRise Pageant*

Every spring at Southern Adventist University, students, staff, faculty and church members work together to produce one of the most authentic and powerful reenactments of Easter weekend. The crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ are acted out with complete costumes, props, settings, and special effects. What many believe is the largest and most realistic pageant of this type in the region, the SonRise Resurrection Pageant draws visitors from around the country to the University campus.

Beginning in the sanctuary of the church, pageant-goers tour by foot through the city of Jerusalem. They witness Jesus' triumphal entry, the last supper, the garden of Gethsemane, Peter's denial, Jesus' trial, His crucifixion and burial. The pageant culminates with Christ's glorious resurrection.

Around 600 volunteers work together to provide several 90-minute productions for roughly 10,000 attendants. Begun in 1996, the event has become a well-known and much-anticipated event each year.

According to Ed Wright, senior pastor of the Collegedale church, the pageant is a great opportunity for the church and university to reach out to the local community. Wright also praised the hundreds of participants who give of their time to ensure that each production is a success.



### Alumni hosts regional events

A busy schedule is planned for Gordon Bietz, president, and the alumni office at Southern Adventist University. They will be visiting numerous locations across the country in the next few months.

Speakers and events for these visits include Gordon Bietz, Wilma McClarty, and the Southern Symphony Concert Orchestra.

Dates and locations can be found on the web at [alumni.southern.edu](http://alumni.southern.edu) or by calling 423.238.2839.

### What's Happening

- High school seniors from the Southern Union, and academy seniors from around the nation, will visit Southern April 18 and 19 for the annual PreviewSouthern program. The event gives prospective students an accurate picture of what Southern is like during the school year, and it continues to grow each year.
- After a long, fun, and successful season, Southern's Gym-Masters will put on a grand finale home show on Saturday, April 6, at 8 p.m. in the Iles P.E. Center at Southern Adventist University.
- On March 4, Southern hosted the Chattanooga Rotary Club for an evening dinner concert. The event brought more than 300 business leaders to the campus, many for the first time.
- The annual Southern Adventist University Symphony Orchestra Dinner Concert will be held on Sunday, April 14, at 6 p.m. in the dining hall. Contact the School of Music at 423.238.2880 for reservations.
- Students have a day off on Thursday, April 18, for Community Service Day. Participation is encouraged by the University, and past years have witnessed increased involvement in community projects.
- March 17-21 the SACS accrediting committee visited the campus to review the university's self study. The committee will determine Southern's accreditation status. This review takes place every 10 years.



## Eddlemon Activities - Spartanburg, SC

Patricia Gentry, mother of one of the 7th and 8th grade students at Eddlemon Adventist Academy, recently found a baby squirrel in her yard. Dogs were barking at it, so she took the squirrel into the woods.



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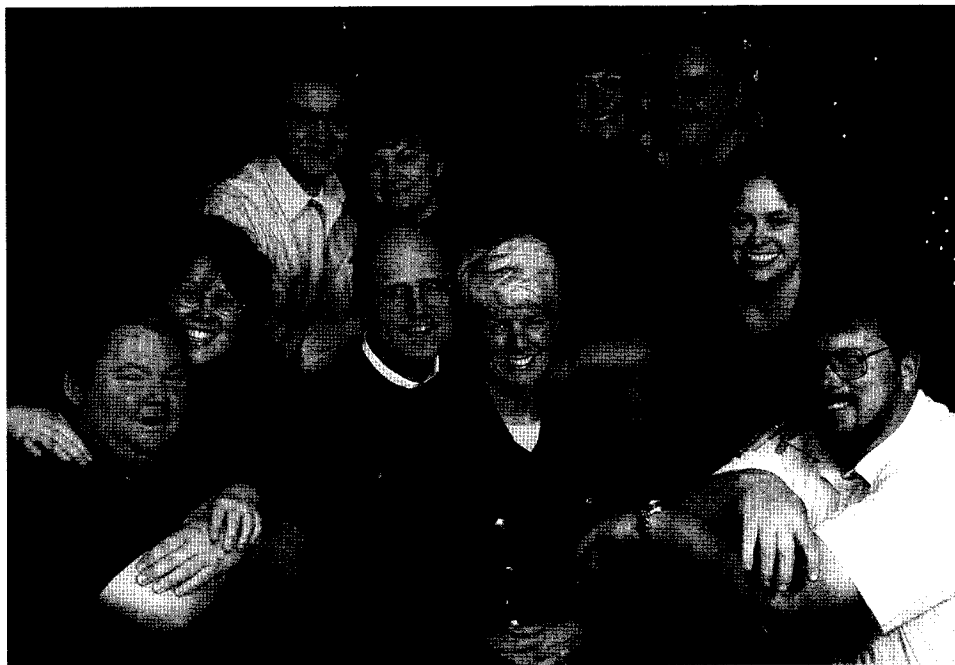
When she was walking back toward the house, Patricia looked back and saw the squirrel following her. Once again, she picked it up and put it into the woods. As she was about to walk away, the little animal jumped on her shoe and wouldn't get off. Not knowing what to do, she took it inside and put it in a cat carrier with food and a warm cloth. Trying to decide her next move, she remembered that her son David's class had raised a baby squirrel last year that had fallen out of its nest.

Patricia immediately drove to the home of the teacher, Roy Mortimer, and gave it to him. That's how the 7th and 8th grade class at Eddlemon got a pet squirrel named Thumper.

If all goes well, Thumper will soon be released into his natural environment and live a very happy squirrel life.



In the wake of the 9-11 tragedy, Roy Mortimer's class decided to raise money for ADRA. They raised more than \$200 for the relief agency. Pictured are Jennifer Bailey (back row left), Sophia Comish, Rachel Fehi, Leyda Arteaga, Justin Robbs, Roy Mortimer, teacher, Christopher Rose (front row left), Daniel Dawson, Joshua Grant, and David Gentry.



"Romance at the Ranch" is coordinated by the family life department and its valuable team of volunteers. Clockwise from left: Roger and Becky Sutton, Ralph and Mary Sorrells, Darryl and Marisa Blahovich, Don and Deb Grant, and Mike and Lynn Ortel.

## A Weekend of Romance

How would you like to get away for a weekend with your spouse and do nothing but relax, have fun, and learn valuable ways to improve your marriage?

On February 15-17, the family life department of the Carolina Conference hosted "Romance at the Ranch" at Nosoca Pines Ranch. Eighty couples attended the annual event, enjoying the opportunity to enrich their relationship in a Christian setting.

The weekend included a marriage enrichment seminar, evening pontoon rides

on the lake, lively hayrides, a scrumptious banquet, and a candlelight communion service. Every detail was designed to invite fun and romance into the lives of those who attended. Each day, couples were presented with small packages and gifts designed for sharing with each other.

Dr. Edgar and Dr. Judith Vyhmeister presented the seminar, entitled "Revealing the Heart of the Father," throughout the weekend. Music was provided by the Eastwinds, from Hendersonville, N.C.





## Exploring the Prophecies . . . Under the “Big Top”

A student driven evangelistic event began March 15<sup>th</sup> in Asheville under the *Big Top*, called “Exploring the Prophetic”. For the past three months eight students from Mt. Pisgah Academy have been preparing for this event. A large tent was erected next to the Winn Dixie super market located on a main highway just a few miles from the Academy.

“This event is the brain child of Justin McNeilus, a senior at Mt Pisgah Academy,” states Don Dronan, associate pas-

tor of the academy church. Dronan along with Buz Menhardt, the senior pastor and Mark Witas, academy chaplain, have been working with the student evangelistic team as they’ve prepared for this major event. Five of the students will be doing the speaking while the other team members will lend technical support.

Pictured with pastor Dronan are Mark Barron, Brian Brunson, Chris Bryant, Lauren Clifton, Justin McNeilus, Alicia McKinney, and Laralea Williams

## Woodruff Outreach

BY LUCAS PATTERSON

In the aftermath of September 11, the Woodruff church wanted local emergency workers to know how much they were appreciated by the community that they served. The congregation began donating money, and within a short amount of time had enough to make several large fruit baskets.

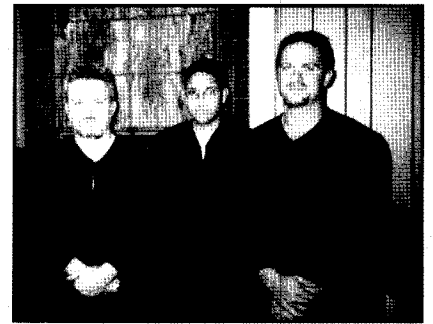
On December 20, 2001, members Sylvia Dunagin and Brenda Byrd took on the responsibility of delivering the gifts, and found the experience richly rewarding. Workers at the police station, Lower Piedmont Rescue 17, and the fire



department showed their thanks with warm smiles and kind words in return for the fruit and consideration.

Accepting the basket at Lower Piedmont Rescue 17 was Captain Donnie Rice and 1<sup>st</sup> Responders Galen Burdette and Colt Brown. The volunteers welcomed Dunagin and Byrd, changed into their uniforms, and even pulled out one of the emergency vehicles for a group picture to commemorate the event.

Police Chief Jeff Wood accepted for the Woodruff Police Department.



## A “Reap Series”

BY HELEN SELF

During a recent Prophecy Seminar series from Seminars Unlimited, Tim Sheridan expanded the biblical thinking of seekers who had attended the meetings held at the Morganton, N.C., church at the close of the year 2001.

Through a question and answer format, Sheridan went through the lessons that participants had already studied, elaborating on various points, getting feedback from his attentive audience.

At times, lengthy comments and discussions ensued. There were 85 in attendance the first night, with an average of 50-55 attending each night -- half of them were visitors. Even on Sabbath morning the visitors came with their prepared lessons. Since the series was held in the sanctuary, where a Sabbath school class normally meets, that class and several others chose to join in the seminar.

On graduation night, 42 people received their graduation certificates for completing all 32 lessons in the seminar series. Two had perfect attendance, with many others missing only a very few meetings. With rejoicing, eight people from the seminar were baptized December 12, 2001, and five of the Silver Creek school students were baptized the following week. Many of the interests continue to attend on prayer meeting night and on Sabbath. The Holy Spirit is working and many more baptisms are anticipated.



## Students say, “Take Another Look!”

Do you know anyone who used to be a Seventh-day Adventist, but changed religions or just stopped attending church? Do you wish you could find a way to reach out to them, so they would stop and take another look?

On January 21, students at Georgia-Cumberland Academy tried to reach out to these individuals.

At the beginning of the school year Aaron Payne, GCA chaplain, announced there would be two different outreach programs during the year: Adopt-a-Neighborhood and an evangelism program, later known as *Take Another Look*.

The idea behind this series was to invite those who had fallen away from the Church to come back and take another look at Jesus, church, life and spirituality. The students invited the entire group of acquaintances they had made from Adopt-a-Neighborhood. All invitations were hand-delivered by students to the homes over a period of two Sabbaths.

Payne, Don Keele, and assistant chaplain Chris Massengill did most of the planning and organizing. However, it was the students who conducted the meetings. Students delivering the sermons were Keith Bowman, Joshua Woods, Matthew Smith, Thomas Wentworth and Christian Thoms.

“I felt that the Lord wanted me to do this job. I want them to know that Jesus



*Matthew Smith, student at GCA, was one of five students to preach during the series. He spoke on the importance of the judgment.*

loves them and died for them. He gave them that white robe of righteousness so they can be in heaven with him,” said student Matthew Smith, who preached Tuesday night.

More than 70 students participated in the many responsibilities such as being part of the welcoming committee, overseeing the media system, sharing their testimonies, giving music presentations and serving tasty treats for the social time at the end of each meeting.

“What I’ve seen from the students is an excitement to get involved with evangelism. They’ve pulled together and worked as a team,” Aaron Payne said. “Everything they’ve done, whether it’s song service, special music or preaching, they’ve done it all to the glory of God and they had a wonderful time doing it. Their teamwork was incredible.”

*Take Another Look* ran Monday through Friday at the North Georgia bank in Calhoun, Ga., and ended with the final meeting at the GCA church. Each evening started with a welcome and prayer followed by an inspirational song service. Each night a student shared a brief testimony followed by the sermon. Topics focused on the second coming, salvation, the judgment, death, the Sabbath and heaven.

After the sermon, guests enjoyed refreshments and fellowship. To close off the night, the audience was treated to heartfelt special music.

About a dozen nonAdventists attended the meetings, the rest of the room was filled with attending Adventists renewing their faith.

“This was a really good opportunity to reach out to people and the community,” said student Laura Perry. “I felt like we stepped out and showed them a little bit of Jesus. And that’s what evangelism is all about.”

### A Life of Service

### Elsa Segui 1941-2002

Elsa Segui, wife of Obdulio Segui, died in a car accident in January. Elsa had a long history of working for the Lord. Born in Cuba, she studied theology at Antillian College and later graduated from Andrews University. She worked as a Bible worker in Cuba and in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

Elsa loved children and was gifted in establishing and directing children’s choirs. She organized a festival for children in the Greater New York Conference where more than 400 children participated in a choir.

Her choirs traveled and performed abroad. She also helped organize the first youth congress for the Atlantic Union. In Georgia-Cumberland, Elsa was especially involved with children’s and women’s ministries. She also started choirs in Hispanic churches within the Conference.

Elsa will be remembered for her dedicated service, loving nature, and influential work with children. Elsa is survived by her husband, Pastor Obdulio; three daughters: Ileana, Ivette, Ivonne; and four grandchildren.





BY TIM MERRYMAN

# God's Math: \$11 - \$11 = \$11

It was Friday afternoon and as I was getting ready to go into a barbershop to advertise, a woman approached me and asked if I was a minister. I told her I was a literature evangelist. She asked me to buy her some food. I knew I only had two fives and a dollar in my pocket. My gas gage showed I was on empty. It would take five dollars to get me home.

I reached into my pocket to give her six dollars, but as I handed her the money I realized the two fives had stuck together leaving me with no money for gas. I talked with her for a while longer trying to figure out how I could ask for some money back, but I couldn't think of what to say. So I prayed with her, gave her a *Happiness Digest* and she left.

As I entered the barbershop to leave my advertisement, the men inside said, "Boy did you ever get taken. That woman does this all the time."

"It's okay," I said, as I put out the materials, but I was wondering how I would get home for Sabbath.

Back at my car, I looked through my lead cards and found a card I thought would be good for a MagaBook sale. That

would at least put gas in the car. The address showed it was a few blocks away.

The lady of the home invited me in. I soon learned she was from Peru and had



*Literature evangelists watch God's miracles unfold as they daily spread the Message to the world one door at a time.*

she came to the states and had not attended church since, but she felt the Holy Spirit nudging her back. She brought the *Bible Stories*, *Bible Readings*, and *Bible Adventure Videos* and gave me a good down payment by check. I was thankful for the sale, but I still had no cash for gas. I went back

to my car and grabbed a MagaBook cookbook, showed it to her and told her any donation would be appreciated. she looked at me and said, You need gas money, don't you?"

I didn't know what to say! She handed me a one and two five dollar bills. I was amazed. The Lord had given me back exactly what I had given away.

"Is that okay?" she asked, noticing my hesitation.

I answered, "Oh, yes, yes, it's just fine." I also invited her to come to the church I attended.

On Sabbath, an elder said people were looking for me. Standing in the church was the woman with her Catholic husband, their two children and other relatives as well. They've been attending for over a month and have joined the pastor's Bible study class. The husband has already realized the importance of Sabbath and has quit working on Saturday.

It's exciting to see how the Lord works not only in our lives, but also in the lives of others that we meet. May we always be faithful witnesses for Him.

## Local Ministry Snapshots

BY BJ BOLES



*Right: Georgia Crawford and other Atlanta North church Pathfinders get ready to enter the historic Ebenezer Baptist church. The Pathfinders served as the color guard for 2002 King Holiday observance honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

*Left: Four of the 12 Atlanta North church Pathfinders in front of the tomb of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at historic Ebenezer Baptist church.*





# Mobile Cody Road Burns Mortgage

There was smoke in the sanctuary on January 12, 2002, but no one was alarmed as Mel Eisele, Conference president, and the Mobile Cody Road church members surrounded Dennis Millburn, Conference treasurer, to watch their mortgage burn.

The year 1902 marks the earliest recorded date of Seventh-day Adventists in Mobile. In 1911 the group of believers formed a company which later became the Mobile First church. The church became the Mobile Cody Road when the congregation moved to the new Cody Road location. Ground breaking for the church occurred April 2, 1989. Many members assisted with the construction, hanging sheet rock, painting, and laying sod.

During the past 11 years, the congregation worshiped, studied, worked, and played in the Cody Road structure under the leadership of pastors Ken Harding,



*David Nolfe (left), and Huburt Bramblett (right), stand ready to ignite the church mortgage held by Dennis Millburn, Conference treasurer.*

Duane Brown, and Gary Tracy. Several associate pastors have served the congregation.

Two major evangelistic meetings re-

sulted in a number of new members. The congregation sponsored a Field School of Evangelism, a group of MagaBook students and various seminars and study groups.

During this time a gymnasium and daycare facility has been added to the existing structure. There has been a steady growth in attendance, and once again the church is feeling a growth crunch.

A dream of many was to follow through with plans that had been made for faceted stained glass windows throughout the sanctuary. Because of the

generosity of church family members and friends the windows were dedicated just before the mortgage was burned.

## Couple Honored for Faithful Service to Fort Payne Church

BY ELAINE HAYDEN

Francis and Adabelle Costerisan were the honorees of a going away party hosted by the Fort Payne Quiet Acres church on February 10. The Costerisans have been members of the Fort Payne church since 1984, when they retired and moved from Collegedale, Tenn.

At that time the Fort Payne church was a rustic log chapel, picturesque, but small and lacking modern facilities. With a construction background that included the building of Pioneer Memorial chapel at Andrews University and several major buildings of what is now Southern Adventist University, Costerisan willingly offered his skills to the fledgling church.

Under his leadership and tools, the log cabin chapel soon had an addition that included a kitchen, dining room, restrooms, study, and classrooms for Sabbath school. In 1993 he effected the replacement of the

aging log cabin with an attractive structure capable of accommodating the growing congregation.

In addition to the construction, both Francis and Adabelle served in turn as treasurer for the church. Other offices through the years included head elder, head deacon, head deaconess, Sabbath school secretary, and personal ministries secretary.

In addition to the offices held, these two filled in many details of week-to-week church duties. More importantly, they invariably brought a cheerful greeting and kindly welcome to all who were a part of or visited the church.

At the going away gathering, the church members watched with considerable nostalgia a video of the old log cabin chapel. They presented the Costerisans with a memories scrapbook composed of



*Adabelle and Francis Costerisan honored for 17 years of faithful service to the Fort Payne church.*

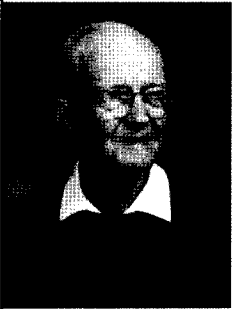
pages contributed by each family of the church. The Costerisans will reside in Fletcher, N.C.



## At 99, Clarence Sheldt, Still Attends Church

BY BECKY GRICE/FRANK TRIM

Clarence Sheldt celebrated his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday January 29, 2002. He has been a Seventh-day Adventist for more than 65 years and



a member of Mobile First/Cody Road church since 1947. He has held most offices in the church and has demonstrated ingenuity in his service for the

church. He is extremely adept in many lines including carpenter, electrician, bricklayer, boat builder, writer, and inventor. He has played the violin, mandolin and guitar, and sang tenor in the choir.

Brent Bramlett, a longtime member of the Mobile church says, "One thing stands out in my mind about Clarence is when we sold the old church building. The new owners asked that the pipe organ be removed. Clarence carefully and methodically dismantled the organ by himself, though some of the pipes were 20 to 25 feet long. I offered to help and he told me he could do it."

Bramlett continues, "When the new church was built, his expertise and persistence were qualities much needed. He installed all the hardware in the church—anything that shines or squeaks—he installed. He has always been here for this church."

Clarence, at 99, is no longer able to perform all he has done in the past, with one exception, he still attends Sabbath school and church regularly.

## Hispanic Youth Meet in Meridian

BY BECKY GRICE

More than 350 youth (ages 15-35) from all of the Hispanic churches in Mississippi and Alabama met February 15-17, at the community center in Meridian, Miss. The occasion was the first Conference sponsored Hispanic Youth Federation, and was organized by pastors Ezequiel Osorio and Saul Aispuro.

The speaker and soloist for the weekend was Jesus Eduardo from Loma Linda, Calif. For Sabbath school, the youth performed a skit based on the theme for the weekend, the Garden of Friendship. Other Sabbath activities included a concert by Jesus Eduardo, and Bible contests such as sword drills and repeating the morning watch texts.

The youth enjoyed a social Saturday night. A variety of sports games, including volleyball and soccer, were played on Sunday morning.



New federation officers were elected during the meeting. The purpose of the federation meetings are to provide a social atmosphere where the young people can fellowship and be energized to do community and mission outreach. The next federation meeting will be held in Fort Payne, Ala.

## Tupelo Mayor Receives Vegetarian Cookbook



*The Vegetarian in You*, a cookbook with a collection of meatless recipes by the women's ministries of the Tupelo, Miss., church, was presented to Mayor Larry Otis, by Marcia Barrera, women's ministries director. The sale of these books will benefit the building fund of the church.

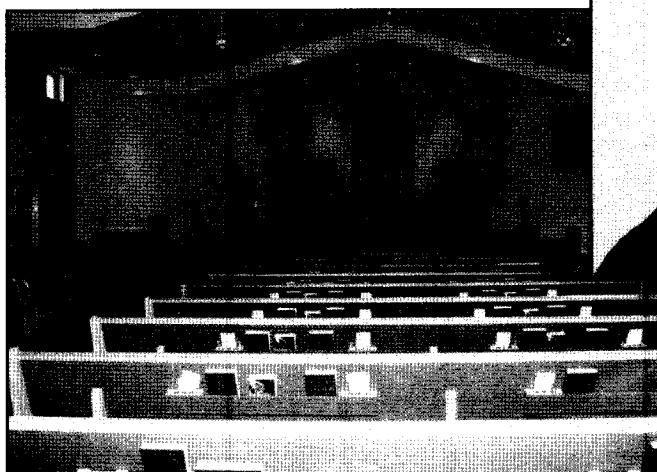


# New Sanctuary Opens in Murfreesboro

On December 1, 2001 members in Murfreesboro, Tenn., celebrated the grand opening of their new church building. Two-hundred people gathered to share in the celebration. All three Conference officers were present for the occasion. Marvin Lowman, the Conference secretary, taught the adult Sabbath School lesson. Doug Hilliard, Conference treasurer, gave the message during the worship hour. Conference president, Richard Hallock, challenged the church members to fill the new 268 seat sanctuary. There were also two specials by the church choir.

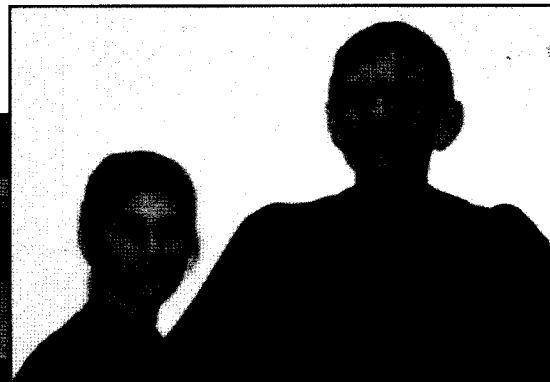
The afternoon program included several testimonies of some of the financial miracles that God has worked because of pledging to the building program and spiritual growth because

of the church fellowship. Richard Teller, pastor, shared that the three-year capital stewardship program



*The interior of the new sanctuary at Murfreesboro.*

was only two-thirds over, but three-fourths of the goal was already achieved. God has truly worked miracles and is continuing to work miracles in Murfreesboro.



*Kim Brown was baptized by Richard Teller, pastor.*

A highlight of the day was the baptism of Kim Brown who sealed her commitment to serve Jesus. Kim is a student at the Murfreesboro school.

The church family is excited and praising God for the new facility that includes a new sanctuary, classrooms, and office space.

## ACS Partners with Kentucky Emergency Management

Adventist Community Services (ACS) of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference has been asked to serve as deputy to the donations management coordinator of the Kentucky Emergency Management Agency. According to Meredith Snyder, disaster coordinator for the Conference, trained volunteers from ACS in Kentucky would step in when requested by the donations management coordinator.

For example, should a disaster occur that would require opening an 800 number for donations, ACS volunteers may be asked to answer calls and coordinate donations, using their expertise in donations management, types of items or services may be needed, and how to direct to collection points.

Kentucky has an arrangement with other states in sharing services in times of disaster. Should Kentucky's donations management coordinator be unavailable, ACS could be asked to start the process in the coordinator's absence.



*Recently, Marvin Lowman (left), and Meredith Snyder, Conference ACS director, met in Frankfort, Ky., with Larry Buckner, NAD Disaster coordinator, and Dave Boyer, program coordinator for Kentucky Emergency Management Agency, to work out the details of a Memorandum of Understanding between the two organizations.*





BY LUTHER MAY

## Special Baptisms in Murray

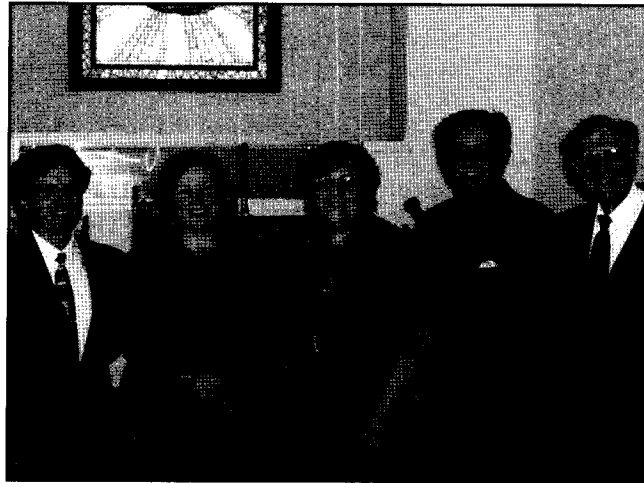
*"Other sheep I have which are not of this fold: them also I must bring and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd." John 10:16*

On a Sabbath in last November, retired minister, Luther May, had the privilege of baptizing an ordained minister and his wife, Phillip and Sally Rogers, and another very dear friend, Nancy Laxton. Their church was called the Lighthouse Christian Mission, a non-denominational group. Phillip was ordained by the Full Gospel Fellowship of Churches and Ministers.

In 1992 Phillip Rogers approached May with a "somewhat unusual request" as he put it. He requested that he and some of his friends might use the local Seventh-day Adventist church *free of charge* on Sundays since he knew they had their services on Saturday. The request was taken to the church in business session and the request was granted.

"It was not long before his group was as large as ours," says May. "Before long they started paying us rent and used our church for several years. It was during this time that Rogers became an ordained min-

ister. They were a wonderful group and we especially enjoyed our association with the Rogers' family. My wife and I visited



*David Holton (left), pastor, Nancy Laxton, Sally Rogers, Phillip Rogers, and Luther May, retired pastor.*

in their home several times and had some good Bible discussions with them."

When John Quade of *Amazing Facts* had an evangelistic meeting here in Murray in October of 2000, the Rogerses were in-

ited to the meetings. They decided to come and, although they had already missed the first two or three meetings, they came every night after that.

They did not make a decision at the close of the meetings, but they began coming to church every Sabbath and to prayer meeting each week and willingly took part in any church activities they were asked to do.

After attending church about a year, they decided, since they had learned new truths, they would like to be baptized again, showing their full acceptance of God's precious truth. They had both been baptized before in the river Jordan while

on a tour of the Bible Lands.

Nancy Laxton, who was renewing her vows, was also baptized during the same service. David Holton is pastor of the Paris-Murray district.

### Covington Church Receives Energy Star Award

The Covington, Ky., church believes stewardship includes taking care of the earth as well as the church. The church has made many improvements over the years, including installing a new high-efficiency HVAC system, adding ceiling fans, installing computerized setback thermostats, installing LED exit signs, emergency lighting, and generally reducing the energy load.

The church's first cost-saving changes were made out of necessity. A malfunctioning heating and air-conditioning system was replaced and new exit lights were installed. The church says that once they saw the cost savings from these projects they had the confidence to make some

additional changes based solely on increased energy efficiency.

By changing outside lighting to high-efficiency equipment with photocells, the church has increased safety and security while reducing cost and maintenance labor. Adam Palmer, the building committee chairman, says he also thinks that it improves the appearance of the building at night.

After seeing annual savings of more than \$2,700, the church is planning even more energy efficiency upgrades. The 21,740 KWH saved will prevent about 48,154 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions annually. As a result, the Covington church was given the EPA's Energy Star Award.

### Greater Nashville Junior Academy to Host 40th Anniversary Reunion

April 20, 2002 we will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the founding of Greater Nashville Junior Academy (GNJA). Please join us for a delightful day of fellowship and memories. Conn Arnold will bless us with words, Duane Hamilton (of the Heritage Singers) will bless us with music, and much, much more. The afternoon promises to be filled with talent from our 40 years of existence. If you would like to share your talent or wish further information about the reunion, please call:

Don Watson at 615-227-5797,  
or email: gnja40th@yahoo.com.



# Atlanta-Berean Primary Division Aids New York Families

Members of the Atlanta-Berean Sabbath school's primary division were deeply touched by the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks and acted on their emotions.

The children, ages 6 to 9, wanted to do something for the children whose parents were killed in those attacks.

Seventh-day Adventist families were identified from the Web site [www.adventist.org](http://www.adventist.org) that listed missing Adventists. Using this information, the Sabbath school students then wrote letters, made cards and collected donations

for nine Seventh-day Adventist children.

They also made a special donation to the youth department of the Linden church in Larenton, N.Y., in memory of their leader, Michelle Nelson, who worked on the 103rd floor of Tower 1.

Collected donations totaled about \$400.

In their letters, the students let the affected children know they were sorry for what happened, were praying for them and urged them to remember they would see their loved ones again in heaven.

Some of the students shared personal

life's tragedies and offered words of encouragement, reminding them that God loves them.

"The primary staff is proud of our students and the kind, compassionate love shown in the writing of these letters," said Roberta Hubert, primary division leader.

Sabbath school students writing letters were: Sean Blakeny, Danielle Blemur, Natasha Jackson, Macy Lovelace, Josue Luna, Jordan Perry, Jerome Pondexter, Christian Riley, Julian Smith, Justin Smith, and Courtney Velazquez.

## Atlanta Bereanites Participate in King Day Activities

Representatives of the Atlanta-Berean music department and the Pathfinder club recently participated in Martin Luther King Jr. Day activities.

Music committee chairperson Deadra Griffeth blended her voice with those of the Wendell P. Whalum Community Chorus and others to provide music for the ecumenical services at the newly renovated Ebenezer Baptist Church.

The two-hour service in honor of the late Martin Luther King Jr.'s 73rd birthday was broadcast on WAGA-TV Fox 5 and featured such speakers as First Lady Laura Bush and Eddie Long of New Birth Missionary Baptist church of Lithonia.

After the service, Pathfinders joined hundreds in the march from Peachtree Street at Harris Street to the Martin Luther King Visitor Center. Berean Crusader Pathfinder club members participating were Summer Bell, DeAngelo Dupree, Joshua Dupree, Joseph Gaiter and director Vickie Watkins.

## Atlanta-Berean Sponsors Black History Day Concert

The Atlanta-Berean church music department concluded the church's Black History Day on Saturday, February 23, by hosting a multi-denominational spiritual fest.

Almost 1,000 people attended the Sing When the Spirit Says Sing concert, which featured choirs and soloists from Seventh-day Adventist, Methodist, and Baptist churches in Atlanta and Huntsville, Ala.

"When I was a part of Opus I choir in the 80s, we participated in a spiritual fest at Mt. Moriah Baptist church," said music department leader Deadra Griffeth. "For some reason, that doesn't exist anymore. This concert is just an extension of that."

Coordinated by Lolita McKinnes, program participants included choirs New Creation, Allen Temple AME Choir No. 1, Christian Fellowship Baptist Sanctuary Choir, New Creation, and Oakwood College Choral; soloists Julie Moore of the Oakwood College music department, Ralph Freeman of the Three Inspirational Tenors of Atlanta; and guest conductor Shelton Kilby III, pianist, arranger, award-winning composer and executive secretary of the Southwest Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Each choir sang two spirituals, which included *Sing When the Spirit Says Sing*, *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*, *The Battle of Jericho*, *Sinner, Please Don't Let Dis' Harvest Pass*, *True Religion*, and *I'm Gonna Sing 'til the Spirit Moves in my Heart*.

Soloists sang such arrangements as *City Called Heaven*, *Ride on, King Jesus*, *Stan' Still Jordan*, and *Witness*.

As the grand finale, all performers came together as a mass choir to sing *Calvary Medley*, conducted by Kilby, who also was guest speaker during divine worship earlier that day.

The concert was dedicated to Deadra Griffeth, in memory of her late husband, W. Guy Griffeth.

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# Breath of Life Wins Health Award



*Puppeteers led by Toya Sallis presented a fun filled healthy living show on good nutrition. Pictured are Jerry Sallis (standing left), Toya Sallis, Edgar Thomas, and Jerwin Jones.*

The health ministry program of the Breath of Life church has been so successful in reaching people's needs that they won an award from Memphis Healthy Churches (MHC). MHC is an organization that provides resource support and training for churches that minister to the health needs of their members and community in the Memphis area.

According to Janice Isaac, a registered nurse and health ministries coordinator for Breath of Life, the church's monthly health program has been well established over the years. It focuses on exercise in January, since most people have overeaten during the holidays. A health survey is then done to determine the distinctive needs of attendees.

The health of the heart is the focus of February, since people are generally poised to consider issues of the heart. Thereafter, the monthly programs vary. Vegetarianism is promoted by holding Meatout Day on the first day of spring followed by a Fit-

ness Witness Walkathon, heat exhaustion prevention, water drinking, breast cancer and diabetes awareness days. Health-issues education and nutrition are promoted through puppet shows during Adventist youth programs throughout the year.

Two years ago the church added the Fun and Fitness Fair to their program. They sponsored the Fun and Fitness Health Fair for the Orange Mound community of Memphis in 2001 and will have two fairs in 2002.

A Fitness Witness Walkathon around the neighborhood of the church begins the promotion of the fair. Walkers, wearing customized health ministries tee shirts provided by MHC, distribute invitations.

The fair features talks by local doctors and health checks using equipment that measure glucose and cholesterol levels. It also features video presentations and food tasting. In addition, a "moonwalk" and other fun attractions are provided. "It is a total church project," said

Isaac. All church departments are involved.

George Oliver, director of both Memphis Healthy Churches and the Baptist Hospital Community Outreach, brought two staff members from the hospital with the supplies to do blood sugar and cholesterol screening for the fair registrants.

"For lack of knowledge my people perish" quoted Mrs. Oliver from a Bible text. "We need to let our people know to do all they can to take better care of their health as Black America is in a health crisis."

The health fair and the monthly programs have generated interest from church members who urge Isaac to restart the weight loss support group and initiate a diabetic support group.

Why is Janice Isaac so committed to health ministry in the Black community? It is because

of the bleak statistics. Isaac says, "In 2001, the percentage of diabetic patients almost doubled. That's because people are eating more fattening foods without realizing the risk."

Isaac also says, "While budgetary cuts are lowering the money available for health research, African Americans continue to suffer disproportionately from preventable and chronic diseases." Note these staggering statistics:

**Heart Disease** – At least 27 percent more African American men die of heart disease than white men. At least 55 percent more African American women die of heart disease than whites.

**Hypertension** – High blood pressure is twice as prevalent in blacks as opposed to whites and affects 1 in 3.

**Diabetes** – One in 10 African Americans has diabetes and they are 55 percent more likely to have diabetes than whites.

**Cancer** – African Americans acquire cancers only 10 percent more than the gen-



eral population. However, once acquired our mortality rate is 20 to 40 percent higher, often due to late detection. Deaths due to breast cancer are decreasing among whites, but not among blacks.

*Mammography and Pap smear screening* are often not used. Deaths from prostate cancer are twice as high for black men as for white men. Men of 50 should start having regular prostate specific antigen (PSA) screening and a digital rectal exam (DRE).

*AIDS* - It is now the 10th leading cause of death in all races nationwide, although it is preventable. African Americans and Latinos make up 21 percent of the population, but account for 46 percent of the newly reported cases.

Isaac says, "As Christians, it is our responsibility to warn the public. Having a health fair is one way to let people know to appreciate and take better care of their health. The Lord has promised us wonderful blessings with our health ministry. It's time to pray for a focus, claim His promises, and go for it."



*Stephanie Young (left), University of Tennessee pharmacy doctoral candidate, helped screen blood pressures for the large crowd of fair registrants. Stephanie was visiting the Breath of Life church for her first time.*



*Mike Istre (left), Winn-Dixie division president; Danny Chandler, award recipient; Chris Ullo, Louisiana State senator; Roy Amedee, director of community affairs.*

At its 19th annual corporate luncheon, held at Commander's Palace Restaurant in New Orleans, La., the Davis Foundation announced the 2001 Good

citizenship in the community. Seven of more than 40 recipients were from Mississippi. The others were from Alabama and Louisiana.

## Chandler Receives Good Citizen Award

Citizenship Award recipients. One of those receiving an award for this year was Danny R. Chandler of Madison, Miss.

Chandler was recognized for his work with Mississippi Friends of Oakwood College United Supporters (Mississippi FOCUS).

The Davis Foundation is the Philanthropic arm of Winn Dixie Stores of America. Each year it recognizes individuals and organizations who have demonstrated good

"It is our pleasure to present Mr. Chandler with this award. It is this kind of work that the Davis Foundation and Winn Dixie wants to see individuals and groups doing to help improve their communities," said Roy Amedee, director of community affairs.

"Education is one of the keys to improving one's life. I am thankful to be able to share with others through Mississippi FOCUS," said Chandler. "I am very grateful to the Davis Foundation and Winn Dixie for becoming a partner in higher education for the youth of Mississippi. Their generosity moves us closer to our goal. We still have work to do.

Mississippi FOCUS is a tax deductible scholarship program established in 1996 by Chandler, a 1984 graduate of Oakwood College, and his wife, Reta. The goal is \$50,000.

# Replanting Faith's Seed

**SOUTHEASTERN FEATURE**  
BY SEAN CAVANAGH  
Staff Writer of *South Florida Sun-Sentinel*

Caribbean residents thrive in Plantation church, but hold fast to their spiritual roots.

## Plantation

Where most of them are from, you don't buy a church, you build it. You find a prayerful spot, maybe on the slope of a hill, or if you're lucky, overlooking the sea. You take what wood and brick you can find and put it together along a dusty country road, where all your friends can walk to it, or on a city street, so they can get there by bus, which everybody calls the tap-tap.

And when it's finished, it becomes your church. You might sermonize and sing in other places, in chapels with higher ceilings and softer pews, air conditioning and fancier stained glass.

But in your souls, there is only one. And if anyone asks, you say things like, "I can't wait to go back. That's my church. The most beautiful church in the world." The faithful who were born in Haiti and now seek out the Sinai Seventh-day Adventist church, at 201 NW 46<sup>th</sup> avenue in eastern Plantation, suggest one day they will talk about their adopted house of worship with the same reverence.

Like spiritual centers across western Broward County, the church has become a cultural hub for the city's growing Caribbean-born community, supplanting a predominantly white congregation in a neighborhood that was once almost entirely white. The members were reared in small towns and larger cities, Port-de-Paix and Cap-Haitien, and every Saturday, they pack its two chapels—1,000 voices strong, and growing.

"Fifteen years ago, we probably would not have moved into that community, or it would have been very difficult," said Jean-Renaud Joseph, the church's pastor. "Now the area is changing. The church has been accepted."

Over the last decade, the black population has almost tripled in Plantation and the neighborhood surrounding the church, census figures show. And surveys suggest many of those new residents are from the Caribbean. An estimated 5,100 West Indians live in the city, out of 82,000 people, according to a recent study.

Years ago, the church's population also paralleled that of the nearby community. For almost four decades, it housed Parkway Christian Church, an evangelical congregation founded in 1957. They were a collection of dedicated young couples and snowbirds, as one member recalled, with no creed but Christ, no book but the Bible. They stayed in east Plantation until 1995, when they sold the building and moved farther west, to Davie, in search of new members and new life.

"We had just kind of stopped growing," said Shirley Shaw, 65, one of Parkway Christian's first worshipers. "We canvassed the area, and there were no young families any more. You have to have young families to run a church." At that time, change was sweeping through the quiet neighborhood around Parkway Christian, a few blocks west of State Road 7.

Many of the original white families in the neighborhood were leaving its two- and three-bedroom home and sleepy streets for newer communities farther west, or retiring to condominiums outside Plantation.

Filling the void were Jamaicans, Haitians, Bahamians and other islanders. Many had traded apartments in Fort Lauderdale and Miami for the promise of more space and stability, a better life.

"The West Indians, they sought out more upscale living," said Winston Grant, 62, who moved to the neighborhood from Jamaica in 1987. "Plantation was a good neighborhood and not rundown. A reference point for good living."

The Seventh-day Adventists also saw a natural fit. Their church drew Haitians from all over South Florida, along with those who walked from homes nearby. They now have more than 1,000 members.

Some of them were raised in the Catholic Church, or as Baptists, and converted. The Seventh-day faith had grown quickly in Haiti, partly because of the work of missionaries there over the last 40 years, and it wasn't long before it took hold in Florida, too.



WILLIE TAYLOR

*Sinai church in Plantation, Florida.*

In 1980, when the refugees started coming, it grew tremendously, said Daniela Henry, executive director of the Haitian-American Community council in Delray Beach. She has seen Seventh-day Adventist churches spring up across Palm Beach County.

The growth of predominantly Caribbean churches can be seen across Broward, but especially in the newer, western suburbs, said John Fleming, executive director of the Gulfstream Baptist Association, in Plantation. Many of the churches in those communities were less established, and eager for new members, said Fleming, whose organization oversees 167 congregations in the county.

"It's something that happened naturally, over time," Fleming said. "The church, for the most part, becomes the center of their lives. We have to change with the community. The Bible tells us we need to go in all the world, and teach and preach."

The founding members of Parkway Christian lived by a similar creed, a generation ago. In 1957, they looked across a vast expanse of pasture and swamp, and dreamed of a church. And then they built it.

Under the guidance of Dr. C. Manly Morton, a retired missionary, it took them 140 days to construct the chapel,

now the smaller sanctuary at today's church. They were rustic surroundings, even on the day Shirley Shaw and her husband, Herbert, became the first couple to be married there.

"We had a sidewalk, but if you stepped of the sidewalk you were in trouble," Shaw recalls. "I had black shoes from the mud." A year later, they added two more buildings, for a private school. They formed church committees and came up with long-range plans. They met in each other's homes and set up a bowling league.

Soon they needed a bigger sanctuary, and in 1968, they built it. It is where French/Creole services are held today. Thirty years ago, Parkway Christian was 750 members strong and gaining more every year.

But by the late 1980s and early 1990s, the church membership began to slide. Its congregation was aging, with many of them retiring and moving away, said Richard Haskins, a worshiper who arrived in Florida 20 years ago.

The neighborhood was changing, too. More West Indians and other minorities were moving in. Many of them were of different faiths, and the church couldn't attract enough of them, Haskins remembered. And without younger members, the church couldn't continue.

In 1995, Parkway Christian sold the church buildings and school property to the Seventh-day Adventists for \$1.3 million, and moved to their current spot, at 1200 S. Flamingo Road, in Davie. They had to kick the cows off, the way they did 30 years earlier, Shaw remembers.

"We figured with all the members having homes out there, that was the future," she said.

They built a school, just like before, and drew families from the burgeoning suburbs around them. Many Hispanic families joined them, and they added services in Spanish.

"We moved and changed," Hawkins said. "I see a viable church now, as opposed to a dying church in the old location. I see kids here; I see a new spirit. That's what it's all about."

Today, their old church in plantation bustles and hums on Saturday mornings, much the way it did on Sundays a generation ago.

In jackets and ties, long skirts and heels, the faithful file into the bigger chapel, their children skipping alongside them, clutching hands and pants legs.

Nearby, a choir called the Gospel Stars is warming up outside one of the school's classrooms, their voices echoing from the sidewalk to sky.

"Il est le createur du ciel," they sing, a hymn to God the creator.

Pastor Jean-Renaud Joseph slips quickly through rooms and hallways, shaking hands, sweat dotting his brow, conferring in Creole and English about last week's services, and the one that will begin in a few minutes.

He slips into the smaller chapel, where the youth pastor, Gerly Germain, is in full swing. He can cite Old Testament verses about sin and God's wrath, enough to make the teenage boys slouch in the pews and blush.

But the 30-year-old from Port-au-Prince can make them laugh too. On this day, he has them roaring in song, standing and clapping to a timeless number, Old Time Religion.

The teens in the chapel are tomorrow's congregation. Each week, they meet friends from school and their neighborhoods at the smaller chapel, as their parents head into the service next door, given in Creole. Their mothers and fathers want them to speak that language at home, even if they use English everywhere else, some say.

"They always talk about what it was like when they went to church, back in Haiti," said Drenot Pierre, 16. "At the church they had, they say, three people in one seat. My moms tells me, 'You are lucky'"

The Plantation spot has grown so popular, the Seventh-day Adventists could face hard decisions soon. Pastor Joseph says the church is already pushing its limits on spaces, and may have to seek a bigger sanctuary sometime soon.

Until then, they are content worshipping where they are.

"The church means a lot to people, to immigrants who need to find their niche," Germain said. "Church is the most important niche. Not only does it build memories of what life was, but also it helps bridge the gap with people who were born here. It helps build a society."

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1957: A retired missionary C. Manly Morton, meets with nine people to plan the construction of a church. They built it on a cow pasture in what is now the city of Plantation.

1958: Two school buildings and a fellowship hall are added.

1964: Membership reached 364; believed to be the largest Disciples of Christ congregation in Florida.

1968: New, 450-seat sanctuary is built; church has 777 members.

1993: With declining membership, Parkway begins planning a move west.

1995: Church property sold for \$1.3 million; Sinai Seventh-day Adventist Church, a predominantly Haitian congregation, moves in.

1996: Parkway Christian finishes construction of new church, school in town of Davie.



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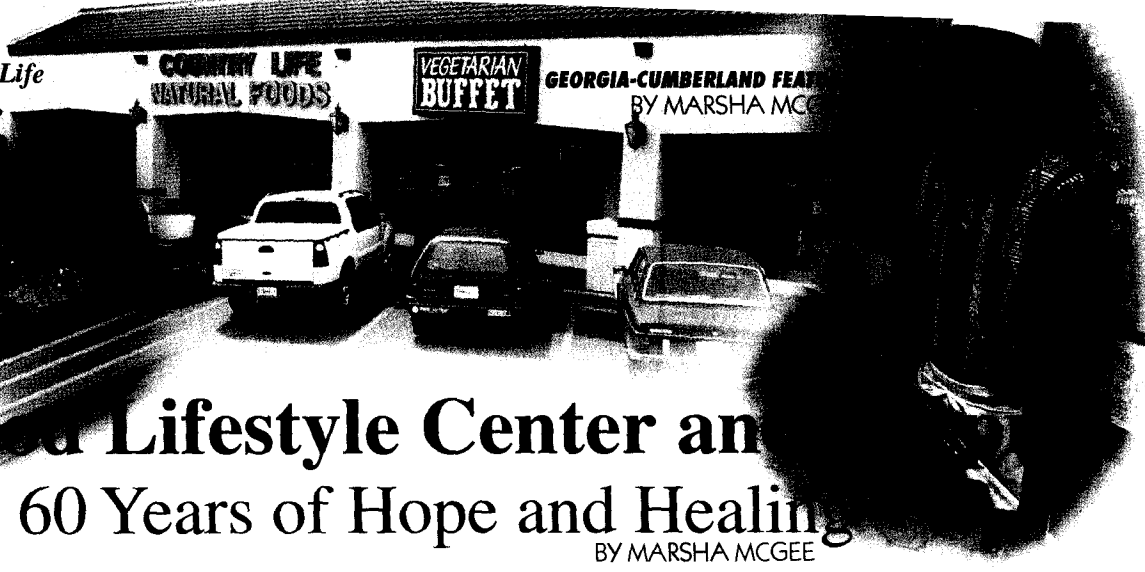
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# Wildwood Lifestyle Center and Hospital

## 60 Years of Hope and Healing

BY MARSHA MCGEE

For six decades, Wildwood Lifestyle Center and Hospital in Wildwood, Georgia, near Chattanooga, Tennessee, has offered treatment for serious health problems while focusing on lifestyle changes necessary to prevent further problems from developing. Wildwood is an independent Seventh-day Adventist facility operated with Christ at its center. There are doctors, of course, but Christ is viewed as the "great physician."

Wildwood offers treatment, and teaches prevention of health problems in a Christian atmosphere. Up to 20 guests at a time enroll in 17-day lifestyle programs to evaluate their current health and learn simple techniques for achieving the highest state of wellness possible. The goal is to identify and treat the *causes* of each person's health difficulties rather than just the *symptoms*. Wildwood focuses on prevention, natural remedies, lifestyle change and the healing power of a personal relationship with Christ. This approach enables many guests to see their health improve significantly, with noticeable changes in a very short time.

The lifestyle program includes a physical exam, blood work, periodic physician consultations, vegetarian cooking classes, health lectures, hydrotherapy,



*Soothing and healing massages are part of the lifestyle program.*

physical therapy treatments as needed, massage therapy, exercise classes, nutritious vegan meals and opportunities to attend religious services.

Physicians at Wildwood are knowledgeable not only about mainstream medicine, but also about herbal remedies, healing poultices, hydrotherapy, nutrition, and other lifestyle changes that enable many people to lose weight, lower blood pressure, cholesterol, and triglycerides, and reduce or eliminate medications.

Ever since Wildwood was established in 1942, its programs have proven particularly effective for arthritis, diabetes, stress, lupus and other autoimmune disorders, high blood pressure, overweight, smoking, depression, allergies, cancer prevention and heart disease.

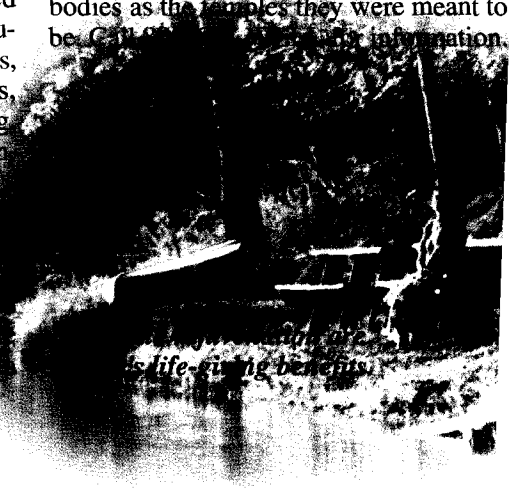
When 53-year-old Gary Foster of Campbellsville, Kentucky, came to Wildwood he weighed 280 pounds, took insulin shots and two pills daily for diabetes. He was also on blood pressure and nerve medicine. During the program

he lost 36 pounds, and three months later, Gary was off all medications for his diabetes and nerve medicine. Now, two years later, he weighs 190 pounds. The key to Gary's change, he believes, was getting out of his old environment and laying the foundation for new lifestyle habits.

For those who cannot attend a lifestyle session, a two-day get-acquainted offer is available. Wildwood also operates an outpatient clinic, dental clinic and small hospital, as well as a quality health food store on campus, and one couple with the Country Life Vegetarian Restaurant in Chattanooga, where guests can find nutritious supplies to assist them in maintaining good health when they go home.

Wildwood's educational opportunities include the Lifestyle Educator and Health Ministries Courses and a medical fellowship program which offer insightful classes and hands-on training for students and medical staff from all over the world who are seeking preparation for medical missionary work.

As Gary Foster and thousands of others have found out, an Adventist lifestyle center can be a great place to see healing begin. Wildwood's friendly, spiritual atmosphere and quality service provide information and encouragement to treat our bodies as the temples they were meant to be. *Get the full story and more information.*



## Actions Speak Louder Than Words

# Youth Take Christianity To The Streets

**"JUST DO SOMETHING"** was the rally cry of more than 1,200 Florida youth as they took practical Christianity to the streets of Jacksonville, Miami, Tampa, and Orlando.

"This year's Youth Congress and Community Plunge in February received a tremendous response as our young people reached out, touched lives, and witnessed about God's care and love," says Bill Crofton, Florida Conference youth/young adult ministries director.

"The kids, themselves, were moved by their participation in the work projects and in the worship and praise services," he adds. "In Jacksonville, more than 100 young people came forward when an appeal was made to follow Christ."

Throughout the State, decisions to follow Christ led to action. "I took the plunge and saw a picture of what Christianity is all about—helping others," says Ashley Caudill, Forest Lake Academy senior.

"Community Plunge is designed to place youth in situations where they are doing the work of Christ," says Sergio Torres, associate director of youth/young adult ministries based in South Florida. "We also want participants to realize that in every person helped, they are ministering to Christ, Himself."

### A Caring Touch in Miami

Torres, along with Mayra Arroyo, chaplain at Greater Miami Academy (GMA) led students on several outreach projects. The junior class went to the Miami Rescue Mission to paint, clean, cook, and serve lunch to the homeless. "People came here for a home-cooked meal, just like the ones my mom makes," a student told Arroyo. "When I go home, I plan to be more appreciative of what she does and not say I'd rather eat at McDonalds."

Down at the McLamore Children's Center, youngsters watched with delight as GMA students refurbished their playground and repaired furniture in the emergency shelter. This Dade County non-profit organization provides a home for abused, abandoned, and neglected children.

### Jacksonville Youth Make News

"Young people in our part of the State came to Jacksonville where windows of opportunity opened to share the Gospel," says Juan Rodriguez, associate director for youth/young adult ministries in North Florida. Food was taken to the homeless; tourists were given *Happiness Digest*; prayer and an invitation to come back to



*Students from Forest Lake Academy in Apopka spruced up a cluttered, run-down storefront.*

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church were offered to a nonattending Adventist; and a terminally ill woman, met on a prayer walk, received hope as the group sang, *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*.

Sunday found the youth working in the eye of a Fox 30 news television camera at the Riverhouse Inn, a mental health facility. Here, students painted the exterior of the Inn and tiled the living room floor.

### New Mindset in Tampa

Youth from 12 churches in the Tampa area worked at five locations: Joshua House, an orphanage; Francis Home, a residence for children with AIDS; Project Casa, the home of an elderly couple; Al Lopez Park; and the Carrollwood church.

"The young people came back tired, yet with a new mindset that serving others is one of the key aspects of Christianity," says Andrew Moreno, associate director for youth/young adults on the west coast of Florida.

### Youth in Spirit Vans Touch Orlando Needy

Windshield signs identified the Spirit Vans seen driving throughout Orlando as 600 youth went about looking for opportunities to do good. Jumper cables, paint brushes, shovels, rakes, and food were on board in anticipation they might be needed. On Friday, more than 1,000 flowers were planted in the city, yards were raked, two houses were painted, windows were washed, and a load of homeless people were picked up by one of the vans and treated to a meal donated by Taco Bell.

Zack McDonald, a junior at Forest Lake Academy in Apopka, was on a van that fed the homeless at Lake Eola in downtown Orlando. Fellow students on the van were amazed that many of the homeless knew Zack by name. "We started a homeless ministry at school with Pastor Diane Halvorsen and, often, we come here to talk with the people," he says. "Many of them cling to Jesus in their troubles, and most homeless people I've met carry Bibles. Yesterday, a man showed me his wallet. It was empty except for 25 pictures of Jesus."

Plans for the 2003 and 2004 Youth Congress/Community Plunge events are already coming together. "Youth from across the state will come to Orlando to celebrate God's blessings and to participate in a massive project for the city," says Crofton. "Bridges have been built by our Adventist young people, and Mayor Glenda Hood's office is excited about working with them."



*Youth prepare the floor for tiling at a mental health facility in Jacksonville.*



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**Carolina**

**Outdoor Education**—April 16-19. Nosoca  
**MPA Alumni Weekend**—April 19-21  
**Eastern N.C. Women's Retreat**—April 20, 21.  
**SU/OCI Africa Mission Trip**—April 28-May 9.  
**Hispanic Young Adult Retreat**—May 3-5. Nosoca.  
**MPA Graduation**—May 17-19.  
**Hispanic Pre-teen Retreat**—May 17-19. Nosoca.  
**ACBC Closed (CM set-up)**—May 20-24.  
**Women's Ministries Meetings**—May 30-31.

**Florida**

Complete calendar online: <http://www.adventist-fl.com/calendar.html>  
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**Additional Singles' Ministries Events not in this calendar**—Diane Miller, (386) 789-3235, or [djm4000@n-jcenter.com](mailto:djm4000@n-jcenter.com)  
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 April 27. Maranatha.  
 April 28. Plantation, Lauderhill. (Southeastern Conference: Mt. Pisgah, Mt. Olivet.)  
 May 4-5. Florida Keys Camp Meeting in Marathon.  
 May 11. Jacksonville Southpoint.  
 May 12. Jacksonville First, Orange Cove, St. Augustine, Palatka, Palm Coast. (Southeastern Conference: Jacksonville Ephesus.)  
**Evangelistic Series**  
 April 27-May 25. Ebenezer Spanish. Rolando and Rebeca de los Rios.

May 4-25. Altamonte Springs Spanish. José and Ophelia Fuentes.

**Singles' Ministries Picnics**—Details/directions: (407) 862-1331.

April 27. Bethune Beach.  
 May 25. Camp Meeting.  
 June 22. Bethune Beach.

**Singles' Ministries Prayer Breakfasts**—April 28, May 26. Ryan's Steakhouse, S.R. 436, Apopka. 9 a.m. Details: Stan Shave, (407) 774-2589.

**Singles' Ministries Fellowship Dinners.**  
 May 4. Florida Hospital.  
 May 11. Forest Lake.  
 May 18. Kress Memorial.  
 June 8. Forest Lake.  
 June 15. Kress Memorial.  
 June 29. Deltona.

**Marriage Commitment Seminars**—May. 17-19. English seminar at Camp Kulaqua in High Springs. Presenters: Ken and Helen Bryant. Spanish seminar at Pine Lake Retreat in Groveland. Presenter: Luis Moreno. Cost: \$155 per couple or \$175 after May 1. Registration: Naomi Perez, (407) 644-5000, x150.

**Independence Day Celebration/Community Outreach**—July 7. St. Petersburg First church. Activities include health screenings, fitness information, pony rides, petting zoo, and games of skill. *Discover Bible School* information will be available. Details: Angela Hammonds, (727) 345-1742 or [ignorbllis@aol.com](mailto:ignorbllis@aol.com).

**Georgia-Cumberland**

**Constituency Session**—April 21. SAU Gymnasium.

**Gulf States**

**Russell Burrill Seminar - Part 1**—April 12, 13. Cody Road Church.

**Russell Burrill Seminar - Part 2**—April 19, 20. Cody Road Church.

**Pathfinder "Take A City Event"**—April 18 -21. Fort Walton Beach.

**Adventurer Family Fun Weekend**—April 26-28. Camp Alamisco.

**Bass Memorial Academy Graduation**—May 17, 18.

**Kentucky-Tennessee**

**Conference Association Board**—May 14. July 23. Sept. 17. Nov. 12.

**Conference Executive Committee**—May 14. July 23. Sept. 17. Nov. 12.

**Academy Boards**—May 9.

**K-12 Board**—April 30.

**Music Festival**—April 11-13.

**Couples' Retreat**—April 12-14. Indian Creek Camp.

**Elders' Retreat**—April 19-21. Indian Creek Camp.

**Business and Professional Foundation Retreat**—April 26-27. Indian Creek Camp.

**Graduation**

May 18. Madison.

May 19. Highland.

**Ministers' Meeting** - Aug. 4-7. Indian Creek Camp.

**South Central**

**Morning Star Tour**

April 12-14. Vicksburg.

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July 5-7. Vicksburg. Details: (615) 226-6500, x133.

**Literature Evangelist Month**

April 1-30. South Central Conference, Nashville.

May 1-30. South Central Conference, Nashville.

**ACS Federations**

April 13. Middle Tennessee.

April 20. North Alabama.

May 4. West Tennessee.

**Usher Federation**—May 4. Mississippi.

**Southeastern**

**Community Service Federation**—April 20. West.

**MC Strachan Federation**—May 3-5.

**Family Convention**—May 17-19.

**Women's Ministries Reaping Meetings**—May 25-June 8.

**Southern Adventist Univ.**

**Destiny Drama Home Show**—April 12.

**Symphony Orchestra Dinner Concert**—April 14.

**Preview Southern**—April 18, 19.

**Wind Symphony**—April 24.

**Choral/Orchestra Concert**—April 26, 27.

**Graduation**—May 10-12.

**Out of Union**

**Spring Valley Academy Alumni Homecoming Weekend**—April 19-21. Details: (937) 433-0790.

**Auburn Academy Alumni Weekend**—May 2-4. Details: (253) 939-5000, x258.

**SUNSET**

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Atlanta, GA	6:59	8:05	8:10	8:15	8:21	8:26
Charleston, SC	6:41	7:46	7:51	7:56	8:01	8:06
Charlotte, NC	6:46	7:52	7:57	8:03	8:09	8:14
Collegedale, TN	7:03	8:08	8:14	8:20	8:25	8:31
Huntsville, AL	6:09	7:14	7:20	7:25	7:30	7:36
Jackson, MS	6:22	7:27	7:31	7:36	7:41	7:46
Louisville, KY	7:07	8:14	8:21	8:27	8:34	8:40
Memphis, TN	6:22	7:28	7:34	7:39	7:45	7:51
Miami, FL	6:38	7:42	7:45	7:48	7:52	7:55
Montgomery, AL	6:06	7:11	7:16	7:21	7:26	7:31
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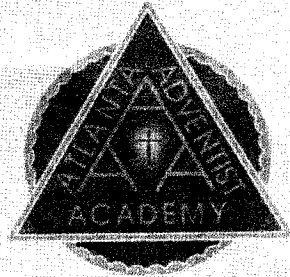


## Camp Meeting 2002 Schedule

- CAROLINA**  
 May 26 - June 1 ..... Lake Junaluska, N.C.  
*Speakers:* Clifford Goldstein, Jon Paulien, Kim Allan Johnson, and Cindy Tutsch  
*Seminar Presenters:* Ron Rockey, Nancy Rockey, John Earnhard, and Royce Baily
- FLORIDA**  
 May 24 - June 1 ..... Forest Lake Academy, Apopka, Fla.  
 Theme: *Renew 2002—Transformed Into His Likeness*. Portions broadcast live via satellite across Florida, North America, and portions of Central and South America. *Satellite Host:* Dan Mathews. Details: bulletin inserts and posters at Florida Conference churches or:  
<http://www.adventist-fl/campmeeting/>  
*Speakers:* Jan Paulsen, Don Schneider, James Black, Ron Halvorsen, Walter Pearson, David Osborne, Ed Reid, Robert Boggess, Jim Coffin, Andy McDonald, Doug Foley, Minervino Labrador, and Newton King  
*Seminar Presenters:* Kay Kuzma, Neil Nedley, John Newbern, Nikolaus Satelmajer, Dick Hanson, Dale Hannah, and Thomas Kapusta  
*Youth/Young Adults Speakers:* Nick Zork and Clarissa Worley
- Hispanic Camp Meeting**  
 June 5 - 9 ..... Forest Lake Academy, Apopka, Fla.  
*Speaker:* Angel Manuel Rodriguez  
*Youth Speaker:* César Cárden
- GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND**  
 May 29 - 31 ..... Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, Tenn.  
*Speakers:* Don Jacobsen and Des Cummings, Jr.
- Korean Camp Meeting**  
 May 19 - 21 ..... Cohutta Springs, Crandall, Ga.
- GULF STATES**  
 May 24 - June 1 ..... Bass Memorial Academy, Lumberton, Miss.  
*Speakers:* George Brown, David Gates, Bill Tucker, Vonda Beerman, and Nicole Brise
- KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE**  
 May 24 - June 1 ..... Highland Academy, Portland, Tenn.  
*Speakers:* Frank Gonzalez, Greg Nelson, Morris Venden, Steve Bauer, and Jack Blanco
- Hispanic Camp Meeting**  
 June 7 - 9 ..... Highland Academy, Portland, Tenn.
- SOUTH ATLANTIC**  
 June 6 - 15 ..... River Oaks Campground, Orangeburg, S.C.  
*Speakers:* Barry Black, Don Schneider, Al Johnson, and C. D. Brooks
- SOUTH CENTRAL**  
 June 7 - 15 ..... Oakwood College, Huntsville, Ala.  
*Speaker:* Randolph Swafford
- SOUTHEASTERN**  
 June 20 - 29 ..... Hawthorne, Fla.  
*Speakers:* T. A. McNealy, Richard Barron, Robert Taylor, Charles Joseph, Rupert Bushner, Jr., Herman David, Patrick Vincent, and Wintley Phipps  
*Women's Ministries Speaker:* Rosa Banks
- Haitian Camp Meeting**  
 July 4 - 6 ..... Hawthorne, Fla.

## Summer Camp 2002 Schedule

- CAROLINA**  
 Nosoca Pines Ranch ..... Liberty Hill, S.C.
- Junior Camp I (ages 10-12) ..... June 9-15  
 Junior Camp II (ages 10-12) ..... June 16-22  
 Adventurer Camp (ages 7-9) ..... June 23-29  
 Teen Camp I (ages 13-16) ..... June 30-July 6  
 Teen Camp II (ages 13-16) ..... July 7-13
- FLORIDA**  
 Camp Kulaqua ..... High Springs, Fla.
- Staff in Training (ages 15-17) ..... May 27-June 9  
 Junior Camp I (ages 10-12) ..... June 2-9  
 Horsemanship I (ages 13-16) ..... June 2-9  
 Sports Camp (ages 13-16) ..... June 2-9  
 Junior Camp II (ages 10-12) ..... June 9-16  
 Cub Camp (ages 8-10) ..... June 16-23  
 Horsemanship II (ages 13-16) ..... June 9-16  
 Basketball Camp (ages 11-16) ..... June 16-23  
 Golf Camp (ages 11-16) ..... June 16-23  
 Horsemanship III (ages 11-16) ..... June 16-23  
 Tween Camp (ages 12-14) ..... June 23-30  
 Horsemanship IV (ages 15-17) ..... June 23-30  
 Horsemanship V (ages 11-17) ..... June 30-July 7  
 Teen Camp (ages 14-16) ..... June 30-July 7  
 Extreme Adventure—Water Ski & Whitewater Rafting (ages 14-17) ..... July 14-21
- GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND**  
 Cohutta Springs Adventist Center ..... Crandall, Ga.
- Cub Camp (ages 8, 9) ..... June 9-16  
 Junior Camp I (ages 10-12) ..... June 16-23  
 Junior Camp II (ages 10-12) ..... June 23-30  
 Family Camp (all ages) ..... July 2-7  
 Family Camp Weekend (all ages) ..... July 5-7  
 Tween Camp (ages 12, 13) ..... July 7-14  
 Aquatics Camp (ages 14-17) ..... July 7-14  
 Teen Camp I (ages 13-16) ..... July 14-21  
 Teen Camp II (ages 13-16) ..... July 21-28
- GULF STATES**  
 Camp Alamisco ..... Dadeville, Ala.
- Adventure Camp (ages 7-10) ..... June 9-16  
 Junior Camp (ages 10-13) ..... June 16-23  
 Specialty Camp (ages 11-17) ..... June 23-30  
 Teen Extreme Camp (ages 14-17) ..... June 30-July 7  
 Family Camp (all ages) ..... July 16-21
- KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE**  
 Indian Creek Camp ..... Liberty, Tenn.
- Cub Camp (ages 7-9) ..... June 16-23  
 Blind Camp ..... June 23-30  
 Junior Camp I (ages 10-12) ..... June 30-July 7  
 Junior Camp II (ages 10-12) ..... July 7-14  
 Teen Camp I (ages 13-17) ..... July 14-21  
 Teen Camp II (ages 13-17) ..... July 21-28  
 Family Camp ..... July 30-August 4  
 50+ Camp ..... August 13-18
- SOUTH ATLANTIC**  
 River Oaks Campground ..... Orangeburg, S.C.
- Orientation ..... June 21-23  
 Junior Camp ..... June 23-29
- SOUTH CENTRAL**  
 Camp Thunderbird ..... Chattanooga, Tenn.
- Orientation ..... June 23-29  
 Friendship Camp I ..... June 30  
 Friendship Camp II ..... July 1-6  
 Adventure Camp ..... July 7-13  
 Teen Camp ..... July 14-20  
 Sports Camp ..... July 21-27
- SOUTHEASTERN**  
 Southeastern Conference Campground ..... Hawthorne, Fla.
- Junior Camp (ages 8-12) ..... July 5-12  
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16) ..... July 12-19  
 Hispanic Youth Camp ..... July 25-27



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