

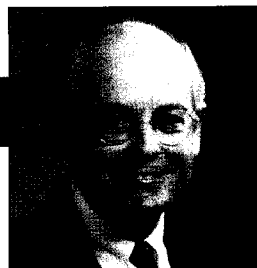
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**Something Worth
Adventist Icon Turns Fifty
Lift Him Up**

Jonah



Angels on the Boat

My first real memory of specific answered prayer was dramatic and impressive. My parents were missionaries in Inter-America, serving in Colombia. One day Dad announced that the whole family would be going with him to the island of San Andres, where he was to preach an evangelistic series.

We boarded a 117-ton boat leaving the Cartagena port on a clear, calm afternoon. Once we got out to sea, it seemed a storm moved in from nowhere and panic struck. I gripped my bunk in terror as the waves crashed against the one porthole and then broke through, my bed and the cabin filling with cold water.

The storm intensified through the night and we spent the next day twisting and turning. We were all praying, of course, but Dad, now regretting he had brought the family on such a life-threatening journey, begged God—from our little cabin turned roller coaster—for deliverance for his family and that he would be able to preach about Jesus. While he was praying he saw two angels bend over him and heard them say, "It's going to be alright." He told mother what he had seen and then the two of us boys.

At about 4:00 a.m., the wind subsided and the violent sea became flat as glass. Dad told the captain it was because God

had answered his prayer.

We spent a month on that island, certain that God had sent Dad to preach the Three Angels Messages. About a year later, Dad met one of the young Adventists who was on the trip with us. He said, "Elder Retzer, do you remember the morning we walked to the boat to leave the island? [It was a path a mile long through high brush.] Did you feel anything strange as we walked?"

"No," Dad replied.

The young man continued, "Two people had conspired to hide in the grass until you came along so they could kill you for preaching."

Evidently when we walked by, the angels kept them from seeing Dad, because when the people returned from seeing us off, the two would-be killers asked, "Where is the preacher who was supposed to be with you?" "They're on the boat and left the island," they answered.

We are to see in every difficulty a call to prayer. I've had other prayers that have been answered less dramatically and with much different outcomes than I had requested. I'm sure you, too, enjoy talking with God just like visiting with a good friend.

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Cover: The Sabbath school lesson continues to be a source of instruction, fellowship, and outreach for the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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Ministry in the Sand

It wasn't just another day at the beach for 17 youth and five adults from Atlanta Adventist Academy and the Douglasville, Georgia, church. On August 20, this ministry team traveled to St. Simons Island, Georgia, where they sculpted Biblical messages in the sand during a weekend of beach ministry.

The ministry team sculpted the Ten Commandments, a cross, and the message, "God's Love Saved Us." The objective was to create an interesting sculpture that would draw attention from people observing. In doing this, the team would create opportunities to delve into meaningful conversations with people about their Creator. "We're hoping that our presence here will have



Jodi Mills, a student at Atlanta Adventist Academy, sculpts stones out of sand. The stones will serve as a foundation for the Ten Commandments.

encouraged at least one person, but we want numerous people to see our message in the sand and know that God loves them," said Kevin Becker, chaplain for Atlanta Adventist Academy.

"Personally, I think this outreach is very effective because everyone can see what you're doing. They will naturally be curious, and that is your prime time to witness," said Dan Chamblee, a student from Atlanta Adventist Academy.

"I think it is one of the best youth ministry projects that I've ever been involved in with a group. The kids participated in a hands-on ministry where they made a positive influence on the church, the community, and themselves," said Randy Mills, pastor of the Douglasville, church.

Before they went to the beach, the young people conducted a worship service at the Brunswick, Georgia, church, where the team stayed during their ministry project.



Within a few hours the team had sculpted the Ten Commandments, a cross and the message "God's Love Saved Us."

"As the pastor of the Brunswick and Camden churches," said Eric Stubbart, "it was exciting to see people from both congregations out on the beach witnessing and having fun at the same time."

The afternoon beach ministry was especially meaningful to Jamie Gilmour, from Brunswick church, who said the group really "inspired" her to go forth in more active ministry for God.

Becker said he hopes to make beach ministry one of Atlanta Adventist Academy's annual outreach projects.



The sand sculpting team pauses for a picture near the end of the day.



50 Years Together

The Thomasville church recently honored its former pastor and his wife, Stig and Helen Anderson, on their 50th wedding anniversary. Besides pastoring the Thomasville and Lexington churches in North Carolina, the Andersons have also served churches in New Hampshire and Vermont, as well as working as a field representative for trust services in the state of Ohio. The couple have three sons and six grandchildren.



Dive In!

The Hillsborough church held its vacation Bible school, July 28 to August 1, 2003. In keeping with the ocean theme, the room was decorated with blue and green crepe paper streamers and balloons, with dozens of bright colored fish dangling from the ceiling. The children enjoyed hearing Bible stories, singing, making crafts, playing games, and making their own snacks. Betty Robin, Joy Reaves, and Genie Morton were the leaders of this underwater event.



B.J. Jones (left), Evelyn Nicholaides, Christina Whary, Lori Sherbondy, Rebekah Nicholaides, Mickey Sayles, Joe Henski, and J.J. Shelton traveled to India.

Mission to India

BY ESTHER SAYLES, VIRGINIA PEARSON, AND CHRISTINA WHARY

The youth of the Hendersonville, N.C., church had a life-changing experience when they traveled to Chakaul, Punjab, India, this summer for a mission trip. The group of four adults and four youth returned home on August 5 after spending two weeks abroad. They brought many stories of God's mercies and providence.

The group encountered several faith-building moments as they made their way to their mission project. Several ladies were nearly denied their visas. Then the group was delayed in Washington, DC, missing their flight and costing them over a day of travel time and many extra expenses. But even in this, God was merciful—another flight was found only 24 hours later that would put them further south than planned, but would still get them to India. Many other trials awaited them as well, yet asked how they enjoyed the trip, not one will hesitate in answering that it was the experience of a lifetime and they would love to go again.

While some of the ladies were busy teaching the children about God in a VBS program, the men were busy building a place for the people to worship. When they

arrived, only a roof and a foundation existed. Together with a few Indian laborers, the men bricked and plastered four walls. The Indians were amazed, explaining that most people visit their country on vacation—never to work. Many later gathered near the window during the first service, anxious to hear why this building was so important.

At the dedication of the new church, Mickey Sayles, pastor, preached an inspiring message, joined by the pastor of the church and the Conference president, as well as nearly a thousand Indians.

No one will know how many blessings were poured out from heaven's throne room in response to this mission trip performed in faith. "I'm not sure you can grasp the real meaning of missions unless you've been there yourself to see and hear the gratitude of the people. They are so overwhelmed that you give up your own time and money to go over to help them build a church or evangelize," assures Joe Henski, assistant in youth ministries and trip participant. "If you have never been, 'Go therefore into all the world.' You will never regret it."



These Southern Union volunteer global evangelists recently held evangelistic meetings in Tanzania. Most of them are from DeWayne Butcher's Sabbath school class in Arden, N.C. Pictured with them are several Tanzanian pastors, along with on-site manager David Dobias (front row, second from right).

You Could be a Global Evangelist!

More than a quarter-of-a-million people have been baptized in the past couple of years as a result of global evangelism, a ministry of the Carolina Conference. This unique ministry provides an opportunity for pastors and lay members to experience the Holy Spirit working through them in public evangelism.

Most church members are convinced they are not capable of doing public evangelism and especially doing it in a place where everyone knows them. Global evangelism, however, could be just the right way to begin experiencing the thrill of a dramatic encounter with the Holy Spirit.

Global evangelism is designed to remove as many obstacles as possible. Here's how it works. First of all, global evangelism invites pastors and lay members, even church members who have never before preached a sermon, to travel to a site somewhere in the world. Everything is ready and waiting for them. The local church members have already prepared interests for the campaign, and welcome the inexperienced evangelist with guidance and loving support. All

of the sermon and graphic materials are provided, and through daily mentoring, the volunteer evangelist is given help to know just what to say. In addition, Robert Folkenberg, the director of global evangelism, provides a one-day orientation for all the speakers and their support-team members just prior to the opening of the campaign.

In 2004, there will be 860 sites in Europe, Africa, India, the Philippines, and the Inter-American Division. About 190 will be students from 18 colleges/universities in North America and Europe. How does one "sign up" or get further information? The easiest way is via the Internet. Go to www.global-evangelism.org. Click on the tabs titled "Information for Guest Teams" and "Campaign Schedule" for detailed information. Other tabs lead to application blanks for pastors, laymen, and

support-team members.

Jesus said, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations" (Matthew 28:19). That "ye" includes everybody, the gifted and the fearful, the assertive and the humble, the articulate and the stammerer. God promises to calm fears and provide words to say, and accepts full responsibility for the results. He only asks us to be willing.



Rebecca Gallant, 16, (pictured here with her interpreter) was the youngest volunteer to conduct a series in Tanzania. She joined her aunt, Gail Bremner, in preaching. Rebecca's uncle, Douglas Bremner, held his own campaign at a nearby site.

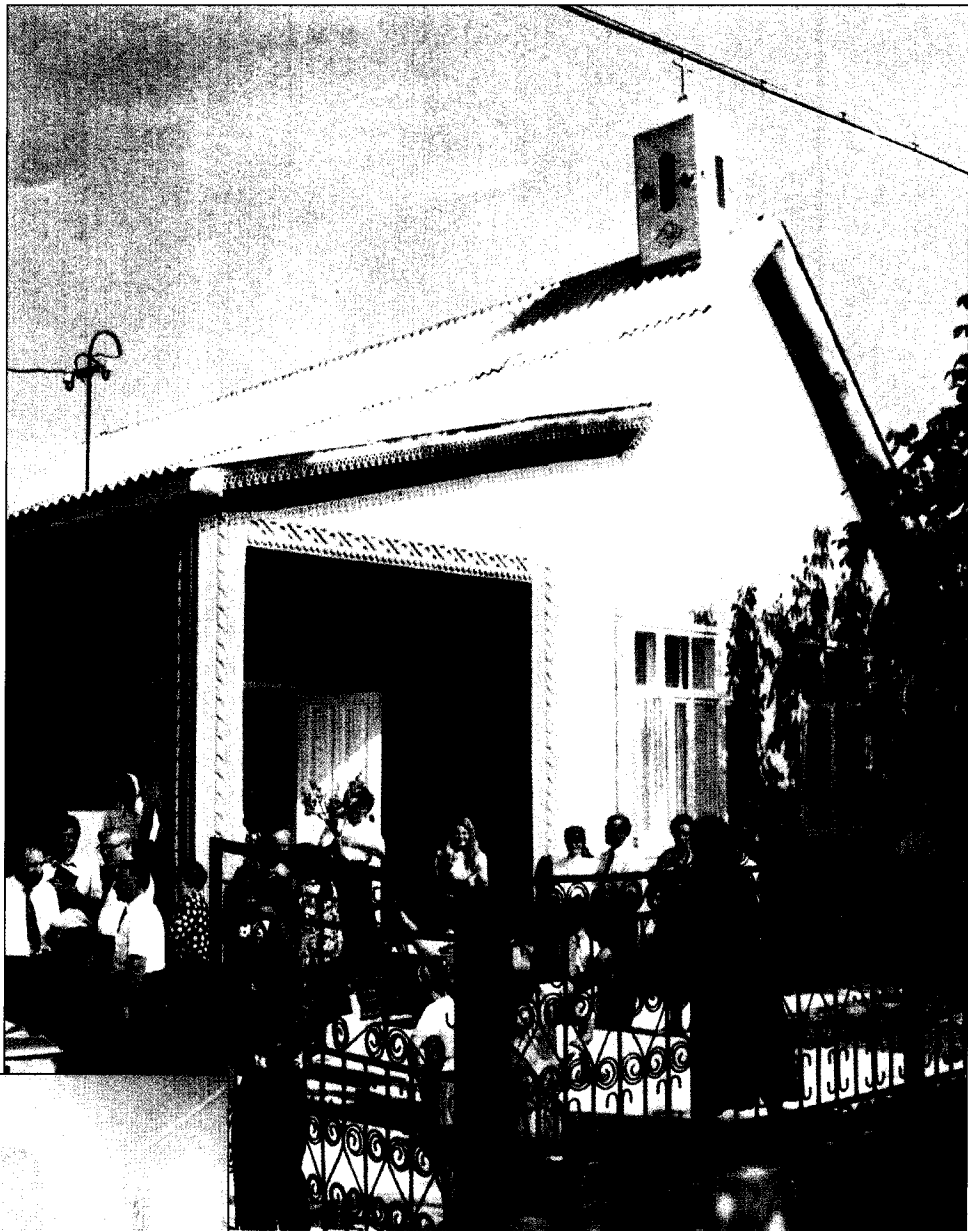
Something Worth

It started out simple. No great epiphany: just a Sabbath school teacher with a vision. Six years later Alan Jilks and his Sabbath school class in Bradenton, Florida, have donated up to \$85,000 and have built 12 churches in Moldova.

When they pledged to send money to fund the first church, no one dreamed that they would be an integral part of church growth in Moldova. Their attitude was, "Let's just see what the Lord will do," recounts Jilks. And the Lord had large plans for the small class of 12.

Bordering Romania on the west and Ukraine on the east and south, the Republic of Moldova is one of the new independent states in Eastern Europe. With a population of 4.5 million, there are 130 Seventh-day Adventist churches and 100 companies. For the last ten years their membership has grown, 130 percent, and they have a great need to provide churches for their congregations. This need touched the hearts of a Sabbath school class thousands of miles away.

It was in the spring of 1997 when God impressed upon Alan Jilks to bring the proposition to his class. The plan was to raise \$800 to send a Moldovan pastor on an evangelistic campaign. Making anonymous pledges totaling \$1600, they decided to fund two campaigns. The money was raised in three months, and 24 people were baptized. Out of that ef-



The Bradenton, Florida, Sabbath school class funded the first church at Kamenka in North Moldova Conference.



fort a church was started in the town of Cuzmin. Leonard Ribachiok, a pastor who held one of the campaigns, contacted Jilks to request help for a church they were building in neighboring Kamenka. They needed \$5,000. Never having raised that much money before, Jilks was cautious. Could they rise to the challenge? Listening to God's voice in his heart, he answered, "As the Lord blesses, we will forward the money to you." The class

Celebrating

responded with personal pledges. They could do it in a year. To their surprise, they met their goal nine months, and a year later a beautiful church was opened in Kamenka.

In 1999 the class raised \$26,000, funding five churches for the believers in Moldova. They have found that being involved in these projects has not only brought them closer to God and deepened their faith, but they have also seen God reward their generosity in a special way. "For every dollar I've given," Jilks confesses, "the Lord has given me three." He believes that God has a special place in His heart for those who partner with Him to reach others for the Kingdom.

God has taken special interest in what's happening in Bradenton. Jilks speaks of a time when they had \$4,490 and needed \$5,000. One member of the class walked in that Sabbath and told him, "I don't have the ten." Puzzled by the statement, Jilks inquired further. "The Lord woke me up twice in the middle of the night and told me to give \$500," the man said. "I could bring only \$500."

Alan was elated. "Don't worry about the \$10," he said, "we'll take care of that." But, little did he know that God had already provided. The man's wife arrived a little late to class that morning, and she hadn't heard of her husband's pledge. As the class ended she pulled out a wrinkled ten-dollar bill and whispered to Alan, "This is for the Moldova project." Surely, God is leading this Sabbath school group. Ordinary men and women of average means are doing extraordinary things for God.

Last December the class took on a project in the town of Topal that has shown them that the devil is also paying attention. The house, which was being remodeled as a church, was severely damaged by locals; they were left with only the outside walls. The missionary, Efim Chiobaru, was beaten in his home and attacked on the street. A young girl from the budding church was attacked, beaten, and raped because of her association with Adventists. These trials haven't deterred the growing church. In Bradenton the Sabbath school class has felt the strain of the enemy trying to discourage and detain them, but plans are going forward. They have already sent money to purchase the house next door in order to have Sabbath school rooms for the new church. This class stands as a testimony of what God can do when we allow Him to work.

This year the Seventh-day Adventist Church celebrates 150 years since the organization of the first Sabbath school lessons, designed to provide a vehicle for the youth of early believers to study what

their parents were practicing. Ellen White describes how James White composed much of this material during noon stops. While the horse was feeding, he used the "dinner box" or the top of his hat as a desk to write on.

Soon Sabbath schools sprouted wherever congregations of Sabbath keepers met. Twenty years later Sabbath schools were being held in the south. From Edgefield Junction, a few miles north of Nashville, where Elbert B. Lane baptized a small group of converts, to the sleepy steamer *Morning Star* anchored on the banks of the winding Cumberland River, where Edson White and his wife Emma held meetings. Today, 755 miles away in Bradenton, Florida, Sabbath school still works. The objectives are still the same: to accomplish discipleship, to develop faith, to experience fellowship, to reach out to the community, and to support world mission.

God has worked through Alan Jilks and his Sabbath school class to bring an estimated 300 people to know Him. But the work isn't done. They have big dreams now. Jilks believes the Southern Union can evangelize the world. With more than 209,000 members—and more than 1,000 churches and companies—all we need to do is accept the challenge.

From its beginnings in 1853, Sabbath school membership has exploded from a handful of believers in upstate New York to an estimated 14 million worldwide today. It can close the gap between people, bring us closer to the world, and bring the world closer to Christ. That is worth celebrating.

Sandra Araújo-Delgado is a member of the Ooltwah, Tennessee, church.



Adventist Icon Turns Fifty

When *Guide* first appeared in the hands of Adventist juniors in 1953, it was a one-of-a-kind product. Fifty years later, it still holds that distinction.

For half a century, *Guide* has entertained, educated, and inspired Seventh-day Adventist young people with stories and features revealing the awesome power and tender regard of their Savior.

Lawrence Maxwell, first editor of the journal, remembers that the task of creating such an outreach was daunting. "I faced three major problems," he states. "The journal had no name. My files contained no manuscripts. And, the policies and goals for the paper had yet to be determined."

Committees met, decisions were made, directions were set, and from 1600 entries, a name was chosen. On October 7, 1953, the very first issue of *Junior Guide* found its way into the hands of eager boys and girls across the country.

Jane Thayer, director of religious education programs at Andrews University, remembers that day well. "There'd been a lot of pre-publication promotion, and so those of us in the target age group were quite eager to see the real magazine. When the day finally came and the Sabbath school teacher handed them out, I looked through it in awe. A magazine made just for my age group. And, somehow—magically—someone really knew what we liked."

Thus began a dynamic and growing relationship between a simple youth magazine and a whole generation of children. "*Guide* was always full of exciting stories and good moral lessons," remembers Marti Jones, coordinator of spiritual nurture and pastoral care at Florida Hospital. "I believe *Guide* contributed not only to my making better personal decisions in my life later on, but also encouraged my love and appreciation for wholesome and uplifting reading material to the present."

Today, church members report using the magazine in various outreach endeavors, including prison ministries where it touches the hearts of sin-hardened men and women with its simple stories and non-threatening Bible lessons. Others make it an indispensable part of church growth, capturing the minds of boys and girls

new to the faith.

No other church prints a weekly magazine for its youth, making *Guide* a unique approach to evangelism.

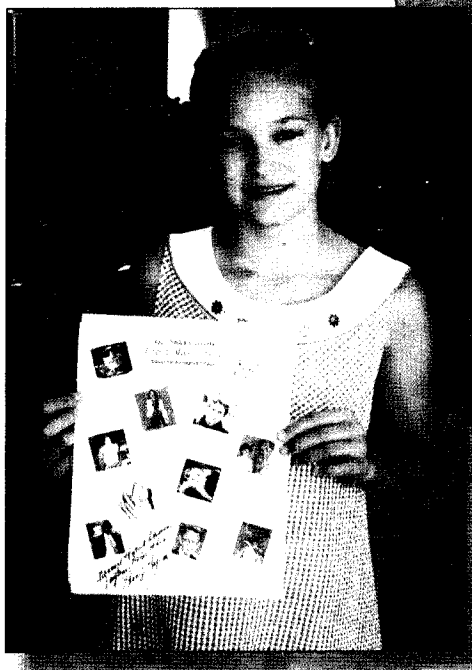
Current *Guide* editor Randy Fishell states, "According to the Barna Research Group, a young person is five times more likely to choose Jesus Christ as his or her savior before the age of 14 as he or she is after that age. That provides an incredible window of opportunity for *Guide*."

In June, the magazine launched its 50-year anniversary celebration with a two-day "Race to Victory Lane" event at Lowe's

Motor Speedway in Charlotte, North Carolina. Guest speakers included NASCAR driver C. J. Alford and evangelist John Earnhardt. On Sabbath, participants enjoyed a full day of music, puppets, a petting zoo, and energetic storytellers.



The very first Junior Guide, dated October 7, 1953.



Guide reader Emily Scott of Apison, Tennessee, shows off her completed signature form, indicating that she has collected the autograph of every guest speaker at the two-day event.

A special 50th anniversary video highlighting the history of *Guide* is available to churches and organizations that would like to take part in the celebration. To receive your free copy, send an email to tfaith@rhpa.org or call 1-301-393-3175.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

The open house and interns research presentation luncheon earlier this year was planned for the current dietetic interns and the prospective interns to interact with each other and get a better insight into the field of dietetics. The registered dietitians who attended the program received three hours of continuing education credits.

After the luncheon, Ruth Davis, department chair of family and consumer sciences at Oakwood, and Marta Sovyanhadi, the dietetic internship program director, opened the program with a welcome. Ephraim Gwebu, a professor and research director in the chemistry department, spoke on "The Effects of Garlic on Alzheimer's Disease."

During this luncheon, the 2002-2003 dietetic interns also presented papers: "Start Healthy with 5-a-Day Program" and "Effectiveness of Changes in Career Opportunities of High School Students with Educational Intervention."

Tabitha Johnson, Alabama Dietetic Association president, gave the keynote address. She provided words of encouragement to the Oakwood dietetic students.

Johnson reminded the students to remember why they have chosen the field of dietetics. She spoke on her personal experiences that drew her to this profession. She chose to become a dietitian because she has diabetes. She was inspired by the dietitian who helped her "feel human again and ready to face life."

Johnson challenged the listeners to set professional goals. "As your career changes and grows, your goals may change, but never lose sight of them."

Towards the end of her speech, Johnson talked about how volunteering and becoming involved led her to many wonderful opportunities at local, state, and national levels. She challenged the listeners "to become involved in dietetics." She also encouraged the audience to become involved in achieving success in their careers.

In closing her speech, Johnson stated the following words of encouragement: "Do not quit—carry on and be flexible,

adaptable, and receptive. Plan for your future; you are the architect of your own life. And, keep first things first to help our profession continue to grow and to be the leading source of nutrition information."

Along with speakers and presentations during this gathering, faculties and preceptors of the year were awarded. Donna M.

Smith and Kathy Skibinski were chosen by the interns as faculty of the year.

Oakwood College has approximately 111 sponsoring facilities throughout Alabama, Florida, Tennessee, Georgia, Colorado, California, Arizona, Maryland, Mississippi, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and North Dakota.

John Anderson, vice president for academic affairs at Oakwood, closed the luncheon by thanking Johnson for her speech that served as an encouragement and an inspiration to the future dietetic professionals. Anderson expressed his gratitude to all the preceptors and friends who participated in training our next generation of dietitians. He also thanked the prospective dietetic interns who entrusted their dietetic future with Oakwood College's dietetic internship program.

Next year, Oakwood will present its dietetic internship program open house luncheon on April 5, 2004. The dietetic internship program welcomes all prospective interns, the DPD program directors, preceptors, and friends to attend this luncheon.





Estate Services Team Fulfills Evangelism Dream



Baptismal candidates surrounded a Baguio City community swimming pool where "amens, prayers, and songs of praise were lifted in gratitude" as they were baptized by the estate services team. Pictured are José LeGrand (left), Eugene Torres, and Gus Scheuneman.

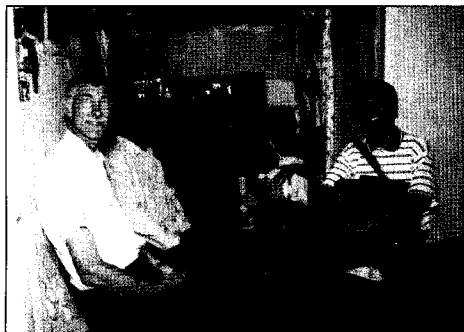
PHOTOS: ESTATE SERVICES TEAM

The Florida Conference estate services team felt encouraged to become directly involved in evangelism. Through Ricardo Liwag, retired pastor of the Filipino-American church in Orlando, Fla., an invitation came to hold meetings in the Mountain Provinces Mission of the Northern Philippine Union Conference.

Three estate services representatives and one associate treasurer accepted this opportunity in March, 2003, to share the gospel. Their efforts have resulted in nearly 130 baptisms.

Wesley Quale, Associate Treasurer

If attendees thought Wes Quale seemed a bit shaken up on opening night, it wasn't because he was nervous about his first evangelistic series. It was the bumpy ride over rough roads leading to the Acop church, one hour from Baguio City.



As Quale looked into the audience, he noticed how intently they listened and took notes. Many of these interests turned into Bible studies and baptisms. Because of work and school schedules of several guests, there were many days when Quale and the local pastor were up at 4:30 a.m. to leave for Bible studies.

José LeGrand, Director, Estate Services

José Le Grande spoke 17 times in a two-week reaping series in the Baguio City church. He was impressed by the number of young people and children in attendance among the 150-200 who came each night.

A highlight of LeGrand's trip came at the praise and testimony service after the baptism at a Baquio City community swimming pool. "I was uplifted and encouraged to hear so many people, including two doctors, express their joy in their newfound faith," he says.

Gus Scheuneman, Estate Services Representative

Gus Schenuneman spoke at the La Trinidad church, where 80 percent of the people in attendance were guests. Many

Wes Quale (left), assisted by two pastors, gave Bible studies to this family.

were high school students in the middle of final exams who didn't miss one meeting. "I was inspired by the pastoral team who prepared the event, and I was empowered by the commitment of the young people who took leadership of the program," says Schenuneman.

Many changed lives were witnessed, such as the bus driver who brought the interests each night. He chose to attend the presentations, himself, and was baptized.

Eugene Torres, Estate Services Representative

Eugene Torres presented meetings at the San Carlos church, where membership is only 40, yet numbers swelled to an average of 140 every evening as former mission president, Geronimo Calangan, translated the English messages into Ilocano.

A dedication service for 21 children and the baptism at the end of the meetings stand out as highlights in Torres' mind. "I



Ricardo Liwag (right) arranged the team's trip to the Philippines.

especially enjoyed visiting with the pastor in the homes of members," he says.

Grateful for Help

The four men were particularly appreciative of the local pastors and members for their assistance in the meetings. "The people who helped me were fantastic," says Quale. "The church was well organized into groups that faithfully fulfilled their assigned responsibilities," added LeGrand.



BY SHERRY JOHNSON, SYLVIA SLEZAK, JEANINE ELLIS

Members Take Short Cuts to Benefit Children

Laszlo Radnoti began growing his hair long when a casting director asked him to play the role of a Florida Native American in a documentary film. Three years later, the St. Petersburg, Fla., church member had still not cut his hair.

When Radnoti heard about Locks of Love, a nonprofit organization that provides hairpieces to children suffering from long-term medical hair loss, he knew it was time for his 24-inch, shiny black "mane" to go. An appointment was set on his 50th birthday at a salon where his hair was washed, cut, and bundled for Locks of Love.

Word got out among church members that "someone in our midst is lighter because of an act of charity in the community." Then the question, "Where's Laszlo?" followed as a tip for anyone who couldn't recognize the good Samaritan with his new look.

Meanwhile, Jeanine Ellis, a registered nurse at Florida Hospital Orlando, was tired of the long hair style she had worn most of her life.

One day at work, the Florida Hospital church member met a woman who regularly grew her hair long enough to donate

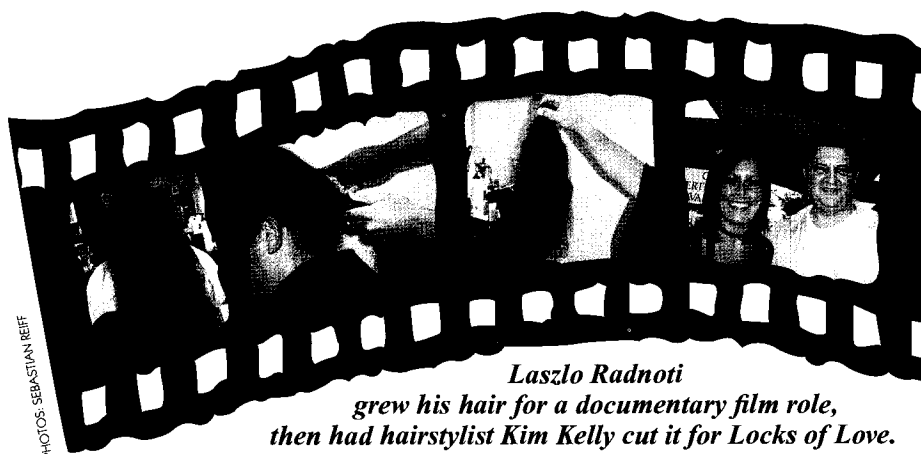
Jeanine Ellis, with husband Greg and son Tyler, had long hair before she learned how a short cut could help children.



to Locks of Love. "I thought it was wonderful that she was helping children," says Jeanine, "and I knew immediately what I wanted to do with my hair."

First, Jeanine made certain she met the Locks of Love guidelines, with hair at least 10 inches long, no coloring or highlighting, and no chemical relaxer in it. Then, she went for a complimentary cut at a salon that participates in the Locks of Love program.

"When I knew my hair was being cut short for a good reason, it was much easier to do," says Jeanine. "I only wish I had known about Locks of Love years ago, because I could have helped raise the self-esteem and confidence of more children with cancer and other medical conditions by simply getting my hair cut."



Laszlo Radnoti grew his hair for a documentary film role, then had hairstylist Kim Kelly cut it for Locks of Love.

Visioning Workshop Establishes Five-year Plan

BY TED BAIR, GLEN ALTERMATT

A Vision for Mission workshop at the Winter Springs, Fla., church was attended by 70 members, May 2-4, to establish direction for their church over the next five years.

Glen Altermatt, Conference church growth director, lead the group in discussing areas of natural church development, which included empowering leadership, passionate spirituality, functional structures, holistic small groups, inspiring worship, need-oriented evangelism, loving relationships, and physical structures.



The Vision for Mission workshop helped Winter Springs members clarify various church functions, establish vision statements, set goals, and determine pathways to meet them.

The visioning process gave participants the opportunity to dream where they believe God wants their church to be in the next five years by asking, "What does God want us to see, hear, and feel about our church?"

The result was an outpouring of emotion, creativity, and direction that will take the Winter Springs church to new levels of purpose and mission. "The workshop made me feel that I can contribute to decisions, wants, and needs of our church family," said one participant.



1,000+ Attend Hispanic Family Camp Meeting

The Cohutta Springs Conference center was filled to capacity with approximately 800 adults, 400 youth, and 200 children for Georgia-Cumberland Conference's annual Hispanic family camp meeting, August 22-24.

"The main purpose of this camp meeting was to strengthen the relationship of our people with God and the relationships between the Hispanics of our Conference," said Neftaly Ortiz, ministerial assistant for Hispanic ministries.

The featured speaker was Armando Miranda, general vice president of the

General Conference. According to Ortiz, during the Sabbath morning worship services, Miranda emphasized representing Jesus Christ through example and service.

"As Christians, people are expected to act like Christians," said Ortiz. "They are called to be real Christians in their community, in their family, or anywhere they are."

One highlight of the event was the baptismal service on Sabbath afternoon. Eleven people from three Hispanic churches were baptized, including one family of five.

Evelyn Leon, a camp meeting attendee from Columbus, Ga., commented, "It's a wonderful family reunion—to see so many brothers and sisters."



Elder Ortiz baptized 11 people on Sabbath afternoon at the Hispanic family camp meeting.

Young People Choose Christ at Summer Camp



Camp council brought young people together daily to learn about Jesus.

Cohutta Springs youth camp ended the summer with a total of 1,137 campers. This summer, 729 campers made decisions for Christ, including 197 decisions for baptism and 532 new or renewed decisions for Christ. Rob Lang, youth ministries director for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, said, "We're just praising God for a great summer of ministry, safety, and the great team effort of the staff."

Alice Wilson Celebrates 95th Birthday



Alice Wilson

Alice Wilson of the Savannah First, Ga., church celebrated her 95th birthday on July 23, 2003. Alice has been a Seventh-day Adventist for 57 years and has served as church treasurer of the Savannah church for 14 years. She credits her longevity to eating oatmeal daily and trusting in God. She still looks forward to her fellowship with church members each Sabbath.

Calhoun Families in Kids' Time

BY BARBARA L. MITTLEIDER

On July 24, several families from the Calhoun, Ga., church traveled to the 3ABN studios in West Frankfurt, Ill., to participate in the production of 15 segments of the children's program, "Kids' Time," which began broadcasting on August 14th.

The segments featured Ben Roy, teacher and owner of The Science Zone, who demonstrated science experiments meant to help children appreciate God as the Creator.



Back row: Shelly Payne (left), Rachel Brogden, Craig Foster, Latoya Foster, Jordan Bailey, Ben Roy, Victoria Roy, Kristin Chung, Johnny Ahn, Kelly Payne. Middle row: Brielle Anderson (left), Jessica Bailey, Tess Morgan, Mallory Morgan, Michael Chung, Gage Adams. Front row: Jacob Bailey (left), Phoebe Morgan, Justin Bailey, Brenda Walsh (Kids' Time director), Lauren Chung, Logan Adams, Jessica Ahn.



BY REBECCA BAERG

Cynthia Gettys Elected Vice President for Education

On August 5, the Georgia-Cumberland Conference Executive Committee elected Cynthia Gettys, PhD, as the next vice president for education. She is replacing John Gatchet, who recently accepted an invitation to serve as vice president for education in the Oregon Conference.

Gettys has worked for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference as associate superintendent of education for the past two years.

She has a doctorate in education from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and an extensive background in educational teaching and leadership. She has been co-chair of the Curriculum, instruction and assessment committee (CIAC); served on the Southern Union curriculum, instruction and assessment committee;

and has taken major responsibilities in the development of the *Adventist EDGE K-8 Standards in Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies*.

Her classroom teaching experience spans 27 years, including 11 years as a professor at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Gettys is married to Don Gettys, senior pastor of the McDonald Road church. They have three adult children.



Cynthia Gettys

Banner Year for Adventist Schools BY REBECCA BAERG

A total of 2,591 students are attending the 52 Seventh-day Adventist elementary and secondary schools across the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, according to the department of education as of September 2. Classes for the 2003-2004 school year began on Monday, August 11, at most of these schools.

Several schools in the Conference have reported record enrollments. Georgia-Cumberland Academy in Calhoun, Ga., is having a banner year with 249 students enrolled, the second highest in the school's history.

An Adventist education encourages students to be involved in ministry. "There is a renewed emphasis on the spiritual aspect of our school," said David Denton, principal of Atlanta Adventist Academy, where 80 students are enrolled. "This year, we are planning four Weeks-of-Prayer and one mini Week-of-Prayer."

Verle Thompson, principal of Collegedale Academy, which has 339 students, said, "The students and faculty are involved in a



Seventh-day Adventist schools help students grow mentally and spiritually.

number of outreach projects."

"I like the Christian atmosphere," said Kimberly, a sophomore at Georgia-Cumberland Academy.

Joanna King has a daughter enrolled at A.W. Spalding Elementary School in Collegedale, Tenn. King said, "We chose a Seventh-day Adventist school because of the way Christian teachers display Jesus' love through their teaching."

Personal Ministries Rally Encourages Involvement

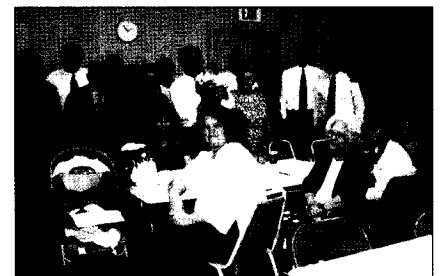
BY TAMMIE ADAMS

The Moultrie, Ga., church hosted a personal ministries rally on August 2, organized by E. W. Dempsey, adult lay evangelist coordinator for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

Dempsey led 24 participants through a study of spiritual gifts. "A special emphasis was placed on the concept 'priesthood of all believers,' which means that every person can preach for the Church," said Dempsey.

In an effort to recognize their own spiritual gifts, participants evaluated their abilities and talents using a "spiritual gifts test." The test results were then evaluated and confirmed by their peers. An in-depth study of the scriptures was also done to discover the Biblical definition of each gift.

"The members are beginning to catch the spirit of witnessing in our church," said John Hanson, pastor of the Moultrie church. "Each member has talents, and now they are better able to understand their talents and use them to win souls."



Participants at the personal ministries rally were encouraged to develop and use their spiritual gifts.



Teens Attend a Life-Changing Journey

For the third time, the Gulf States Conference Teen Mission team journeyed to the Island of Bimini—a journey that would be a life-changing event for many.

Once on the island, the team performed a number of construction work projects. Air-conditioning was installed in a building, a new fence was erected at the school, and the old one was repaired. The fence, principal's office, and secretary's office were painted. New bookshelves were constructed in the library and offices, and a room was cleaned and re-tiled. The group also removed trash from Bimini Beach.

Teens and sponsors impacted the lives of more than 192 children with a vacation Bible school for the children. Music, puppets, crafts, and Bible lessons contributed variety to the program.

In addition to the VBS, an evangelistic crusade was held for adults. Henry



The children respond, as Bonnie Feece teaches a VBS class.

Moncur, personal ministries director for the North Bahamas Mission, spoke for this series. There were health lectures

and testimonies, in addition to the Biblical presentations.

On Sabbath, July 24, the mission team gathered in the waters of Bimini for a special baptismal service. Four of the team's youth had made a commitment to make Jesus the Lord and Savior of their lives. Three were baptized for the first time. Calvin Williams, a senior political science student, called the trip a "life-changing experience." He now hopes to pursue a master's degree in youth ministry after his graduation from LaGrange University in LaGrange, Ga.

Youth mission trips change lives. They change the lives of those engaging in ministry—teens and staff. They change the lives of VBS and meeting attendees. Sometimes the changes are evident. Sometimes they are not, but anytime Jesus touches a life, the change is for real.

Couple Fullfills Dream

BY LINDA FREEMAN/BECKY GRICE

On August 3, 2002, the Piedmont, Ala., church held its first official Sabbath meeting with 56 people attending.

The opening of the church, was the fulfillment of a 20-year-old dream for Rick and Ginger Blythe. When Rick was studying for the ministry at Southern Adventist University, they would visit their families in Piedmont and would attend church either in Anniston or Gadsden. The Blythes had not been raised Adventists, and they dreamed of having a church in their hometown where they could witness to their family and friends. Through years of serving as a pastor in Indiana and the mission field, that dream seemed like an impossibility, but was never fully forgotten.

In 2001, the Blythe's moved back to Alabama to tend to the needs of their aging parents. Within months after moving, they started Friday night Bible

studies in their home.

During this time, while attending the Rome, Ga., church, Rick and Ginger met Mike and Tracy Duman. The two couples quickly formed a friendship and realized they shared a common goal and a love for evangelism.

Plans began to form as the Blythes shared their dream of starting a church in Piedmont. The Dumans had attended a SEEDS Conference at Andrews University and returned home excited about starting a church. But their Conference administration felt that Rome was too small a place to start a second church. As the Blythes shared their dream, the Dumans began to realize that this was the opportunity they'd prayed for. They were so convicted that they sold their home and moved closer so they could support the effort.

Soon, the Friday night Bible study group had grown too large to hold in the Blythe's home, so a building was rented.



Rick and Ginger Blythe (left), with friends Tracy and Mike Duman.

With the help of the Dumans and a few other Adventists families in the area, they began to meet on Sabbath mornings, as well as Friday nights.

In less than a year the core group of 14 has grown to an average attendance of more than 40—many who are not Seventh-day Adventists.



BY BECKY GRICE

Conference Sponsors Leadership Training



The Gospel Lights, from the Floral Crest Ala., church, performed for the Saturday night program. The group, which includes their pastor, Marvin Glass, on fiddle, uses their musical talents as an outreach to the Sand Mountain communities.

More than 90 people attended the Conference's leadership training convention at Camp Alamisco, August 22-24. Gary Gibbs, the keynote speaker, challenged each attendee to win one soul this year. "Pew warming is not a spiritual gift," Gibbs stated.

Different seminars covering a variety of ministries were taught throughout the weekend.

"I've learned so many things," said Pam Rawls, from the Cullman, Ala., church. "I can hardly wait to get home and start using them."

Gibbs, the associate director of Ad-

ventist Television Network and the former *Amazing Facts* vice president, was joined by a number of guest presenters.



Inspiring messages, joyful singing, and thought provoking seminars were all a part of the weekend.

Couple Celebrate 60th Wedding Anniversary



On March 28, 2003, Walter and Elizabeth Gallner celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family and friends. The Gallners have been members of the Florence, Miss., church since 1968.

Laurel Church Sends 14 Children to Camp

The Laurel, Miss., church is a small congregation with only 89 members, but they are blessed with children. The members value the children and enjoy seeing them at church on Sabbath and Tuesday evening for Adventurers and other children's programs. Acknowledging their responsibilities to the children, the church had a vision to send every child to Camp Alamisco for a week of summer camp.

The church board and church members supported this vision through fundraising projects and private donations. The social committee, chaired by Pat Cross, organized two of the fundraisers last fall. The church



Pastor Ken is surrounded by six of the 14 children who the church sponsored to attend camp.

supported a rummage sale, with the funds going to the camp fund and to the Adventurers club. Calendar sales by the children provided more earnings.

BY JUDY CAGLE/BECKY GRICE

In February, another member, Judy Cagle, organized the sale of Pizza Hut discount cards with all proceeds going to the Camp Alamisco fund. Finally, with the help of Ken Micheff, Conference youth director, funds from the Conference were made available to help with the cost of sending 14 children to camp.

"Thanks to Pastor Ken and all the staff at Camp Alamisco for the job they did to provide such a wonderful opportunity for the children," says Judy Cagle. "Each child had a fantastic time and will be eternally blessed by the love of Jesus and the experiences they shared at camp."



Murals Enhance Highland Prayer Garden

The final touches to the Highland Academy Prayer Garden are now in place. When the prayer garden was dedicated during a Sabbath afternoon ceremony a year ago, most of the work had been done on the garden. A pool and fountain, walkways, plants, and benches were in place. However, the murals had not yet been painted on the wall, forming the backdrop for the garden.

The idea of the garden was actually initiated by the students. "They wanted a place that was especially set apart for meditation, prayer, and personal reflection," said Jim Ingersoll, who was then the principal of Highland Academy. Financial support for the idea came from Highland alumni who heard of the project during the homecoming weekend in April, 2002.

Ingersoll asked two students to paint the murals for the garden. Sandy and Shelly Haviland are twins who have lived in the Highland community for 14 years. When they were freshmen at Highland they entered colored pencil drawings in the talent show and dedicated them to Ingersoll. Those drawings were later framed and hung in the principal's office.

Painting the murals was a huge undertaking. First, permission had to be requested from Adventist artist Nathan Greene to reproduce his paintings for the murals. Photos of the paintings were pro-

jected from a CD-ROM by way of a computer and video projector on large pieces of plywood. The girls roughly sketched the scenes onto the plywood. Oil-based enamel used for outdoor signs was applied



Sandy (left) and twin sister Shelly stand in front of prayer garden and murals.

with China natural bristle brushes.

The first mural depicting Jesus with the children measures six feet by 12 feet and took about ten weeks to complete. The second mural measures five feet by nine feet and took about six weeks to complete. "We learned a lot on the first one," says Shelly. The girls worked on the murals four hours a day and five days a week.

To accommodate the size, a large easel was constructed in the gymnasium which

could be raised or lowered as needed. Once completed, the murals were permanently mounted on the wall behind the prayer garden and covered with plexiglas for added protection from the elements.

"I thought Mr. Ingersoll was joking when he first asked us to do the paintings," says Sandy. "Art is just a hobby, but this was definitely a challenge," adds Shelly, "but we love Highland. It flows in our blood. So we agreed to do it for the school and Mr. Ingersoll."

Sandy and Shelly attended Highland Elementary for eight years and are now seniors at the academy. The murals were done last school year.

Don Mathis, the current principal says, "The prayer garden has become a focal point of the campus. The way the prayer garden is situated, it draws your attention to the administration building and dormitories when leaving any of the other buildings. It is a constant reminder that this is a spiritual campus—that God is here. Students can go to the garden and talk with God about anything that's on their heart."

The prayer garden has attracted the attention of the community as well. Numerous people and families have come to take pictures using the garden as a background. And, the first worship of the new school year was held there—at the prayer garden.

Backyard Evangelism

BY MARVIN LOWMAN

Jim Willard, a member of the Clarks-ville church in Tennessee, was recently the subject of an article that appeared in his local newspaper. The July 10 issue of *The Leaf Chronicle* contained pictures of Jim and his backyard.

Jim was a Methodist pastor for several years, then taught school. He joined the Adventist Church in 1989. When he and his wife, Melanie, built a new house in 1994, they also decided to start gardening.

Jim enjoys raising ornamental flowers, while Melanie plants a vegetable garden. This led Jim to the idea of a new career in landscaping. Now their backyard attracts scores of people, including a visit recently from 50 master gardeners.

Staff writer Stacy Smith Segovia wrote, "Jim and Melanie Willard's garden is in a subdivision less than half a mile from a busy stretch of Madison Street. But once you step into it, surrounded by petals, bumblebees and

sunlight, it's easy to forget the blacktop and bricks that are so nearby."

Segovia also pointed out, "As a Seventh-day Adventist, Jim observes the Sabbath from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday. For that 24-hour span, he doesn't work. His favorite part of his Saturday rest is taking a walk through the garden and around the house, taking in the beauty of the plants without giving in to the urge to work in the garden."



BY JAMES L. SCHUCKER

Irene Gould 1917-2003

Irene Gould was one of the ten children of Frank and Bessie King Lewis. They lived on a 100-acre farm. She could plow with horses or mules, paint, finish drywall, quilt, sew, you name it. She graduated from Mount Pisgah Academy in 1939, and in 1946 she worked in hydrotherapy in Hawaii. Soon after that, she married Bill Gould.

After surgery in 1953, that took her voice, she had to give up hydrotherapy and worked with the family business. This handicap was an embarrassment to her, but she soon overcame that and communicated – quietly.



During the 2003 Pathfinder parade at camp meeting, Irene was honored at the reviewing platform for her service to the Pathfinder program in her church. Richard Hallock (left), Conference president, Peggy Wilhite, Con Arnold, Irene Gould (seated), Howard Warren, and Darlene Hickman participated in the service.

The Goulds retired in 1974 after their son finished college. She took up oil painting and was very active in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She attended camp meeting every year and marched with her club in the Pathfinder parade. She was the community services leader plus had earned many honor badges from the Pathfinders. She was a vegan vegetarian, and members relied on Irene for advice on food matters. She was strong in the Lord and was giving Bible studies to the end.

Irene passed away July 3. She was a member of the Paducah church.

Oldest Church Treasurer Resigns

Douglas Hilliard, Kentucky-Tennessee Conference treasurer, reports that Eula Carpenter from the London, Ky., church has resigned after 25 years of service. She began as treasurer at the age of 62 and has faithfully served for 25 years at an age when most people are looking to lessen their church responsibilities. "She kept a fine set of books and was very cooperative and very pleasant to work with," said Hilliard.



A number of treasurers are over the age of 80 and doing fine work. We are also grateful for our younger treasurers, some of whom are full time mothers or work full time outside the home. One is treasurer of a larger church and school and also working as a full time registered nurse.

Teachers' Dedication

BY E. H. ROY



E.H. Roy (left), retired elder; Chris Juhl, principal and upper grades teacher; Irene Walper, elder; Leslie Frantz, middle grades teacher; Renée Otts, lower grades teacher; and Don Campbell, first elder, participated in teacher dedication.

Pewee Valley Junior Academy held a dedication service for its teachers and schoolrooms on Sunday, August 10, the day before the new school year began. Following a short devotional, a church elder offered a prayer of dedication in each room of the school, beginning with the principal's room (grades 6-8).

Teachers at Pewee Valley Junior Academy this year are Chris Juhl (the new principal and upper grades), Leslie Frantz (middle grades) and Renée Otts (lower grades).

Elders participating in the dedication program were E. H. Roy (retired), Irene Walper and Don Campbell.



Atlanta-Berean Wins Conference Bible Bowl

The Atlanta-Berean young adult Bible Bowl team recently was named the South Atlantic Conference champions and will represent the Conference in the national competition in October.

Joseph Chin-King, Cecil Gates, Jerome Harris, Jr., and Mark Williams represented the state of Georgia at the finals at River Oaks Campground in Orangeburg, S.C., under the leadership of their coach, Jerome Harris, Sr. The team played against North Carolina's team from Baldwin Chapel church in High Point.

The SAC team will pursue the North American Division title in Kansas City, Kans., on October 24.

The young adult division is for Bible Bowl members ages 23 to 35. They study the books of Judges, II Kings, Habakkuk, Nehemiah, Acts, Titus, and James.



Shiloh Sponsors Health and Temperance Cooking Class

BY EDMUND DRUMMOND

On May 25, 2003, members and guests of the Shiloh church in Spartanburg, S.C., attended a health and cooking class sponsored by the health and temperance department.

The purpose of this class was to emphasize the importance of healthy living and cooking. Bobbie Drummond and Mary Browning presented special cooking instructions and demonstrations of several vegetarian dishes.

Specific emphasis was placed on the ease of cooking with grains, nuts, tofu, and desserts with no sugar. Also included in this health class was a nutrition lecture presented by Elizabeth Tomlinson. Attendees said they enjoyed an array of taste samples afterwards.



ACN Shares Adventist Preaching Series on CD

Southern Union's own Terry Pooler, senior pastor of the Forest Lake church in Florida, is the featured speaker on the latest release of *ACN's Adventist Preaching*. The series, taped in the Forest Lake church, was created especially for DVD and is a resource for multi-church pastors, church leaders and inspiration for the Adventist home.

"The Cry of God's Heart" is a series of five sermons based on God's yearning for oneness with suffering humanity. It includes two bonus features—"Terry Pooler: The Man and His Mission," and "Where Hope Is Born."

Pastor Pooler is known in the Adventist Church as an expert in worship experience. He annually hosts Sensory Worship, a conference for seminary students and pastors, with the goal of bringing new life to the Spoken Word.

Adventist Preaching in the DVD format is one of the newest products offered by Adventist Communication Network (ACN). The first of the quarterly editions, "Destiny," released January, 2003, introduced a relatively new face to those not living on the west coast. Randy Roberts, senior pastor at the Loma Linda University Church, captivates viewers by his flawless delivery and carefully themed sermons.

Dwight Nelson provided the second sermon series, "Majoring" in the Minors. Because it comes with a bonus of eight of Nelson's favorite children's stories, volume II was packaged not only for adults, but "For Kids Too!"

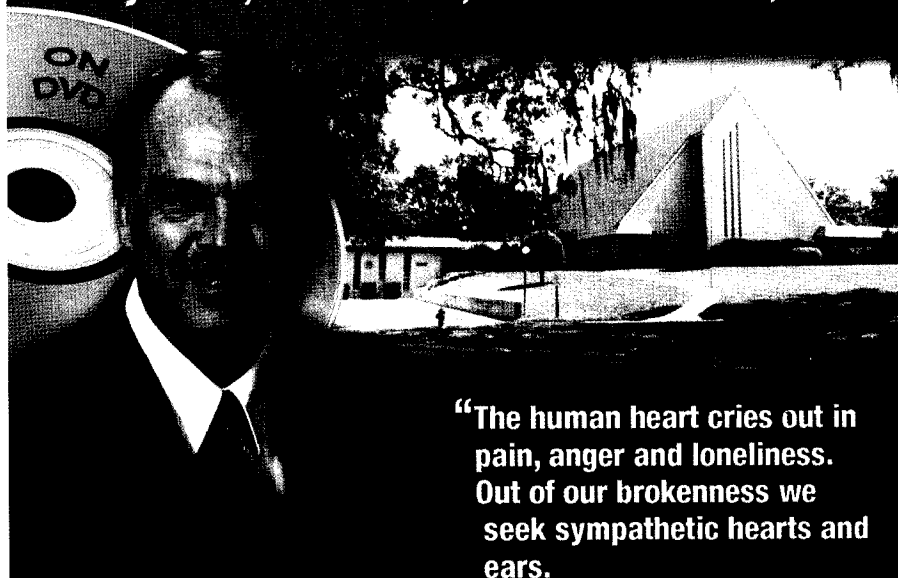
Rear Admiral Barry Black, newly appointed chaplain for the US Senate, prepared the powerful series, "Growing Stronger in Christ," for the third quarter of *Adventist Preaching*.

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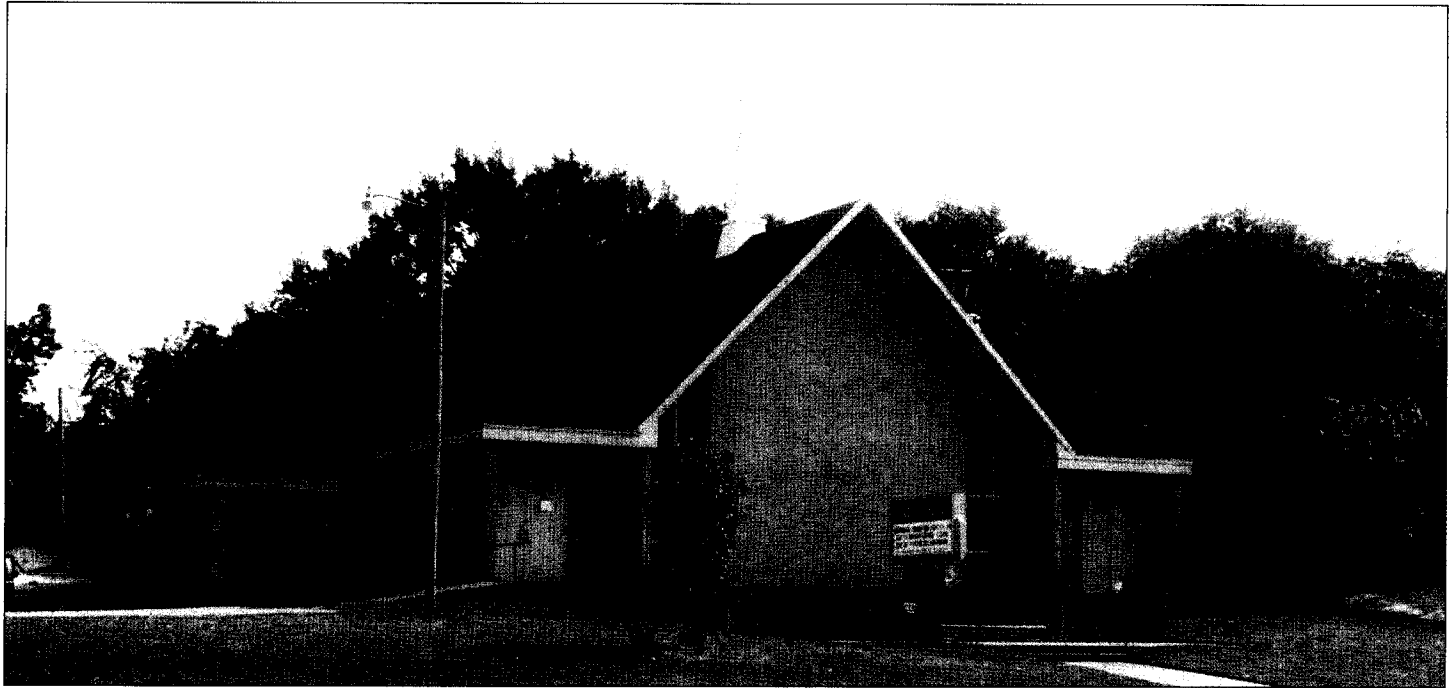
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Jackson Berean Celebrates Centennial



The Berean church in Jackson, Miss., celebrated its centennial in a month long celebration during July.

The church opened as a school in 1903 with Joseph Hermannus Laurence serving as pastor and teacher. He took over the fledgling school and raised up a company of Seventh-day Adventists which was organized into a church on April 21, 1906, with F. R. Shaeffer, president of the Mississippi Conference officiating. (*Gospel Herald*, May 1906.)

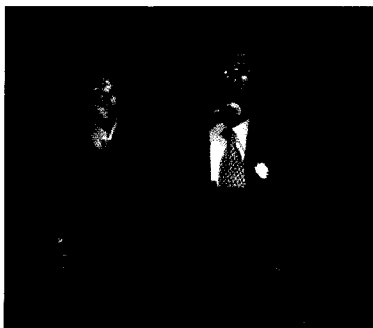
The celebration was kicked off on July 1 with a balloon release and a keynote sermon by Conference Secretary Dana Edmond. Preaching by former pastors and music by local musicians highlighted each weekend. The final Sabbath ended with a banquet where Conference President Joseph W. McCoy was the featured speaker.

Two noteworthy items became apparent during the event. Several church leaders started out at Berean. The for-

mer pastors of Berean who later became presidents in other Conferences include Richard C. Brown, Henry M. Wright, and Charles Joseph.

Berean's members have staying power. On the fourth Sabbath of the celebration, seven members were honored for being members for 50 years or more, and four for 75 years or more. The Elizabeth Robinson family traces their relationship with Seventh-day Adventists back to Edson White's Morning Star boat.

Former Pastors of Berean Speak for Centennial



Several former pastors of Berean returned to speak for the centennial: Pastor and Mrs. Sylister J. Jackson (left); Pastor Charles D. Joseph; Pastor Henry M. Wright (third from left) with members of the Watson family he baptized—Evelyn Adams, Eric Watson, Fannie Surrell, and Althea Lewis; and Dr. Ernest E. Rogers.

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Dorothy Sanders Named Church Communicator of the Year



R. Steven Norman, Conference director of communication, presents SCC Communicator of the Year Award to Dorothy Sanders for her leadership in church beautification and community relations days, getting her church in the local news, publication of a monthly newsletter, and maintaining excellent church bulletin boards.



Carrie "Doll" Lee (center) was recognized as the oldest member and for being a part of the Berean church for 75 years by Washington Johnson, pastor, and Jan Gray.

On the same weekend, Dorothea Risker, daughter of Joseph H. Lawrence, joined the celebration. During the weekend she visited the Davis Street home where her father lived during his pastorate, and Rose Street where he conducted a crusade and baptized the parents of the late Calvin Moseley.

Washington Johnson, pastor of the Berean church, Clarence Carter, chairman of the Centennial planning committee, and Anne Gray, local church historian, led the church in a celebration that reviewed God's work in the past and committed the church to a strong future in Christ.

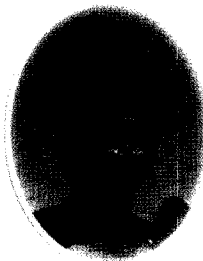
At the conclusion of the month, one member remarked, "Seeing and hearing the former pastors who taught us and mentored us was indeed refreshing."



Joseph Grider and George Byars participated in the celebration.

Adventist Killed in Lockheed Shooting

BY ALETHEA SKINNER/JUANITA HOLLAND



DeLois Bailey, a member of the Ephesus church in Meridian, Miss., was among those shot at the Lockheed-Martin shooting when Doug Williams opened fire on his co-workers and then killed himself at the plant

on July 8. DeLois was carried to the hospital where she died one week later.

At DeLois's funeral, her childhood friend and co-worker, Oscar Coleman, paid tribute to her as a fellow church member. As a young girl, she joined St. Matthew United Methodist church. As an adult, she played piano at many other churches and attended St. Joseph Catholic church before becoming a member of Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist church where Coleman is an elder.

"That's an odd combination, I know, but that was DeLois," he said. "DeLois

wanted to serve God wherever God said to serve Him."

Another of Bailey's co-workers, Ida Delk, described her friend as always religious, but said she displayed a true hunger for God during recent months. "I think she was trying to get all she could get in the time she had," Delk said.

The shock of the killings brought the Meridian religious community together in response to the mayor's call for support. Michael Holland, pastor of the Ephesus church, joined other pastors in the effort to help bring comfort and understanding out of the tragedy. He saw his task as one of ministering "first aid to all of the hurting families"—to all of the souls who asked "why?" It was also a task of introducing Jesus as the One who would move them "from the corridors of despondency into the wide-open space of equality, justice, and human dignity," and the One who would move all beyond "dark Tuesday" toward a brighter tomorrow.



Judge Returns to Homa Bay

As news of the coming of Judge Judith Hawkins spread through the Lakeside town of Homa Bay in Kenya, a large crowd waited anxiously to listen and have a glimpse of this judge who has surrendered herself to God's service.

This was the second time she visited Kenya, after conducting a successful two-week crusade in June last year that saw the birth of Maranatha church in Homa Bay town.

As she narrated her flight ordeal from the USA through Johannesburg to Nairobi and Kisumu, besides her journey by road to Homa Bay, the congregation marveled at the zeal, courage and, above all, the love that compelled her to reach her destination.

Against all the odds, she at last made it to the lakeside town, ready to be used this time, not as a judge but as a preacher.

"Don't leave Jerusalem" she thundered during her sermon to the attentive congregation as she read from I Kings 2: 36-41, and urged the congregation not to wander away from the boundaries of God's



will as spelt out in His law.

As the powerful and inspiring preacher made a call, at least 20 souls gave themselves to Jesus to be baptized in the next two weeks.

While many were baffled at how

she harmonizes her work as a judge and preacher, Judge Hawkins astonished them further when she organized the sale of an assortment of merchandise, raising funds which will go towards the development of the new Maranatha church.

Maranatha Church in Homa Bay, Kenya, Becomes a Reality

BY STEPHEN MENGE

Maranatha church is now a reality in Homa Bay town, courtesy of Judge Judith Hawkins of Tallahassee, Fla.

Many may wonder how a judge could get actively involved in spiritual matters to the point of opening a church. However, the fact remains that her willingness to be used of God enabled her to conduct a successful crusade last summer, where more than 400 people were baptized from the town and its environs.

The crusade was among the several other crusades held countrywide last year during the Kenya National Crusade campaigns.

The Homa Bay Central church, through the leadership of Moses Orue, pastor, made efforts to look for a place to accommodate the young church. They found the Kenya National Union of Teach-

ers (KNUT) Hall, which led to the inauguration of Maranatha church on October 5th, 2002.

The KNUT Hall was in pathetic condition, but Judge Judy's donation came in handy, enabling the church to renovate broken down toilet facilities and the hall itself, install a water system, purchase a water storage tank, and pay rent for six months.

During the first Sabbath of each month, the Maranatha church members holds joint services with the mother church, Homa Bay Central.

Out of the 400 members who were baptized during the crusade last summer, Maranatha church has about 200 members. Most of them are young people and children, as the rest joined the surrounding churches of Makongeni, Bonde, and

Rabuor Masawa.

The vibrant church conducts its worship services in English, and it is apparently the only one in the town that uses English in all the church programs.

The church needs Adventist Church hymnals, a keyboard to harmonize the praises, and a public address system. Sabbath school materials for children and youth also are urgently needed.

Establishment of a church library with all spiritual books and other church periodicals will enhance the spiritual growth of the church members.

The young church yearns for a computer with a printer, especially in the wake of the current level of information technology.

Efforts are currently being made to locate land to construct a church building.

Florida Hospital Waterman Celebrates New Beginnings

At 3:59 a.m. on August 19, Tanner Cecil Pait was the last baby born at Florida Hospital Waterman in Eustis., before the old facility closed its doors for the last time. Thirteen hours later, and just five miles down the road, Kyle Angelo Cinicola was the first baby born at Florida Hospital Waterman's brand new replacement facility in Tavares, just hours after its doors opened.

There is nothing too unusual about that—there is always a first and last in situations such as this. But, it's the common bond shared by these two baby boys that makes this story so unique. The boys are cousins. Both are their mothers' first child, and both were delivered by the same doctor. To make things even more interesting, some of the boys' family members even work at Florida Hospital Waterman.

These babies are fortunate to have been born in such special places. Although Tanner missed an opportunity to spend his first day in the world sleeping in a brand new hospital bed, there was a sweet significance to being the last birth in the same hospital where his grandfathers, father, and uncle had all been born. Friends and co-workers of Kyle's mom and grandmother had kept their fingers tightly crossed all day hoping that his arrival would christen the labor and delivery unit at the new facility.

With its origin as the Fountain Inn, a resort hotel built in the 1920s by the Waterman Fountain Pen family, the former Eustis campus of Florida Hospital Waterman carries a unique history. As with many businesses at the time, the hotel was hit hard with financial losses in 1929. At the same time, Mr. Waterman became ill and gave the building to a group of physicians for use by the community as a hospital. In 1938 the Lake County Medical Center moved into the Fountain Inn and became Waterman Memorial Hospital.

In 1992 the hospital merged with Adventist Health System and became Florida Hospital Waterman. After 10 years of planning and four years of construction, the new facility opened its doors on August 19, 2003, as a spectacular 204-bed hospital on Highway 441 in Tavares.

The 450,000-square-foot facility offers the latest in medical technology in a bright and inviting environment. The uniquely

designed "clover leaf" patient care units consist of three 10-bed zones with 30 beds per nurses' station and 60 beds per floor. All patient rooms are private, and each room has sleeping facilities for guests. In addition to a chapel on the first floor, each patient floor also has a "chapelette" for patients and their families for private meditation.

The new emergency center has been expanded to 35 beds and is sized for 60,000 visits per year—nearly double the capacity of the former facility. Among a total of nine surgical suites, two are equipped with laminar air flow for orthopedic procedures, and two are equipped with laproscopic equipment for minimally invasive surgery. One suite is equipped with an image-guided system for neurosurgery and ENT procedures. An additional two suites have been modeled for future open heart procedures.

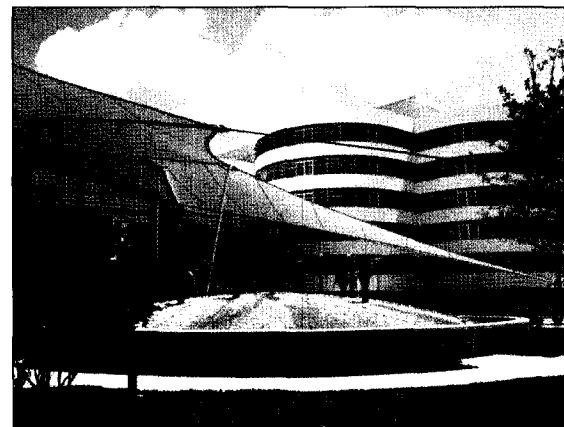
Diagnostic services at the new facility also offer state-of-the-art technology, including one of the world's most advanced

cardiovascular imaging systems for general vascular and interventional work, the first high-field open magnet (MR) in Lake County, and a 12-slice CT scanner.

The old Florida Hospital Waterman will live on in the hearts of thousands of people like Tanner, whose lives were touched there. But, as Kyle and his parents have already experienced, its unique replacement facility has set a new standard for health care in central Florida that will continue for generations.



New mothers Candace Pait (left) and Stacey Felicita celebrate the grand opening of the new Florida Hospital Waterman with their sons, Tanner Pait and Kyle Cinicola.



Florida Hospital Waterman



MedCamp Challenges Teens in Orlando



MedCamp teens learn the importance of developing critical thinking skills and teamwork.

The Orlando Science Center (OSC) partnered with Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences (FHCHS) this summer to present MedCamp. MedCamp was aimed at teens in grades 7-9 and provided an opportunity for them to experience real-life healthcare situations.

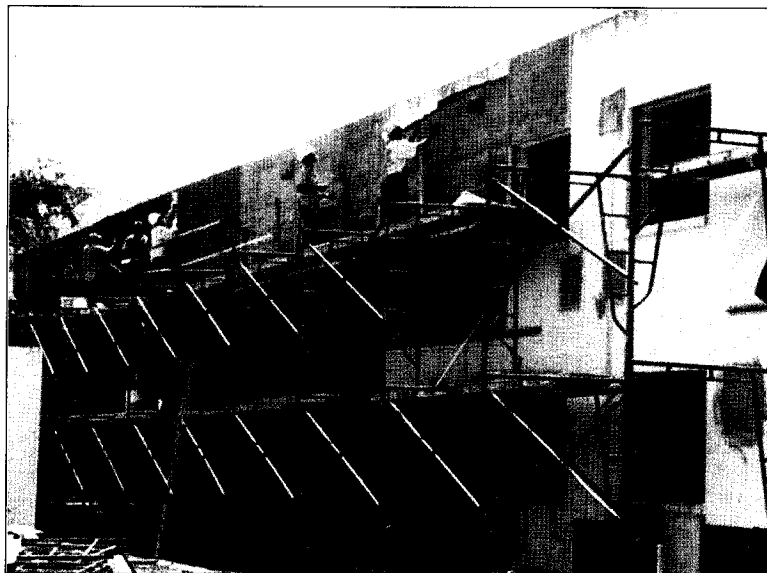
Students worked side-by-side with healthcare professionals, learning the ins and outs of their careers. Various department personnel from the College discussed career possibilities with the students, while providing a firsthand glimpse of what

these jobs entailed. A sampling of their experiences included identifying x-rays, ultrasound demonstrations, experimenting with adaptive tools used in therapy, and seeing how computers can simulate real-time scenarios through STAN, the human patient simulator. STAN teaches the importance of teamwork and critical thinking skills when responding to a patient.

"It was fun to see young people get excited about a potential career," stated Lynne Tier, associate professor of nursing. "These kids demonstrated good thinking skills during the activity with the human patient simulator."

MedCamp was not only an excellent learning opportunity for these young teens, it was also a wonderful way to spend a week meeting and making new friends.

FHCHS Completes Renovations



Remodeling of the White Apartments adds much needed space.

This summer a major remodeling project took place on the campus of Florida Hospital College. The White Apartments, formerly used to house students, medical residents, and interns, was remodeled to create more class and office space.

Students who returned to campus this fall were surprised to find new classrooms, a radiography lab, and financial offices

ready for use. "Senior administration has created more room and provided for the tremendous growth the College has experienced," observed Dawn McLendon, vice president for marketing.

By relocating the business and financial aid offices, students are able to deal with their financial needs in one location.

Students Get a Jump Start



Students explore solutions to solve a problem.

Students anticipating college this fall were able to get a jump start on their preparation through *Destination College*. This program, a first for Florida Hospital College, used problem-based learning to enhance skills in the areas of English, math, and study skills.

Program coordinator Lenore Brantley described the learning experience as starting with a case study, challenging students to ask appropriate questions, exploring resources related to the problem, and finding practical solutions. "This type of learning helps students approach their education in new and creative ways," stated Brantley.

FHCHS is studying ways to continue this successful program throughout the school year.



BY ROY MALCOLM

Retirees Honored



Retirees pictured are Pattie Landy (left), James Burgess, Shirley Bailey, and Jannith Lewis.

Several employees who retired at the end of fiscal year 2003 were honored May 8 in Wade Hall. Faculty, staff, administration, and trustees attended the event. The retirees included Jannith Lewis, 50 years; Pattie Landy, 33 years; Harry Dobbins, 30 years; James Burgess, 22 years; Shirley Bailey, 20 years; and Carol Kinley, 11 years.

Jannith Lewis is the first female Seventh-day Adventist to earn a PhD in library science (Indiana University, 1982). She joined the college family in 1953 as an instructor in English and speech. She is mainly responsible for the development and advancement of the Eva B. Dykes Library.

Pattie Landy served Oakwood as residence hall director, and was greatly loved by

the young ladies she counseled and guided. A missionary to Kenya, she served as dean of students at the University of Eastern Africa. Her husband, Harland Landy is a builder/contractor from Bermuda.

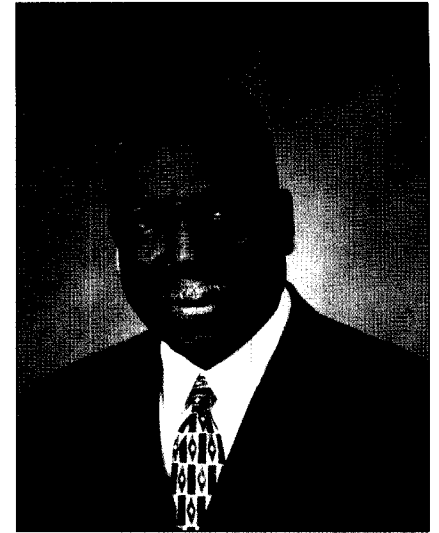
Shirley Bailey joined the college family in 1982. She has served in the offices of academic affairs, general vice president, executive assistant to the president, college relations, and Oakwood College publishing association.

James Burgess has been a master plumber for more than 50 years. He studied at Queens College in New York after migrating from the Caribbean in 1969. Relocating to Huntsville, Burgess joined the physical plant staff in 1980.

Harry Dobbins served the college in areas of farm management, physical plant, and security for some 30 years. As security officer he developed and maintained rapport with the local community and Huntsville Police. Kathy Dobbins is chair of the Oakwood College department of mathematics.

Carol Kinley receives high marks for her excellent curriculum and management of the child development lab in the department of family and consumer sciences. Kinley holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

Oakwood Alumnus Publishes Book on Prostate Cancer

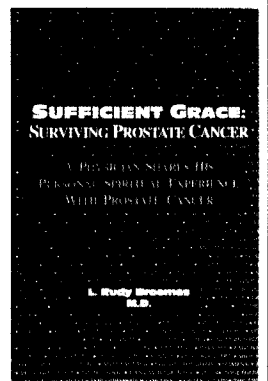


L. Rudy Broomes, M.D.

L. Rudy Broomes, MD, an alumnus of Oakwood College, is author of the book, *Sufficient Grace: Surviving Prostate Cancer*. The book, published by Rudlav Publishers, gives vignettes of the physician's personal and spiritual experience with this illness over a two-year period from diagnosis to recovery.

Broomes obtained his medical training at Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, Calif. He has practiced psychiatry in the Southern Union region for almost 30 years and currently resides in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

He recently attained Distinguished Life Fellow status in the American Psychiatric Association.



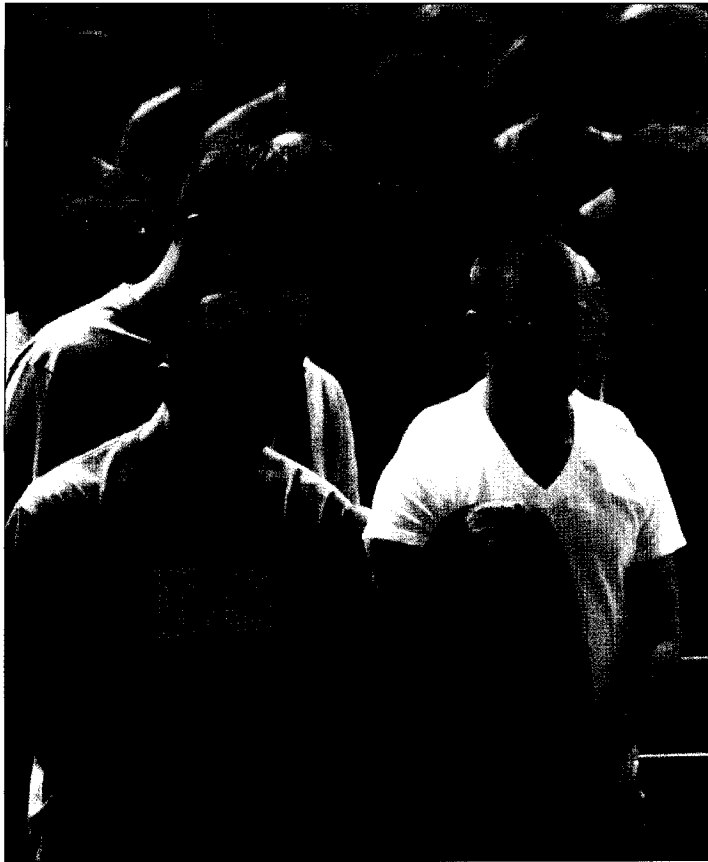
Dixon Recognized at Retirees Convocation

At age 98, D.J. Dixon is the oldest living black Seventh-day Adventist minister of the North American Division. He was one of the attendees at the 22nd annual retirees convocation held June 11-15, 2003, at the Pioneer Memorial church at Andrews University.

At a strategic moment of the convention, Jack Harris, president of the association, surprised Elder Dixon by asking him to stand while a brief history of his family, education, and 40 years of pastoral ministry was read. Dixon's career services include the states of West Virginia, Illinois, Ohio, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Iowa, Texas, and Alabama. Dixon is the husband of Oakwood College archivist Minneola L. Dixon.



D. J. Dixon



Southern's Enrollment Surpasses All-Time High

Once again, Southern Adventist University's enrollment breaks all previous records. The count for fall semester is 2377 graduate and undergraduate students. This surpasses the record set in 2002 of 2290 students. Enrollment is steadily climbing, setting new records each year.

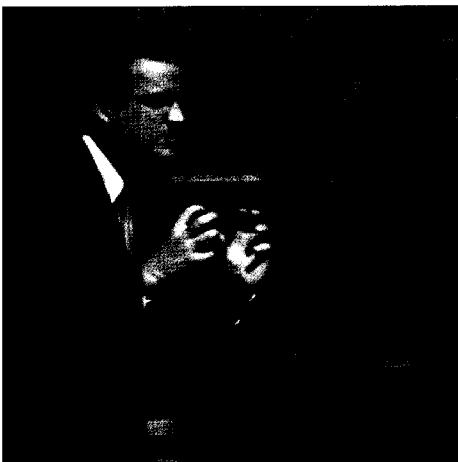
"As a private Christian university," says Vinita Sauder, vice president for marketing and enrollment services, "we are blessed with students and faculty who are seeking the unique spiritual, social, and academic environment we offer."

Approximately 70 percent of the undergraduate students live in University residential housing. To keep up with Southern's ever growing student population, the University is building a new addition to Talge Hall, the men's residence, which will add 260 beds. The first two floors will be ready by fall, 2004.

Also, two new apartment complexes in Southern Village were built during the last year to accommodate the increased student enrollment.

Increased enrollment brings everyone a little closer together during weekly convocation meetings at the Collegedale church.

Southern Happenings: Past and Present



Week of Prayer

Each day, Week of Prayer speaker Frank Gonzalez asked students to step "out of the matrix and into the heart of God."

20th Annual Triathlon

On October 5, all are welcome to the Sunbelt Cohutta Springs Triathlon. Registration for the half-mile swim, 18-mile bike ride, and four-mile run is from 11 a.m. to noon. For more information call 423-238-2890.



Student Missionaries

Southern sent out 70 student missionaries to more than 30 countries for the 2003-04 school year.

Alumni Homecoming – October 23-26

Featured Speakers:

Mic Thurber, '78, Friday vespers
Brian Strayer, '73, Church services
Sam Leonor, '93, The Third

Special Performances:

Steve Darmody, '78, Sabbath afternoon concert
David Holt, Saturday night comedy, stories and music



BY DON A. ROTH

Bidwells Attend Medical Center Opening in Vietnam



Dale and Reda Bidwell of Southern Adventist University recently attended the official opening of an ADRA-sponsored and Southern Union/Bidwell-family-financed medical clinic expansion near Danang, Vietnam.

The Bidwell participation was in honor of their parents, Genge and Gledora Bidwell, both deceased, who lived most of their lives at 328 Mill Street in Lancaster, Mass.

Officials of the local province and ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency) representatives from Hanoi joined Dai Hiep Clinic directors for the official ceremony that marked a significant advance in the area's health care program for children, the indigent, and others unable to obtain health care.

Representing ADRA-Vietnam was Nguyen Kim Mai, associate director. She

had initially requested the Southern Union Conference and the Bidwell family to assist in the establishment of this much-needed medical facility near Danang, Vietnam's third largest municipality.

Between the Southern Union Conference and two Bidwell families (Dale and Reda, and Bert and Mary Bidwell-Haloviak) the clinic was funded in Dai Loc District, the home area for Kim Mai's mother and her family.

In February, 1999, the first phase of the new clinic was finished. The Bidwells and ADRA officials came to the area for the official opening. Since that time the clinic has been so busy that it was apparent that an expansion was needed. This was also funded, and the clinic now is a busy and vibrant part of the area's medical outreach program.

During the program Dale Bidwell,

vice-president for finance of Southern Adventist University, officially cut the ribbon that signaled the start of a new phase in the clinic's history.

A statistical report sent recently to the Bidwells indicated progress in the clinic activities over the years since opening in 1999. There are now 10 persons on the staff, including doctors, secondary midwife, pharmacist, and nurse. Clinic examinations increased 17 percent in two years, to a total of more than 16,000. There were 149 births. They also have programs for anti-diarrhea, mental illness, anti-malnutrition, and dental work. In addition they have a program for examination and treatment for local kindergarten children, which is given twice yearly. Health exams and treatments are also given to employees companies and factories in the immediate area.



SOUTH ATLANTIC FEATURE
BY JAMES K. LAMB

Lift Him Up!

"Lift Him Up" was the theme for the South Atlantic Conference camp meeting held at River Oaks campground in Orangeburg, South Carolina, June 5-14. The new 5,000-seat,

state-of-the-art worship center was the meeting place, with an estimated total of 12,000 persons who attended during the course of the ten days. Richard Barron, pastor, was the speaker for the first Sabbath. Barron has officially retired after 40 years of continuous service with the Seventh-day Adventist Church, but is currently serving as the pastor of the Ridge Area church in Avon Park, Florida.

Walter L. Pearson, Jr., was the featured speaker for the second Sabbath service. Pearson is the director/speaker for the Breath of Life telecast and is a general field secretary for the North American Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. This is his 34th year in the gospel ministry.

Several expressed that the Holy Spirit moved in a mighty way during this camp meeting, not only on Sabbath, but all during the weekly services, as well when the Conference's pastors were the featured speakers. The women's ministries director, Sylvia Wilson, was instrumental in organizing a daily evangelistic service for the city of Orangeburg, South Carolina, in the worship center. The meetings were entitled "Women of Fire," and were conducted solely by the women of the South Atlantic Conference.

On the last Sabbath, 57 persons came forward during the appeal of the divine worship service and were baptized.

Another special moment occurred when Pastor Joseph Hinson was honored for his work in the Sabbath school, personal ministries, and community services departments of the Conference. Hinson was born in Cheraw, South Carolina. He moved to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, just before he was inducted into the armed forces.

In 1948, he attended an evangelistic meeting held by Earl E. Cleveland. Hinson felt the call to the gospel ministry, and in 1953 he completed a degree in religion and theology from Oakwood College.

With his new bride, the former Carolyn Thomas, by his side, he let God launch his work into another branch of service, the ministry in South Atlantic.

This "soldier of the cross" served in many different cities in the south and was instrumental in starting new churches and erecting new church buildings during his ministry. His dedication to soul winning changed the face of personal ministries in the Conference. Even though retired, his work still exhibits a positive influence today. Hinson's efforts resulted in more than 3,000 persons being baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Calvin Watkins, the present personal ministries director, organized the tribute and requested each church in the Conference to honor Hinson individually. His three daughters, Marla, Lisa, and Kyna, were present as well to witness the occasion.

The Conference was aware that many of its 31,500 members could not attend the nightly services during the week. Vanard J. Mendinghall, Conference president, has a vision of infusing technology into the Gospel commission. With the help of Church-Pond, technology made it possible for the members to listen to and watch the services via the Internet on the Conference's website at www.southatlantic.org. The Sermons Online feature has been archived, and members are still connecting to the site to experience the services over and over again.



Healthy Churches...

...Planting Churches

Lay-led churches are becoming one of the most productive areas of church growth. Conferences are struggling to keep up with the workers God is sending into His fields. In January this year, the Georgia-Cumberland Conference began funding a church planting coordinator for metro Atlanta. Pastor Bill Levin has trained extensively at SEEDS and other church planting seminars across North America. He serves the training and logistical needs for nearly a dozen church plants.

Currently Georgia-Cumberland Conference has 53 congregations, spanning a wide range of races, ethnicities, languages, and cultures, meeting consistently and planning to become churches. The majority of these congregations are lay-led.

Recently a church on Atlanta's south side voted to send their pastor and a group of lay people to Henry County to plant a church. The sponsoring church has committed to providing their own leadership for three years to give their pastor the time and assistance he needs to plant this new church.

Ask anyone working with church planting . . . nothing energizes like being part of God's Kingdom expansion plan!

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HABRÁ SEMINARIOS EN ESPAÑOL

The Baptism in Yellow Creek

This might have been just another baptismal photo with a brief caption, but some stories just have to be told.

This is a remarkable story of God's providential leading in the lives of two families, using a caring couple and a loving church. It demonstrates again that God uses the circumstances of our lives, even the unpleasant ones, to draw us to Himself.

In December, 2002, I received an email from Lee Wilson saying: "I am a Christian designer and illustrator who has finally found the truth in the Adventist way. I have recently been to a wonderful camp meeting. Since then, I have been convicted that I should use my talents for the glory of God instead of my own."

I replied, offering a few suggestions for using his talents within the Church. He quickly replied, "In order to expand my portfolio of work for God's glory, I offer to the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference a design project as a gift to the Lord's work.... Work has been very slow for me the last few months. I have not been able to give to the Church as I would like. This would be a way for me to give something."

Subsequent conversations and meetings led to the design of the *Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Quadrennial Report* for the Conference session in May, 2003. Since then, God has blessed Lee with an abundance of work. I also learned about the circumstance that led this family to the Adventist Church.



Lisa (left), Micah, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Jonathan, with parents, Lee and Cara

three children to raise on his own, he felt somewhat spiritually abandoned. Having an interest in the vegetarian diet and a desire to gain a better understanding of the seventh day as the Sabbath, he decided to visit the Adventist Church in Dickson, Tennessee. He and his children attended some services there and continued to be members of the Baptist Church.

When Lee met Cara he was pleased to find out that she observed the Sabbath and was also a vegetarian. Cara had been attending Sabbath services at both the Kingfield and Centerville (Martin Memorial) churches for several years. Cara had been a single mom with two children for nine years prior to

meeting Lee. They discovered they had many things in common, including each having a child with special needs. The seven of them began meeting at the Dickson church for Pathfinders and Sabbath worship.

Following their marriage in May, 2002, the new family began life together on 63 acres of land northwest of Dickson that Lee had purchased about a year before they met. They both agreed that living in the country would provide a better environment for their children—where there would be plenty for them to do, but with fewer worldly distractions.

Eagerly seeking to understand the truth of God's word and His will for their lives and their family, they continued to study and in October, 2002, went to a camp meeting together for the first time. After that experience they felt more equally yoked and desired to lead their family in a closer walk with the Lord.

They were now attending the Martin Memorial church in Centerville, Tennessee, and through individual, family, and weekly studies with Pastor and Mrs. Ron Neall, they gained a better understanding of scripture and requested to be baptized. Lee says, "I appreciate the genuine warmth that the Nealls had for us and our family. They really cared about us and how we were doing, and we really looked forward to our weekly Bible study times with them. It was like they became Grandma and Grandpa. They have been really wonderful to us."


Lee had thoughts about an outdoor baptism, although he had never seen one. Yellow Creek is on their property and they often swim there as a family. As the Bible studies progressed, it just seemed like a good idea to be baptized out in nature *just like Jesus was baptized*, as Lee put it.

So, on Sabbath afternoon, July 26, Lee and Cara Wilson and five of their children were baptized in Yellow Creek. Their youngest child, Daniel, was born February 28, 2003.

The congregation gathered on the banks of Yellow Creek and sang as Joan Neall introduced each candidate. One by one she shared about their love for Jesus and gave their favorite Bible texts, while her husband, a retired minister, baptized seven members of this precious family.



Pastor Ron Neall and Lee Wilson



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KING, Jewel Winifred, 86, born March 1, 1915 in Atlanta, GA, died Feb. 26, 2002 at the Garden Terrace Nursing Home in Douglasville, GA. She was a member of the Beverly Road church in Atlanta for more than 21 years. Later she became a charter member of the Austell Grandview church in 1962. At the time of her death she was a member of the Lakeview church. She worked 21 years at the School of Bible Prophecy in Atlanta, and 15 years in home health care. She is survived by her three children: Charles Edward King of Ranger, GA; Charlene Wallace of Douglasville; and Larry Wayne King of Silverthorn, CO; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; and many friends.

LAWRENCE, W. P., 80, born in 1922 in New York, died Aug. 24, 2002 in Eustis, FL. He was a member of the Howey-in-the-Hills, FL, church. For 40 years, he served the denomination as pastor of many churches in the Dakotas, Virginia, and across Florida, retiring from the Eustis church. He is survived by his wife, Delphia Lawrence of Eustis; one son, Warren F. Lawrence of Lehigh Acres, FL; three grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

LEWIS, Glen Elden, 49, of Collegedale, TN, born Aug. 10, 1953, died Nov. 8, 2002 at his residence after battling a brain tumor for more than six years. Lewis was a native of Centralia, WA, and lived in Collegedale since 1985. He was a member of the Collegedale church and was a self-employed building contractor. He is survived by his wife, Jeanne Currie Lewis; one son, Tyler Scott Lewis of Collegedale; one daughter, Lacey Dawn Lewis and son-in-law, Robert Edward Whitehead of Collegedale; his parents: Stanley and Eleanor Ellyson Lewis of Dayton, TN; three sisters: Sharon Foister of Rochester, WA, Evonne Richards of Apison, TN, and Dianne Haney of Milton, OR.

MAHLO, Calvin C., 70, born Nov. 8, 1932 in Wisconsin, died Nov. 11, 2002. He was a teacher in the Adventist school system for 24 years, teaching in Nebraska, Arkansas, Tennessee, Texas, and Louisiana. He survived by his wife, LaRue of Lincoln, NE; his son, Mike Mahlo of Chattanooga, TN; one daughter and son-in-law, Patti and Jeff Neidigh of Denver, CO; his son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Stephanie Mahlo of Lincoln, NE; six grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

MAHLO, LaRue Hansen, 67, born March 4, 1935 in Nebraska, died Nov. 30, 2002 in Lincoln, NE. She is survived by her son, Mike Mahlo of Chattanooga, TN; one daughter and son-in-law, Patti and Jeff Neidigh of Denver, CO; her son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Stephanie Mahlo of Lincoln, NE; six grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

MANNING, Malvaina A., 81, born in 1921 in Cayman Islands, died Dec. 22, 2002 in St. Petersburg, FL. She was a member of the St. Petersburg First church. She is survived by her husband, Alan Manning of St. Petersburg.

MANNING, Phillip H., 78, born Nov. 27, 1923 in Bridgeport, AL, died July 22, 2002 in Jacksonville,

FL. He was a member of the Jacksonville First church. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Manning of Jacksonville; four daughters: Arolyn Roberts, Robin Van Vactor, and Valorie Ferdon, all of Jacksonville, and Amy Layfield of St. George, GA; 14 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

McPHERSON, Delbert, 73, born June 10, 1928 in Rhodes, MD, died Feb. 19, 2002 in Orlando, FL. He was a member of the Florida Hospital church in Orlando. He is survived by his wife, Nanette of Orlando; one son, Bob Wade of Orlando; and two grandchildren.

MINNER, Dorothy Dixon Ellis, 78, born March 29, 1924 in Wilson, NC, died Sept. 23, 2002 in Chattanooga, TN. She was a graduate of Charles L. Coon High School in Wilson and Washington Missionary College (now Columbia Union College). She served the church in secretarial positions in the Greater New York Conference and Southern Union Conference, and was known for her creative Sabbath School programs, as well as the many poems she wrote for friends and special occasions in the conferences. She was an active member of the Calhoun, GA, church for many years. She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Fred Minner; her sisters: Rita Mills and Margaret Bata Dower; and her granddaughter, Karen Minner. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Ray and Laurie Redmer Minner; her son, Jay Minner; one sister, Barbara Jones; and three granddaughters: Jennifer Minner Payne, Megan Minner, and Katie Minner.

MUSE, Sylvia B., 86, born May 14, 1916 in Rankin County, MS, died Oct. 11, 2000 in Florence, MS. She was a member of the Florence church. She is survived by two sons: Mike Muse, and Patrick Muse; one brother, James Arleigh Butler; four grandsons; and one great granddaughter.

NELSON, William Gustaf, 93, born Nov. 23, 1909 in Glen, MN, died Sept. 12, 2002 in Portland, TN. He served as a hospital administrator in Cleveland, TN, and Palatka, FL, and also held financial positions in two Miami hospitals. He is survived by his wife, Vivian of Collegedale, TN; two daughters: Andrea Vivian Hawkins of Nashville, TN, and Naomi Ruth Sussman of Silver Spring, MD; one sister, Edith Irene Smith of Aitken, MN; three grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. His son, William Steen Nelson, 59, died the next day in Washington, DC.

NELSON, William Andrew, 99, born Nov. 11, 1903 in Osceola, MO, died Nov. 23, 2002 at the Life Care Center in Hendersonville, NC. He attended Union College Academy and College and graduated 1925 as president of his class. It was there that he met his wife, June Turner, and they married in 1927. She died in 1965 at the Hinsdale Hospital. He was principal of three academies: Inter-mountain Academy in Colorado (1927-30); Cedar Lake Academy in Michigan (1930-36); and Indiana Academy (1936-41). For the next six years he served as a missionary volunteer, educational and temperance secretary for the Indiana Conference. From 1947-60, he served as educational secretary of the Lake Union Conference. He served as president

of the Illinois Conference from 1960-71. In March 1970, he married Mildred Wade who was working as a secretary to the president and treasurer of the Lake Union Conference in Berrien Springs, MI. After his retirement in 1976, they moved to Hendersonville, NC, where he served as field representative of trust services for the Carolina Conference from 1976-94. He was preceded in death by his wife Mildred in Sept. 2000. He is survived by one daughter, Dr. Sharlene Tessler of Cape Cod, MA; and one niece, Blossom Engen of Berrien Springs, MI.

PEARMAN, Wesley Aaron, 86, born Feb. 14, 1916 in Rantoul, IL, died Jan. 13, 2003 in Glasgow, KY. He spent seven years in the U.S. Army and was in the Medical Corps during World War II. He was a retired self-employed carpenter. He was a member of the St. Matthews, KY, church, and held various offices. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Beth Harbolt Pearman; one daughter, Sharon Pearman of Pewee Valley, KY; two sons: Rodney L. Pearman, and Wesley Bruce Pearman; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

PERVIS, James P., Sr., 61, born March 25, 1940 in Palma Sola, FL, died Dec. 30, 2001 in Parrish, FL. He was a member of the Palmetto, FL, church. He is survived by his wife, Janie Flournoy Pervis of Parrish; two sons: Wallace J. Pervis of Sarasota, FL, and James P. Pervis, Jr. of St. Petersburg, FL; two daughters: Penny Thornton of Camilla, GA, and Deanna Kotkowski of South Carolina; two brothers: Melvin Pervis of Minnesota, and Arthur W. Pervis, Jr., of Bradenton, FL; two sisters: Linda Hadden of Bradenton, and June Turner of Myakka, FL; 14 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

RASCH, Julia, 85, born Nov. 14, 1917 in Laird, MT, died Jan. 15, 2003 in Dunedin, FL. She was a member of the Clearwater, FL, church. She is survived by her husband, Edward Rasch of Dunedin; two daughters: Lois Gandy of South Carolina, and Linda Wemmer of Kentucky; and six grandchildren.

RICHARDS, Evan Williams, 83, born July 22, 1919 in Hammond, IN, died Oct. 14, 2002 at home. Evan left home at the age of 13 and graduated from Indiana Academy in May 1938, supporting himself by working in the print shop; he managed the print shop his senior year. He went to Southern Junior College in Collegedale, TN, Sept. 1939, and began his college work, again working at the College Press. He was drafted in the army Feb. 26, 1942 and served at Camp Davis, NC, as company clerk and supply sergeant. He was promoted to Staff Sergeant and received a special "Certificate of Commendation" from his major general. After more than four years in the military, he returned to Southern Missionary College. He married Ruth Esther Peterson Sept. 14, 1947, and graduated in May 1948 with a B.A. in business. In 1948 he was called to Florida Sanitarium and Hospital in Orlando, FL, and joined the accounting department. He helped steer Florida Hospital through years of phenomenal growth as Chief Accountant and Controller. In 1975 he moved to Adventist Health Systems and served as a Medicare Coordinator for five years. He retired Aug.



1980 and moved to Sand Mountain in May 1982. He is survived by his wife Ruth; one son, Bill and his family: Evonne, Elisa, Elani, Evan, and Ellis; and one sister, Rosemary Iles.

ROADMAN, Genevieve, 90, born July 22, 1913, died June 29, 2002 in Winter Park, FL. She was a member of the Kress Memorial church in Winter Park. She is survived by her husband, John Roadman of Winter Park; one daughter, Sandra Schneider; two grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

SCRUGGS, Marguerite J., 81, born Oct. 7, 1921 in Philadelphia, PA, died Dec. 19, 2002 in Sebring, FL. She was a member of the Lake Placid, FL, church. She is survived by two daughters: Kim Clark and Beth Pendergrass, both of Sebring; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren.

SEDA, Julio, 64, born Jan. 28, 1938 in Puerto Rico, died Sept. 15, 2002 in Jacksonville, FL. He was a member of the Jacksonville First church. He is survived by his wife, Carmen A. Seda of Jacksonville.

SHRECKENGOST, Elsie, 95, born Aug. 4, 1907 in Pennsylvania, died Nov. 14, 2002 in Meza, AZ. She was a member of the Walker Memorial church in Avon Park, FL.

SNIDER, Kenneth A., 74, born April 2, 1928 in Wilmington, DE, died June 5, 2002 in Nashville, TN. He graduated from the College of Medical Evangelists in Loma Linda, CA in 1956 and worked as a pathologist throughout his career.

SOULE, Joseph A., 83, born March 12, 1919 in Kramer Island, Lake Okeechobee, FL, died Oct. 21, 2002 in Altamonte Springs, FL. He was a member of the Florida Living church in Apopka, FL. He served the denomination for 40 years in the publishing department in the South Asia Division (Bangladesh and Poona, India), in Georgia-Cumberland Conference as publishing department director, Alabama-Mississippi Conference as publishing department director, and as pastor in the Florida Conference in the following churches: Palmetto, Brooksville, Homosassa, and Florida Living. He is survived by his wife, Helen Marie Soule of Altamonte Springs; two sons: Larry Allen Soule of Longwood, FL, and John Edward Soule of Chapel Hill, NC; and two grandchildren.

SPEARS, Ola Mae (Gentry), 97, died Aug. 8, 2002, born west of Alto, TX, in Cherokee County, TX, Dec. 23, 1904. Her parents were Robert and Mary Ellen Gentry. Ola married John Edward Spears Dec. 25, 1922 in Cherokee County where they lived until moving to Houston, TX, in 1944. They remained in Houston through Edward's retirement in the early 60s and his death in 1975. She is survived by four children: Kenneth Edward of Lufkin, TX, Marilyn Joyce of Collegedale, TN, John Gary of Greenville, TN, and James Donald of Collegedale; 14 grandchildren; 33 great grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren. Following Edward's death, Ola lived with Gary's family in Tomball, TX, for several years, then moved to Collegedale in 1981 where she lived until her death.

STRANG, Carolyn Adair, 74, born May 23, 1928 in DuBois, PA, died Aug. 15, 2002 in Green Cove Springs, FL. She was a member of the Orange Cove, FL, church. She is survived by her husband, Virgil Strang of Orange Park, FL; two daughters: Carolyn S. Rogowsky of Orange Park, and Virginia Ryan of Westminster, MD; one brother, Richard W. Snyder of Brookville, PA; and two grandchildren.

STUMP, Emily Braun, 47, born Sept. 14, 1955 in Burke county, died Dec. 30, 2002 at her residence following a six-month illness. She was a very active member of the Morganton church, where she served as church treasurer, and a Sabbath school teacher. Mrs. Stump was a loving wife, mother, daughter, and sister. She was an administrative assistant at Valdese Stump General Hospital, and Grace Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Spencer; one son, Jason; one daughter, Rita; her parents, Evart and Rosemary Anthony Braun; four brothers: William Braun, Tony Braun, Aubrey Braun, and Paul Braun; three sisters, Cathleen Braun, Suzanne Farzanegan, and Laurie Braun; her mother-in-law and step-father-in-law, Vivian and Philip Garrou; a number of nieces; nephews; great-nieces; and great-nephews.

SUTHERLAND, Margaret Mae Coles, 84, born Nov. 12, 1917 in Albemarle, CO, died Oct. 23, 2002 in Spartanburg, SC. Mazie was a graduate of Scottsville High School, and attended the University of Virginia School of Nursing. She married in 1940 to the late Ben Clarke Sutherland. She was assistant nurse secretary to Dr. Charles Hensley while living in Asheville, NC. She lived in Charlotte, NC where she worked until retirement for Presbyterian Hospital as an O.R. technician. She helped deliver many babies and assisted in operations effecting and helping save many lives. She was a volunteer upon retirement for an elderly home and during the last few years began work again at Willow Ridge Assisted Living Facility. Mazie was a very caring and loving mother who always gave of herself to others unselfishly. She is survived by her brother, Henry C. Coles; one sister, Ruby Coles Martin; her twin daughters: Marleen Sutherland Howard, and Sharleen Sutherland Reese; and three grandchildren.

SWANSON, Ruth C., 97, born June 27, 1905 in Ute, IA, died Aug. 5, 2002 in Apopka, FL. She was a member of the Florida Living church in Apopka. She served the denomination as a nurse at Paradise Valley, CA, Bible worker for the John Ford evangelistic team in California, again as a nurse in Boston, MA, and at Florida Hospital in Orlando, FL, as head nurse in the Rehab Unit. She is survived by one son, Kenneth O. Swanson of Stone Mountain, GA; one daughter, Carol Foley of Apopka, FL; one brother, Lyle Christiansen of Newland, NC; and four grandchildren.

SWINYAR, Shirley, 84, born Feb. 18, 1918, died July 19, 2002 in Tampa, FL. She had been hospitalized for several weeks after taking a fall in a parking lot. Necessary treatment for the accident unfortunately brought on the strokes which claimed her life. Dr. and Mrs. Swinyar actively served the Collegedale community in the 60s and 70s until his death in 1975. Although Mrs. Swinyar later resided in Alaska, MD, and Florida,

she remained a Collegedale church member. She is survived by her sister, Audrey Sniegion; three children: Gary Swinyar, Audrey Chin, and Dan Swinyar; and three grandchildren.

TALMADGE, Lamar Tenhet (Toby), 80, born July 17, 1922 in Drew, MS, died Dec. 21, 2002 in Raymond, MS. He was a member of the Florence, MS, church. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Carmichael Tenhet; and one son, Jason Talmadge Tenhet.

THOMAS, Mary, 95, born Oct. 26, 1907 of Carnesville, GA, died Jan. 5, 2003 in St. Petersburg, FL. She was a member of the Clearwater, FL, church. She is survived by one son, Truman Thomas of Brandon, FL; one daughter, Joyce Coleman of St. Petersburg, FL; four grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

TRIPP, Alvin Bird, 79, of Ooltewah, TN, born Aug. 2, 1923 in Logan, UT, died Sept. 30, 2002 in a local hospital. He was a Veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Collegedale church, and a retired teacher from Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe High School. He also taught for 15 years in the Southern Union Conference. He is survived by his wife, Anne W. Tripp; three daughters: Glenda Morey of Chattanooga, TN, Beverly Porter of McDonald, TN, and Debby Icet of Ooltewah; one son, Danny Tripp of McDonald; six grandchildren: Michelle and Julie Porter, Shasta Johnson, and John Porter all of McDonald, Keldren and Kenna Icet of Ooltewah; three sisters: Yvonne Coulson and Colleen Tripp of Salem, OR, and Eloise Deacon of Clackamas, OR.

TURNER, Gladys J., 84, born June 18, 1918 in Goldsberry, MO, died June 23, 2002 in Port Charlotte, FL. She was a member of the Punta Gorda, FL, church. She is survived by her husband, Robert Turner of Port Charlotte; three daughters: Marilyn Christy of Woodbridge, VA, Donna Lacey of Port Charlotte, and Patricia Ward of Gresham, OR; three step-sons: Robert Turner of Oklahoma City, OK, John Turner of Laurel, MD, and Terry Erhardt of Berkeley Springs, WV; and one sister, Fern McClure of Silver Spring, MD.

VANDENBERGHE, George G., 84, born Jan. 27, 1918 in Kansas City, MO, died Oct. 2, 2002 in Tampa, FL. He was a member of the Tampa First church and served on the Florida Conference executive committee for several terms. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Vandenberghe of Tampa; three sons: Dr. James G. Vandenberghe of Odessa, Fla., Edward L. Vandenberghe of Tampa, and G. Martin Vandenberghe of New Port Richey, FL; one daughter, Joanne M. NeSmith of Mango, FL; eight grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

WALLER, Dr. Louis Clinton, 84, born Aug. 16, 1918 in Candler, NC, died Dec. 2, 2002 at the Pisgah Manor Nursing Home in Candler. He was the son of Eugene Clinton Waller and his wife Anna Anderson Waller. Eugene Waller was the principal of the Pisgah Institute from its beginning in 1914 until it was conveyed to the Carolina Conference in 1952, becoming Mt. Pisgah Academy. Dr. Waller graduated from Southern Junior College in 1939, and from the College of Medical



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Evangelists (now Loma Linda University) in 1943 in the class of 44-A, pending an internship to complete requirements. In August 1941, he married Minnie Sue Brice of Camden, SC. Dr. Waller was drafted as a medical officer during WWII, serving in General Patton's army in Europe, and later sent to Japan after Hitler was defeated. Upon returning to Candler, his dream of being in charge of the hospital at Pisgah, part of the Pisgah Institute his father operated, came true. From 1952 to 1986, Dr. Waller maintained a family practice in West Asheville. He was an elder of the Mt. Pisgah church, a member of the "Committee of 100" for Southern Adventist University, and served on the board of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, among many other achievements. He is survived by his wife, Sue; seven children; and eight grandchildren.

WELBORN, Hazel Warren, 85, born April 18, 1917 in Laurel, MS, died Nov. 19, 2002 in Paradise, CA. She was a colporteur, church school teacher, and worked for many years at ABC with her husband of 65 years, Elder Wayne Welborn, who preceded her in death in 1999. She is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Hazel and Bernie Mallory of Paradise Pines, CA; three grandsons: Glen, Bryan, and Marlin Mallory and their families; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters: Jonnie Fay Hanna of Manchester, TN, and Mary Joyce

Cagle of Laurel, MS, and one brother, Marion Warren of Laurel, MS.

WICKER, Brian Winston, 33, born July 11, 1969 in McComb, MI., died July 30, 2002 in Hazlehurst, MI. He was a member of the Jackson, MI, church. He is survived by his wife, Rachel Wolf Wicker; his mother, Peggy Montgomery Wicker; one brother, Brady Wicker; one sister, Brenda Wicker Blackwell; grandmother, Hilery Wicker; grandmother and grandfather, Elsie and Harold Gowell; a host of aunts; uncles; cousins; nieces; and nephews.

WILLIAMS, Jr., Claude Julian, 77, born May 14, 1925 in Jackson, MI., died July 10, 2002 in McAdams, MI. He was a member of the Greenwood, MI, church. He is survived by five cousins: Carolyn Jones, Joel Whittington, Emily Griffith, John Mills, and John Rollins.

WILLIAMS, Garry R., 47, born Sept. 10, 1955 in Bowling Green, KY, died Dec. 5, 2002 in Miami, FL from a plane crash. He was a member of the Daytona Beach, FL, church. He is survived by one son, Geoffrey; one daughter, Jennifer, both of Edgewater, FL; and his parents, Fred and Joyce Williams of Calico Rock, AR.

WRIGHT, Patricia Hill, 66, born April 24, 1936, died Sept. 15, 2002. She and her husband Alvin Hill moved to Altamonte Springs, FL, in 1968, and then to Deer Lodge, TN, where she was very active in the Meister Hills church, and treasurer of the Meister Hills Memorial School. She is survived by her husband, Jack Wright of Deer Lodge; one brother, Robert Mehrmann and his wife Nancy of Buena Park, CA; two brothers-in-law Richard Wright of Deltona, FL, and Albert Wright of Tarpon Springs, FL, one sister-in-law Lucille Layton and her husband Olan Layton of Apopka, FL; her son, Alvin Hill Jr., and daughter-in-law Debbie of Winter Park, FL; her daughter, Anita Hill of Altamonte Springs; her son, David M. Hill and daughter-in-law Lisa of Apopka; stepson, Brad Wright of Deer Lodge; stepdaughter, Cindy Gadli and her husband Joe Gadli of Orlando, FL; stepdaughter, Sherry Cirelli of Warwick, R.I.; nine grandchildren: Brad Jr., Tiffany, Brittany Wright, Stephen and Selina Cirelli, Erin, Rachael, Michael, and Kyle Hill.

ZISSETTE, Leila Rae, 87, born May 19, 1914 in Lakeland, FL, died April 3, 2002 in Eustis, FL. She was a member of the Groveland, FL, church. She is survived by one son and his wife, David and Regina Wooten of Leesburg, FL.

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Florida

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Florida Pathfinder Events—<http://www.floridapathfinders.com/> or call (407) 644-5000 x127.
Additional Singles' Ministries Events not in this calendar or to join mailing list—(407) 869-0275, or mwest@ahss.org
Women's Ministries Directors' Workshop—Oct. 24-26. Renaissance Hotel Airport, Orlando. Details: (407) 644-5000 x188.
Singles' Ministries Fellowship Dinners—Oct. 25. Seminole Meadows.
Nov. 1. Florida Hospital.
Nov. 8. Forest Lake.
Nov. 15. Kress Memorial.
Nov. 22. Seminole Meadows.
Nov. 29. Orlando Central.
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Florida Adventist Bookmobile Schedule—
Oct. 25. North Miami.
Oct. 26. Fort Lauderdale, Lauderdale, Pompano Beach. (Southeastern Conference: Daughter of Zion.)
Nov. 1. St. Petersburg.
Nov. 2. Clearwater, New Port Richey, Spring Hill, Brooksville, East Pico in Zephyrhills.
Nov. 8. Naples.
Nov. 9. Ft. Myers, Ft. Myers Shores, Arcadia, Plant City, Winter Haven.
Nov. 15. Port Charlotte.
Nov. 16. North Port, Venice-Nokomis, Sarasota, Bradenton, Brandon, Tampa First.
Nov. 22. Key West.
Nov. 23. Marathon, Key Largo. (Southeastern Conference: Florida City.)

Dec. 6. Jacksonville Southpoint.
Estate Services Clinics—Oct. 25-26. Brazilian Temple in Ft. Lauderdale.
Dec. 6. Palm Coast.
Spanish-language Marriage Commitment Retreat—Oct. 31-Nov. 2. Pine Lake Retreat, Groveland. Pre-registration and payment required. Details: (407) 644-5000 x150.
Evangelistic Series
Nov. 1-Dec. 31. Plant City Spanish. Herma Serpa.
Nov. 29-Dec. 20. Melbourne Spanish. Rolando and Rebeca de los Ríos.
College/Young Adult Retreat—Nov. 7-9. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Details: (407) 644-5000 x129. Registration: (386) 454-1351.
Hispanic Family Camp—Nov. 26-30. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Details: (386) 454-1351.
West Area-wide Youth Outdoor Celebration—Dec. 7. Sawgrass Park, Treasure Island, St. Petersburg. Details: Mark Schiefer, (727) 360-5826.
Georgia-Cumberland
See www.gccsda.org for latest calendar information
Youth Leadership Convention—Oct. 10,11. Cohutta Springs.
Literature Evangelist Rally—Oct. 10-12. Macon.
Cohutta Springs Subcommittee—Oct. 14. Cohutta Springs.
2004 Departmental Plans Meeting—Oct. 15. Calhoun Church.
Cumberland Plateau Preaching Blitz—Oct. 18. Cumberland Plateau.
K-10 GCC Teachers' Convention—Oct. 19-22. Cohutta Springs.
Parish Nurse Training—Oct. 25,26. Gordon Hospital.
SEEDS South (A Church Planting Conference)—Nov. 7-9. Cohutta Springs.
Pathfinder Teen Challenge—Nov. 7-9. Cohutta Springs.
Reviving/Planting/Growing Healthy Churches—Nov. 8.
Elementary Choral Music Festival—Nov. 11. GCA.
South Georgia Preaching Blitz—Nov. 15. South Georgia.
Vegetarian Cooking School—

Second Tuesday of each month. Hiram.
ABC Bookmobile Schedule—
Oct. 11. Cohutta Springs.
Oct. 18. Augusta.
Nov. 1. Cumberland Heights.
Nov. 2. McMinnville.
Nov. 2. Cookeville.
Nov. 2. Deer Lodge.
Nov. 2. Crossville.
Nov. 8. Pine Mountain Valley.
Nov. 9. Thomaston.
Nov. 9. Macon.
Nov. 12. Jellico.

Gulf States

Head Teacher and Principal Retreat—Oct. 10-12. Camp Alamisco.
Pastor Leadership Seminar—Oct. 13. Conference Office.
Conference Executive Committee—Oct. 14. Conference Office.
Gulf States/Kentucky Tenn. Pathfinder Camporee—Oct. 16-19. Pickway Lake, Miss.
Women's Ministries Retreat—Oct. 31-Nov. 2. Camp Alamisco.
Nov. 7-9. Camp Alamisco.
Bass Memorial Academy Board—Nov. 11.
K-12 Board—Nov. 11. Bass Memorial Academy.
Young Women's Retreat—Nov. 14-16. Camp Alamisco.
Rock Climbing Teen Invitational—Nov. 16.

Kentucky-Tennessee

Conference Association Board—Nov. 11. Jan. 13.
Conference Executive Committee—Nov. 11. Jan. 13.
Conference Finance Committee—Dec. 11.

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Highland and Madison Academy Boards—Jan. 15. March 18.
ACS Federation Meetings—Oct. 5-9.
Women's Retreat II—Oct. 10-12. Indian Creek Camp.
Pathfinder Camporee—Oct. 16-19.
Ministers' Meeting—Dec. 1-4.
Eastern Kentucky Camp Meeting—March 5,6.
Western Tennessee Festival of Faith—March 13.

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DEEP Sabbath at Oakwood—Oct. 11.
Wind Symphony Concert—Oct. 12.
Mid-term Break—Oct. 16-19.
Paul Badura-Skoba Trio—Oct. 21.
Steve Darmody Concert—Oct. 25.
SA Fall Festival—Oct. 26.

Out of Union Announcement:

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Atlanta, GA	7:20	7:11	7:02	6:54	5:47	5:41
Charleston, SC	7:03	6:54	6:45	6:37	5:30	5:24
Charlotte, NC	7:05	6:56	6:46	6:38	5:30	5:24
Collegedale, TN	7:22	7:13	7:03	6:55	5:48	5:41
Huntsville, AL	6:28	6:19	6:10	6:02	4:54	4:48
Jackson, MS	6:44	6:35	6:27	6:19	5:12	5:06
Louisville, KY	7:24	7:13	7:03	6:54	5:45	5:38
Memphis, TN	6:42	6:32	6:23	6:15	5:07	5:01
Miami, FL	7:06	6:59	6:52	6:46	5:40	5:36
Montgomery, AL	6:28	6:19	6:11	6:03	4:56	4:50
Nashville, TN	6:29	6:19	6:09	6:01	4:43	4:46
Orlando, FL	7:10	7:02	6:54	6:48	5:42	5:37
Wilmington, NC	6:54	6:45	6:36	6:28	5:20	5:14

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62-63 - 5.9	70 - 6.5	76 - 7.2	82 - 8.5	88 - 10.6
64 - 6.0	71 - 6.6	77 - 7.4	83 - 8.8	89 - 11.0
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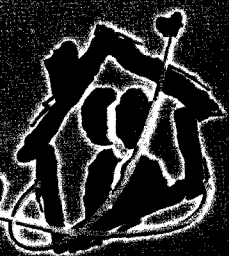
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