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# The Passing of the Torch

In 1958, I was a carpenter like Christ, and in the midst of my work, I received divine inspiration to go into the ministry. When I considered my financial situation, I had doubts and fears. After witnessing the doors that were suddenly opened, I knew it had to be divine intervention. God already had Elder Joseph Hinson in place to encourage me. Elder H.M. Mouzon, associate publishing director, was coming to the town in a few days to work with one of his workers. I joined the literature work, gave my cousin my carpentry tools and the car we were purchasing together. Relatives thought I had lost my mind, but God had other plans for me. I walked through the neighborhood for two weeks selling books, focused on the mission God had given me.

After the two weeks, God blessed me with another car. I then began to see the path that God had planned for me. It was an epiphany. Finally, the time came for me to go to Oakwood College. I was able to complete my college studies and graduate. I was the first of seven siblings to obtain a college degree.

My first assignment was in the Macon, Georgia, district as the assistant pastor. Elder J.A. Simons was the pastor and my mentor. Later I was invited to serve as associate publishing secretary of South Atlantic Conference under Elder Silas McClamb, publishing director. In this position, it afforded me the opportunity to visit many evangelistic meetings, which greatly inspired me.

In 1966, I married Mary, a registered nurse, and she joined me in my quest for souls. After four years in the publishing ministry, I was assigned to five churches in the Tallahassee, Florida, district. It was then that I was able to apply some of the knowledge I had obtained. I held my first evangelistic meeting.

Later, I took a sabbatical to attend Andrews and Loma Linda universities. The following summer I had the privilege to work with the esteemed evangelist Eric C. Ward in Los Angeles, California. At the close of that meeting, the South Atlantic Conference assigned me to the Atlanta Boulevard district composed of three churches. For the next five and a half years, we had an evangelism explosion, resulting in four more churches being established. The Maranatha church in Atlanta came about as a result of an evangelistic meeting where we baptized 250 individuals.

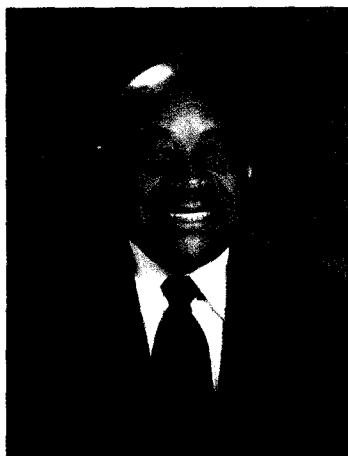
Next, we were assigned a pastorate in the Tampa, Florida, district. The Spirit of the Lord continued to lead our evangelism mission. Within a year and a half, we established the Progress Village church. The Lord blessed, and the ministry continued to flourish. In 1979, I received a call to join the Southern Union Conference as associate ministerial secretary. In 1980 and 1982, we conducted evangelistic meetings in Atlanta and Jackson, Mississippi, where more than 100 individuals were baptized in each city.

For the past 25 years, I have served as associate executive secretary and executive secretary. During this tenure, we continued to evangelize. The ultimate evangelistic experience for me was a request from my hometown church in Hemingway, South Carolina, to conduct an evangelistic series. Upon the completion of the three series, 102 individuals were baptized.

For me, life in evangelism is like a relay race. There were other great performers before me from which I gained inspiration. The race is not to the swift, but to him that endures to the end. There is something wise to be said about an athlete who realizes that it is time for him to retire, and passes the torch on to the next generation.

Hopefully, when we reach that **great "finish line,"** Christ will say, "Well done. You ran a great race. You have won the gold." He will then place the crowns of victory on our heads. Christ will say, "You are welcomed into My Hall of Fame."

*Ward D. Sumpter, executive secretary at the Southern Union*



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Cover: Junior nursing major Caitlin Meharry encourages a new believer who attended her evangelistic series in the Dominican Republic as he prepares for baptism. Caitlin was one of 55 non-theology majors from Southern Adventist University who conducted evangelistic meetings during the summer.

# Ordinary People Share an Extra-ordinary Message

BY ANH PHAM

"Do you have this book?" Josie Burgoyne asked the El Salvadorian woman who had just been baptized.

Josie had been praying about who she should give her Spanish copy of *The Desire of Ages* to, and she felt moved to offer the book to this woman who had been through so much. Having left the Church when she was young, the woman had raised her family with secular values. But, when her son was murdered, her grief drove her back to Jesus and back to the Church. At the end of Josie's evangelistic meetings, this woman and three of her family members consecrated their lives to God through baptism.

Josie isn't a pastor or an evangelist. She's a secretary in Southern's accounting department. Last summer Josie joined 68 students from



*Josie Burgoyne, accounting secretary, was nervous about speaking to a group in El Salvador, but the warm reception of those in attendance helped her feel right at home.*

Southern who preached their own evangelistic series—most of whom weren't even religion majors. The result of the summer's efforts led to a harvest of more than 570 baptisms.

## Opening the Doors

The idea of training non-theologians to preach God's word was conceived at an April, 2005, board

meeting of Southern's Evangelistic Resource Center (ERC). Past evangelism campaigns had been only open to its theology majors. But, as discussions began on how more people could know the gospel, the idea to expand the program was born.

"We talked about how we would love to see everyone have an opportunity to serve God this way," says Stephanie Sheehan, ERC director.

"Let's open the doors and let everyone preach. That's what we're here for—to equip everyone."

## Answering the Call

Pearl Bekalo, a junior clinical laboratory science major, and her friend thought they were signing up to support an evangelistic series, not lead one.



*Students participate in a commissioning service as they prepare to evangelize—most of them for the first time in their lives.*

"We thought we could help out in the background, like watch the children," she says. "When they asked us where we wanted to preach, my friend and I just looked at each other. This is out of our comfort zone. We talked about it and thought, 'Well maybe we can do this.'"

After a few weeks the two signed on to preach in Arizona.

Minutes before Pearl Bekalo was scheduled to preach her first-ever evangelistic series, she felt as if her nerves would get the better of her.

"My stomach was doing flips, and I was praying and praying," she says. "When I got up front, my knees almost buckled."

"I told myself, 'I can do this,'" she says. "When I started preaching, the nervousness left me."

In fact, Pearl's performance when preaching would be the opposite of how her practices went, which included stuttering through her sermons by herself three or four times a day.

"I remember once practicing all I could, and at the end of the day I didn't remember anything," she says. "I finally sat down and prayed to God. 'It's not about me, it's about You. I have no idea how to get the message out. Only You can get it out.' I just trusted Him and knew He wanted me to do this."



*Sophomore nursing major Linda Ferguson befriends the young people of the Dominican Republic.*

When Pearl preached, she noticed her sermon flowed smoothly, and she didn't stutter once.

### Sharing the Bread of Life

Aside from practicing and preaching, some student evangelists had opportunity for home visitations.

Ruthe Montague, a senior business major who joined the evangelistic team in Arizona, responded to a woman's request for prayer. A church member informed Ruthe the woman had previously gone through several Bible studies, but

woman's live-in boyfriend who told them she was out drinking.

Disappointment settled in until later that evening when the woman appeared at their doorstep crying. The three spent the night praying together.

On the last Sabbath Ruthe preached, the woman made her first Sabbath appearance in the church—and made a decision for Jesus.

"One thing I'm glad I learned, is making appeals," Ruthe says. "People are waiting for you to ask, and if you don't ask, they might not make that decision."

### The Next Campaign

With the success of having non-theology majors preaching, the ERC has a goal of increasing the number of participants to 100 for next summer. Already, there are tentative plans for four domestic and four international evangelism locations.

Stephanie sees the ERC's plans as a way of involving more and more people in spreading the gospel.

"So many people have said to me, 'I've always wanted to do this but I never had the chance because I'm not a pastor,'" she says. "Now they want to get their friends to do this too. Anyone can learn. If you can stand up and read, you can lead a campaign."



*Students evangelizing in Arizona spend time together in Bible study and prayer as they prepare for the evening's meetings.*

kept slipping back into her old life. Ruthe and an elder's wife visited the woman several times and had prayer.

Eventually the woman agreed to an invitation to spend the night with Ruthe and the elder's wife. When she didn't come, they called the

# Celebrate...Accelerate

The 17th Quinquennial Session (2001-2005) of the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists convened Sunday, September 10, 2006, at the Airport Marriott Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia.

Gordon Retzer, president; Tom Evans, treasurer; and Dennis Milburn, undertreasurer, were reelected to their previous positions.

Benjamin Browne, president of South Central Confer-

ence, was elected executive secretary, following the announced retirement of Ward Sumpter, who served the Southern Union for 45 years. Browne has decided to not accept the offer.

Also elected were Carlos Salazar, association treasurer; Allan Williamson, church ministries, health, and youth; Oliver J. McKinney, stewardship, children's ministries, and prayer ministries; Ralph Ringer, church growth; Dennis Ross, evangelism, revivalist, and ministerial; Bill Beck-



*Gordon and Cheryl Retzer, following his re-election as president of the Southern Union*

worth, publishing; William Smith, publishing associate; Amireh Al-Haddad, replacing retiring public affairs and religious liberty director Nathaniel Higgs; Conrad Gill, education; Jim Ingersoll and Tamara Libonati, education associates; Eugene Brewer, education development specialist; and Diane Ruff, principal of South Central's F.H. Jenkins School in Nashville, replacing Debra Fryson, who accepted an education associate position at the North American Division.

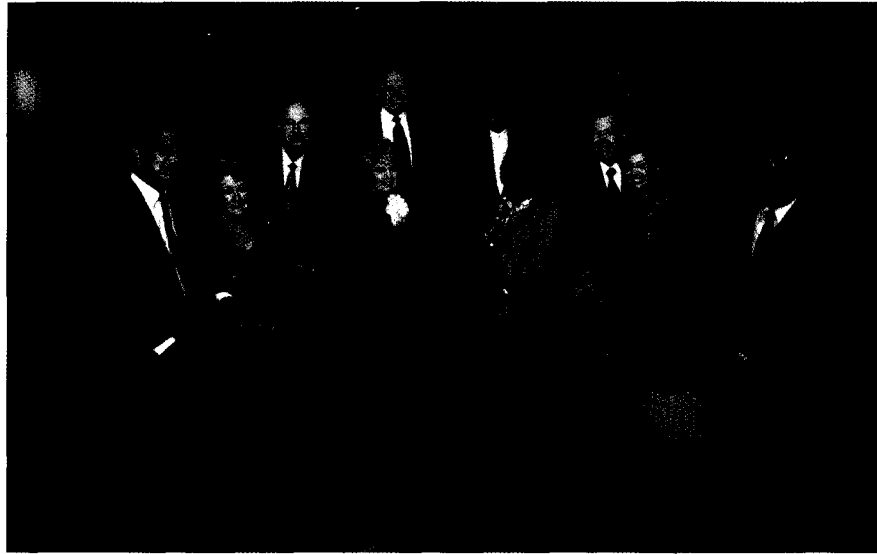
The executive committee will fill the communication, and planned giving and trust services directors positions vacated by the resignations of Olson Perry and Tom Kapusta, who accepted the position of Florida Hospital development director. Ron Quick will continue as director of video production on a shared basis with the Carolina Conference. Laura Smith, director of women's ministries, was re-elected, as was Jorge Mayer as

Hispanic ministries director, and Fred Rogers as Native American ministries director.

Delegates to the quinquennium representing the members of the Union, its conferences, institutions, and educational ministries adopted changes to the constitution and bylaws, heard reports of the last five years, and goals for the future from the officers. The reports revealed tremendous growth in membership and finances.

Gordon called for a celebration of the successes of the past, as well as a call for acceleration in a "challenge to do more because we're not home yet. We need to reach more people for the kingdom of Heaven."

Retzer's goals for the Union during the next five years include a 30 percent increase in K-12 enrollment through an emphasis on the Adventist Edge approach to teaching, where teachers teach according to each student's learning style and ability; and an emphasis to reach greater Atlanta residents with the gospel through



*Bernie Orquia, Betty and Jim Caskey, Hazel and Malcolm Gordon, Ward and Mary Sumpter, Richard and Alethea Center, and Autherine and Nathaniel Higgs. Not pictured are Ron and Carol Halvorsen, and Norwida Marshall.*

evangelism will be emphasized.

The Adventist Health System, Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences, Oakwood College, and Southern Adventist University shared reports. They showed, through graphs, pictures, and reports, ways in which the Lord has blessed the various ministries and institutions of the Southern Union.

Good News Atlanta 2010, a joint initiative of Georgia-Cumberland and South Atlantic Conferences, where training and empowerment of lay

Session, recognition and appreciation were given to Southern Union Conference workers who retired during the quinquennium.

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## Carolina's 40th Constituency Session



RON QUICK

In a duly-called meeting of the Carolina Conference constituents, August 24-27, nearly 300 delegates were present at Nosoca Pines Ranch to affirm the election of officers for the next five-year term. The nominating committee re-elected as follows: Jim Davidson, president (middle, with wife Bonnie); Gary Moyer, secretary (right, with wife Kathy and son Bradley); and Richard Russell, treasurer (left, with wife Lisa and son Michael).

There is no doubt that God's Spirit prevailed at the 40th Constituency Session held at Nosoca Pines Ranch, August 24-27.

Setting the spiritual tone for the three-day business meeting were the presentations by guest speaker Phillip Samaan from Southern Adventist University. Samaan put the reason for being there into perspective. The focus remained on the calling of each one of God's people to remain at the feet of Jesus to hear His instruction. Opening night, the delegates and delegates-at-large were reminded to "lean not on their own understanding, but to acknowledge God in all His ways...."

Constituents reviewed the last quinquennium by way of a 40-minute video on Thursday evening, which gave testimony of God's goodness in His vineyard, the Carolina Conference. Every aspect of God's direction in all the programs

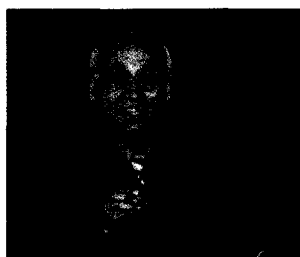
carried out during the past five-year time frame was exciting to witness. The theme song, "Days of Elijah," depicted the awesome times in which we live. Certainly, "Preparing a People" under God's guidance was an appropriate theme to convey the accomplishments of the past and project His will for the future.

During Sabbath School, representatives from the Hispanic, African, Korean, and Cambodian ethnic groups participated in singing in their native tongues and collectively performed "Jesus Loves Me," along with the audience, to demonstrate how diversified the two Carolinas have become. Someone said, "This is how Heaven will be."

Sabbath afternoon, Davidson projected plans for partnering with Voice of Prophecy to bring Bible studies to every household (13 million in North and South Carolina) to further the work for God's

kingdom. At the close of this event, the constituent representatives gave Davidson a standing ovation to show support for what had been presented during the weekend. It was a wonderful time of fellowship in the Lord's work, seeing His hand in the business of His Church.

—BY DEBBIE RAPP



Philip Saaman

R. BILL EVANS



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## Pastors Honored at Ministers' Retreat



John Sweigart (left), Moises Sauza, Samuel Romero, and Elias Sandoval

At the annual Summer Pastors' Family Retreat at Nosoca Pines Ranch, two pastors were honored as "centurions." They are Moises Sauza of the Wilson, Greenville N., and Mt. Olive Spanish district, and Elias Sandoval of the Charlotte/Monroe Spanish district. Each of them baptized more than 100 new believers in 2005 and 2006.

Jorge Mayer, Southern Union director of Hispanic ministries, made the presentation in a meeting with the Hispanic pastors of the Conference. Later, John Sweigart, ministerial secretary, and Samuel Romero, Hispanic ministries coordinator, repeated the presentation in the main meeting with all the pastors present.

Each received a new digital video projector to use in his evangelistic efforts.



## Spartanburg Spanish Breaks Ground



RON QUICK

On August 19, the Spartanburg Hispanic church gathered to celebrate the groundbreaking ceremony for their new 12-acre property. Pictured are Don Stutler, pastor, (building committee counselor); Carlos G. Molina, pastor; Jim Davidson, Conference president; and members of the building committee: José Arteaga, Anna Galliot, Frank Montecat (building committee leader), Marcos López, Jaime Elizalde, Eulalio Chávez, and Sheila Montecat. The construction began in September.

In the early 90s, the late Bert Elkins, pastor, saw the need to start a Spanish group in the Spartanburg area. The Oñates, Chávez, and Laboys families were among the first people to gather together to worship there. Later, David Dobias, pastor, invited the group to meet in the Spartanburg church where he was pastoring.

When the Hispanic group grew to about 40 people, they began wor-

shipping in the Eddlemon Adventist School auditorium. A mission trip to Simapan, Mexico, influenced some local Adventist families to migrate to the U.S. A wave of members coming from Roanoke, N.C., also increased their numbers.

Three ministers pastored this congregation during these early years: Elí Rojas, Simón Madrigal, and Ricardo Burton. Their respective ministries gave growth, friendship, and

direction to those attending. In 2002, the group was organized as a church under the leadership of Carlos Molina, pastor.

God blessed a strong stewardship and fund-raising program, developed to encourage church members to buy a piece of land in which to build a house of worship. Frank Montecat was elected as building committee leader, and plans were made to achieve this goal. As mem-

bers began to pray, property was found at 3530 New Cut Road, close to Inman, S.C. The problem: it wasn't for sale. Finally, after much prayer, the Lord touched the hearts of the owners, who sold the 12 acres of land for an incredibly low price.

Now, more than 145 members belonging to the Spartanburg Spanish church are dreaming and working hard to turn this project into a reality.



## Volunteers Meet Physical and Spiritual Needs



Walter Tate visited and prayed with Ercel Bennett at her home after she fell and broke her arm.

Each Wednesday, a team of 25-30 volunteers from the Walker Memorial church in Avon Park prepare lunch for the lonely, those recovering from surgery, the homebound, and those with special needs from the surrounding communities. Six teams take turns on a weekly basis.

Warm meals are delivered by the lunch wagon to church and community members. The volunteer pays a short visit and offers a prayer in each home before moving on to the next delivery. A church bulletin and an audio tape of the previous Sabbath's

church service are left in each home.

Lunch is also served in the fellowship hall on Wednesdays for those able to attend. Approximately 40 meals are served weekly. Last year, 3,360 meals were provided at the church and in the community.

This past Christmas, the Sewing Circle volunteers placed a handmade blanket in the home of each needy meal recipient. Canned goods from the community center were also provided for those in need.

—BY MONICA PREDDIE

## Mentoring Program Adopted for Florida Teens

The Florida Conference Pathfinder department has adopted the Teen Leadership Training (TLT) program that was presented at the recent Florida Pathfinder training conventions. TLT is under the leadership of Iris Hillmon, a volunteer member of the Pathfinder advisory committee, who serves as director for eTracker and Varsity Pathfinders.

The TLT program is designed to challenge and empower the teen Pathfinders with new and increased responsibilities, and to stretch their abilities in the Pathfinder club program through adult and TLT mentoring.

The Winter Springs Pathfinder Club was the first club in the state to initiate the TLT program.



The Winter Springs Teen Leadership staff: (front row, from left) Jamie Rainville, community outreach; Bianca Diaz, community service; Kayla Pyecha, drillmaster; Brittany Ford, Bible Bowl team captain; Allie Freer, Adventist Youth Honors; Mike Fogg, director; (back row, from left) Angela Ford, associate director; Cindy Freer, assistant director; Cody Doll, trainee; Pedro Perez, chaplain; Justin Pyecha, camping director; and Lidia Pyecha, assistant director.

This training is part of a national program that was organized by young people in the late 1980s under the leadership of Norm Middag, who was then Pathfinder director of the North American Division.

The Winter Springs Club's mission statement: The TLT ministry is designed to address adolescent developmental needs and promote leadership skills, enabling and empowering teens to become

full partners in the mission of the Adventist Church with Pathfinder adult leadership in a "shared service experience" of the Pathfinder ministry in the Winter Springs church.

—BY NORM MIDDAG

## Baptism in Ocean Fulfills Girl's Dream

Cassie Evans, Apopka church member, loves the ocean and hoped to one day be baptized in it. Her desire was fulfilled one August Sabbath as she and Haskell Williams, pastor, assisted by Diane Halvorsen, youth pastor, entered the waters of the Canaveral National Seashore.

Family members rejoicing with Cassie's decision for baptism were siblings Kevan and Matthew; parents Kevan and Diane; grandparents John and Virginia Evans and Herb and Barbara Klischies; and Cassie's friends, Brittany and Taylor.

—BY HERB KLISCHIES



## Deaconess Serves Faithfully at Age 102

Dorothea Williams was born on May 29, 1904, in Westmoreland, Jamaica, the third of eight children. Today, at 102 years of age, she faithfully serves as a deaconess at the Pine Hills church in Orlando.

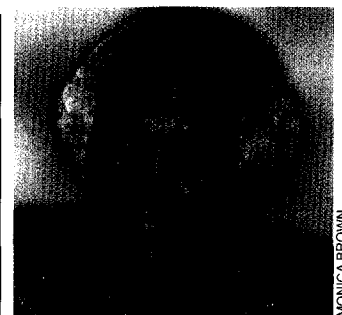
Dorothea attended the past four General Conference Sessions, including 1995's Session in Utrecht, Netherlands. She recalls

last year's trip to St. Louis as "a bit tiring, yet one that was a high spiritual experience."

Since moving to Altamonte Springs, Fla., in 1989, she has attended every Florida camp meeting. On her 100th birthday, the cities of Orlando and Altamonte Springs named May 29, 2004, as "Dorothea Williams Day."

This widow of many years contributes her long life to an explicit trust in God, keeping a song in her heart and on her lips, and a healthy lifestyle that includes hard work and going to bed early. She is the proud mother of three daughters, 11 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

—BY MONICA BROWN



*Dorothea Williams has enjoyed 102 years of a full and rewarding life.*

## Otis and Margaret Graves Celebrate 60 Years



*Otis and Margaret Graves*

Otis and Margaret Graves were married in West Palm Beach, Fla., on August 27, 1946.

Otis was born in Clearwater, Fla., and his wife, the former Margaret Horne, was born in West Palm

Beach. They met at Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University) in Collegedale, Tenn., on the same campus where Otis' parents had also met.

Graves spent 18 years of his career in pastoral and youth ministries, and 28 years in education. He taught at Forest Lake Academy, Takoma Academy, and Hawaii Mission Academy, and served as principal of Greater Miami Academy, associate superintendent of education in Florida; and as superinten-

dent of education in the Iowa-Missouri and New Jersey conferences.

Otis and Margaret endeared themselves to congregations and young people, alike, during the 46 years they spent in pastoral work, youth ministries, and

education. Twenty-one of those 46 years were spent serving in the Southern Union territory.

The Graves have a daughter and son, one granddaughter, and one great-granddaughter.

—BY GLADYS NEIGEL

### Rouses Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Raymond and Darlene Rouse celebrated their 50th anniversary, June 10, at the Walker Memorial church in Avon Park. Raymond has served as treasurer of the Oklahoma, Indiana, Illinois, and Minnesota conferences. Darlene served as secretary for various conference directors.

## Roth Ordained into Gospel Ministry

Carol Penrod remembers telling her son, Harley, she would support him in whatever he decided to do with his life, but there were three professions she hoped he would avoid. "I remember telling him, 'Please don't be a cardiologist, because they're gone all the time, a psychiatrist, or a preacher because there's just so much heavy stuff,'" remembered Carol.



*Harley and Mayln Roth pause for a picture following the ordination service.*

God had his own plan, and His call to Harley was to take up gospel ministry. On Sabbath, August 5, 2006, Harley Penrod Roth was ordained as a minister at the Mountain City, Tenn., church, which was filled to capacity for the occasion.

Harley's mother, Carol, traveled from California to attend the service and, despite her earlier misgivings, was pleased with her son's decision to follow God's call to ministry.

"He said he was called, and I am very proud of him," said Carol.

Harley's calling to ministry is unmistakable. Born and raised in Napa Valley, Calif., Harley attended Foot-

hills Adventist Elementary School and Pacific Union College Elementary School. In a move away from the Adventist influence, he transitioned to St. Helena High School to experience all that the world had to offer, but he never found true peace. In the fall of 1991, during a Pacific Union College church youth Sabbath school, he surrendered his life to Jesus.

God's call to the ministry had been revealed through providence, an assessment of spiritual gifts, and a burden for souls. As a final confirmation when the PUC religion department had local pastors interview candidates for acceptance into the ministerial program, Pete Geli, pastor, also confirmed God's leading by stating that he knew Harley was called to the ministry. In 1998, he graduated from Pacific Union College with a degree in theology.

In January, 1999, Harley met his future wife, Mayln, at a prayer meeting, and soon the two worked together in the earliteen Sabbath school of St. Helena church. Shortly after being married in October, 1999, they received a call from the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. Harley served as the associate/youth pastor at the Greeneville, Tenn., church until August of 2002. In December, 2004, Harley finished the master of divinity degree at Andrews University. He returned to pastoral ministry as the pastor of the Roan Mountain

and Mountain City, churches in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

At his ordination service, the Roan Mountain congregation traveled to Mountain City as did a number of members from the Greenville church. Steve Poenitz, Greenville's senior pastor, gave the ordination message entitled, "Jesus' Applause."

Representing the Georgia-Cumberland Conference were Rick Greve, ministerial director for the northern region; Steve Haley, vice president for administration; and Stan Patterson, vice president for pastoral ministry and evangelism.

Patterson said he remembers first meeting Harley in California and noticing how the children in Harley's children's ministry followed him around like he was the Pied Piper.

"Harley's greatest strength is his dedication, his commitment, and his passion for what he does," said Patterson, adding, "I really believe in him."

Harley said he found the whole service very meaningful. "My congregations and I are co-laborers together, except the only difference is that God has called me to full time ministry, and I just have more time than a church member has," said Harley.

Roth will continue to pastor the Roan Mountain and Mountain City churches. He and Mayln are expecting their first child in December.

—BY KEN WETMORE



## Still in Love After 75 Years

Herbert and Helen Phillips of Greeneville, Tenn., celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary June 20, 2006.

They were married in 1931 when Helen was only 15, and Herbert was 20. Helen lost her mother when she was three years old, and her dad when she was nine. After her brother died when she was age 12, she went to live with various relatives. After a few years, someone said that they didn't know what would happen to her and her sister. Herbert told them that he would take care of the baby. And true to his word, he married her when she was 15. She told him that she married him for his car.

Herbert and Helen have been blessed with seven children, 13 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

At the ages of 90 and 95, they are still in love with each other, and especially with their Lord, who has blessed them for so many years.

—BY KENNETH R. WYNN  
(SON-IN-LAW)

## Robert C. Mills Celebrates His 90th Birthday



Friends and family gathered in the lobby of the Collegedale church on the campus of Southern Adventist University on February 26, to celebrate the 90th birthday of Robert C. Mills.

Mills spent more than four decades as a missionary to the Far and Middle East Divisions, and served as a church administrator in the New York and Ohio Conferences. He also served as business manager of Southern Missionary College in the 1970s.

His oldest son, Sid Mills, who also lives in Collegedale, said, "He's a perfect example of the 'old time religion' in action."

He is still very active in church work, paying weekly pastoral visits to local hospitals and nursing homes, teaching Sabbath school classes, and leading out in song services. He praises God for a lifetime of adventures and opportunities.

—BY CHARLES MILLS

## CA Concert Band Named Among Best in Tennessee

The Collegedale Academy (CA) Concert Band finished its school year with a strong showing at the East Tennessee State Concert Festival. The 74-piece band, under the direction of Richard Hickam, participated for the second year in a row at the adjudicated festival held at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. A panel of three judges critiqued the bands for their musical prowess in tone, intonation, technique, balance, interpretation, and musical effect. A separate judge scored the band on its ability to sight-read a piece of music.

The band performed at the Grade IV level, which is based on the difficulty of the pieces performed, Grade I being the easiest, and Grade VI being a professional level. This grade level does not take into

account the size of a school. There were high schools participating with up to 2,500 students. Collegedale Academy had 374 students.

The two pieces performed by the band were "Fanfare and Toccata" by Ed Huckeby and "Flight of the Pegasus" by David Shaffer. The scoring was based on a one to five system with one being the best. Two of the judges gave the band a one and the other judge scored a two. In the sight reading area, the judge scored the band with a one. The overall score was a one. Because of the high overall rating, the band has been invited to perform along with the best high school bands in the state in April, 2007, at the state festival held at Austin Peay University.

The goal of such festivals is not a first, second, or

third place finish, but rather a study for improvement. The judges give the groups helpful hints on improving the overall quality of a performance.

While the band is excited about performing at a high level, the commitment of the ensemble remains Christ centered. The band's performances over the course of the school year are 80 percent sacred and 20 percent secular. The majority of the performances are for church services, with other yearly outreach concerts for the mentally disabled and at a local orphanage.

The band takes a tour each year. Last year they enjoyed the sights and tastes of Chicago. For the 2007-2008 school year they have their eyes on Disney World in Florida.

—BY RICHARD HICKAM



*The Collegedale Academy Concert Band toured in Chicago last year.*

## Spring 2006 Brings Evangelism to Sand Mountain

While Mark Finley was busy holding the Revelation of Hope evangelistic meetings in Chattanooga, Tenn., Southern Adventist University theology majors Matt



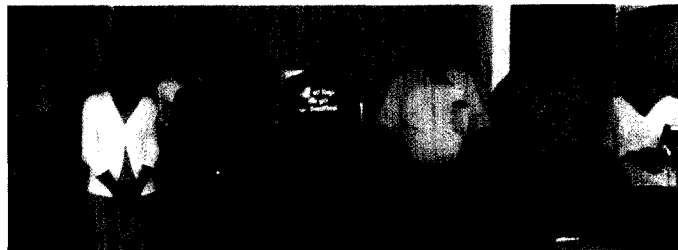
*Smith baptizes Ashley Haggard while her mother, Sharon Martinez, also baptized that day, looks on.*

Smith and Jason Vanderlaan held concurrent meetings at the Floral Crest and Ownbey Chapel churches, using Finley's material. Smith led out at the Ownbey Chapel

church in Ider, Ala., and Vanderlaan conducted meetings at the Floral Crest church in Bryant, Ala. As a result of their faithfulness in preaching the Word, the Holy

Spirit was able to convict the hearts of 10 people who committed their lives to Christ in baptism or profession of faith.

Billy Mitchell, who pas-



*Baptismal candidates are welcomed into the Floral Crest church as a result of Revelation of Hope evangelistic outreach.*

tors the Floral Crest/Ownbey Chapel district, assisted the students in organization of the meetings, visitation, and the baptism services. According to Mitchell, the presence of the Holy Spirit was evident from the start. Though differing in preach-

ing styles, both Matt and Jason were able to connect with the people and were used by God in a mighty way. "It has been a blessing and a privilege to work with these young men," states Mitchell.

—BY PATTI MITCHELL

## Parents Attend Marriage Seminar

A marriage seminar was held concurrently with the University Parkway (Pensacola) vacation Bible school from June 26-30. More than 25 children participated in VBS, which featured the "Jerusalem Marketplace" theme. Students explored the marketplace shops, attended synagogue school, played games, worked on crafts, and sampled Middle Eastern snacks.

Parents were invited to leave their children at



*Participants in the marriage seminar discuss making the most out of their marriage.*

VBS and then attend the marriage seminar entitled, "Making the Most of Your Marriage—Building a Relationship that Will Last

a Lifetime." The seminar featured a DVD series by Kevin Leman, and group discussion led by University Parkway mem-



*Bonita Davey and Kathy Lanza invite the children to join their Biblical "tribe" for activities in the Jerusalem Marketplace.*

ber Pierre Barkhuizen.

—BY GLENDA HASS

## Praise and Thanksgiving Sabbath Planned for Bass Academy

All friends of Bass Memorial Academy are invited to join a Sabbath celebration of renewal and rededication on October 14, 2006, to see the wonderful things the Lord has done.

The program begins on Sabbath morning at 9:45. A special combination praise and thanksgiving program featuring the academy's music department and Don Schneider, the keynote

speaker, will follow the song service. Schneider is the president of the North American Division.

A fellowship dinner will take place in the gym after the service. A ribbon-

cutting ceremony and tours of the beautifully restored campus will begin at 2 p.m.

—BY KIM TWOMLEY

## Hilton Pittman



Hilton Wayne Pittman, M.D., 55, of Pensacola, Fla., passed away July 27, 2006.

Pittman was born October 7, 1950, in Columbia, Miss., to L.E. and Marjorie Pittman. He was a graduate of Bass Memorial Academy, Loma Linda University School of Medicine, and the University of Mississippi residency program in Jackson.

He worked as a diagnostic radiologist at the Veteran's Administration for the past 20 years. He had an insatiable appetite for knowledge and adventure, and he was devoted to his family and church. He was a member of the University Parkway church in Pensacola.

He is survived by his wife, CliAnn McGehee Pittman; three children: Geoffrey Hilton Leon, Amy Diana, and Brina Lynn; one son-in-law, Gilles Leroux; one soon-to-be-born grandson; his mother, sister, brother, and other relatives.

A memorial service was held at the University Parkway church.

## Hispanic Youth Federation Meets



*A baptism was held Sabbath afternoon.*

The Conference Hispanic Youth Federation held its annual weekend meeting at Camp Alamisco on July 14 – 16. Benjamin Carballo, a youth director from southern Mexico was the featured speaker who is also an accomplished singer.

More than 150 young people attended the Friday night meeting and 500 attended the Sabbath morning and afternoon services.

The afternoon featured a baptism in Lake Martin and a sacred music concert by Carballo.

On Sunday morning the youth had an opportunity to enjoy camp activities such as boating and horseback riding.

The Hispanic Youth Federation meets two to three times a year. Their objective is to train young people to be soul winners for Christ.

—BY TUI PITMAN

## Roddy Scarbrough Elected President of Mississippi Dental Association



Roddy Scarbrough, D.D.S., a member of the Hattiesburg, Miss., church, was recently elected president of the Mississippi Dental Association (MDA). Scarbrough graduated from the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry in 1989. He has been in private practice in Richton for the past 16 years.

Dr. Roddy, as he is affectionately called, has provided leadership skills

to the dental profession in numerous ways. While at the dental school he was active in dental research and the publication of research related articles in dental journals.

Scarbrough has also recently completed a two-year term as president of the Mississippi Academy of General Dentistry, which requires dentists to have higher levels of continuing education. Scarbrough received his AGD Fellowship in 2001 after 500 hours of continuing education and passing an examination. He is presently working on his mastership, that requires 600 hours more of continuing education.

While maintaining his private practice and becoming president of the Mississippi Dental Association, he strives to provide

the highest patient care through constant continuing dental education.

The Mississippi Dental Association is a statewide professional member organization representing Mississippi-licensed dentists. It is an honor for Scarbrough to be voted by his colleagues as president of the MDA. His leadership roles also extend to his private life where he serves as head elder of the Hattiesburg church.

Scarbrough is devoted to his profession, patients, and friends. He is an exceptional dentist, as well as an effective leader. He believes that through organized dentistry, colleagues can work together to provide Mississippi citizens with the best dental care system possible.

## Messiah's Mansion Comes to Pewee Valley

From July 20 to August 6, 2006, *Messiah's Mansion* was located in Pewee Valley, Ky. *Messiah's Mansion* is a full-scale model of the Old Testament Sanctuary. *Messiah's Mansion* is from Oklahoma Academy, and is sponsored by Clayton and Carolyn Leineweber. Talented and dedicated students served as tour guides.

When transported, the Sanctuary fills an entire semi-trailer. All of the items of the Sanctuary, shown life size and in full color, made a deep spiritual impression on many people.

Each guest was given a guided tour and a Scriptural explanation of the various gospel symbols of the Sanctuary and their representations of Jesus. At the conclusion of the tour, each guest was given an opportunity to enroll for Bible lessons, and obtain additional information on prophecy and the sanctuary, stop smoking programs, health classes, and Christian education. There was also a book tent where people could purchase a wide variety of literature. More than 600 books on the Ten Commandments were given away.

Seeing and touring this life-size likeness of the Sanctuary of Bible times was indeed a spiritual experience. Each person who saw it departed with the clear knowledge and assurance that Jesus, the Savior and High Priest, represents them and ministers in their behalf in the

Heavenly Sanctuary.

The response from those who visited *Messiah's Mansion* was very positive. This comment from a Methodist visitor was typical of many others: "Thank you so much for focusing on how everything in the Tabernacle points to Jesus Christ and the plan of salvation." Another guest stated, "Today I have seen and I have heard... Jesus Christ has touched me. My life is forever changed."

Seven Adventist churches in the Louisville area helped with distributing advertising to all the churches in the Louisville area and in the three surrounding counties. The Louisville Courier-Journal ran a news article

prior to the opening, and WHAS television, the local ABC affiliate, did a story which ran twice. Close to 2,400 people (two-thirds of them non-Adventists) toured *Messiah's Mansion* during its sojourn in Pewee Valley.

—BY HAROLD ROY



*Messiah's Mansion drew more than 2,000 visitors.*



*People came from many different churches to see Messiah's Mansion.*

## New Pastor in Louisville First



On July 8, Douglas Hilliard, the treasurer of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, introduced Tim Madding as the new pastor of the Louisville First church. Madding comes to Louisville from Washington State, where he has served since his graduation from Andrews University Theological Seminary in 1996.

Tim, a native of Washington State, did his undergraduate work at Weimar College in California. While attending the seminary at Andrews University he met Andrea, a physical therapy student. They were married in Owensboro, Ky., Andrea's hometown, in 1994.

Tim's entire ministry has been in the Washington Conference until coming to the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. He was ordained in 2000.

Tim and Andrea have a son, Ethan, who is six years old and in the first grade. As a family, they enjoy hiking together. Tim also enjoys video editing. Andrea is into scrapbooking. And, Ethan is a baseball fan.

In his introductory sermon, "The Game of Life," Tim shared his reasons for accepting the call: "My mission in life is to prepare as many people as possible for the second coming of Jesus Christ, and Louisville appears to be a fertile field." He expressed his desire to see that happen, but made it clear that it is through the life of Jesus that we see and understand the importance of Christ-led decisions.

—BY CLIFTON KELLER



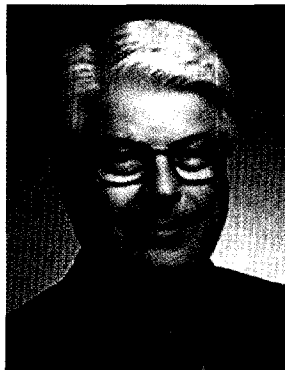
## Memorial Foundation Grant for MTSA Skills Lab

A \$500,000 grant by the Memorial Foundation has been awarded to the Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia (MTSA) for capital support to develop the new Simulation Skills Lab, announced L. Phil Hunt, Ed.D., MTSA president. The new Simulation Skills Lab is part of the MTSA master development plan included in the Building the Future \$3.0 million campaign.

"The new MTSA Simulation Skills Lab and new SimBaby will significantly aid in our ability to better provide an increased level of hands-on learning for our anesthesia students," said Hunt. The lab will

feature a fully-integrated instructional operating room, complete with operating table, surgery lights, anesthesia machine, all functioning gases (oxygen, suction, etc.), SimMan, SimBaby, and

more, which anesthesia students can use to practice and learn. This lab is under the direction of certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) clinical instructors from a central control room located



MTSA President Phil Hunt, Ed.D.

adjacent to the operating suite and behind one-way glass from which the simulation can be broadcast to the new classroom for the entire 70-member class.

MTSA is the remaining school of Madison College

(Madison, Tenn. — a suburb of Metropolitan Nashville) still open today. It was founded in 1950 as a place for Seventh-day Adventist nurses to come with assurance of a quality certified registered nurse anesthetist

education while not facing Sabbath conflicts for classes, testing, and boards. Today, MTSA is still a school that embraces and supports the Seventh-day Adventist Church, while accepting students of all faiths and religious backgrounds. It is the second largest school of anesthesia in the United States, with 70 students per class—totaling 210 students in the program.

The Memorial Foundation was established in 1994 with an endowment fund generated from the sale of the assets of Nashville Memorial Hospital in Madison, Tenn.

—BY JIM CLOSSER

## Paducah Youth Donates Locks of Love

Debbie Young and Heather Crice were both members of the Paducah church. They were both diagnosed with cancer in 2005. The church family is very supportive when a member is going through a trial.

While the adults were supporting Debbie and Heather's families with meals, prayers, calls, cards, and more, Sara Evans, an 11-year-old member of Pa-



Before



ducah church, wanted to help too.

Sara loved the fact that Heather was an elementary school teacher, because Sara hopes to be a teacher when she grows up. Sara saw how strong Heather was even during the worst times of her illness. She always came to church with a smile on her face and a

sweet word for everyone.

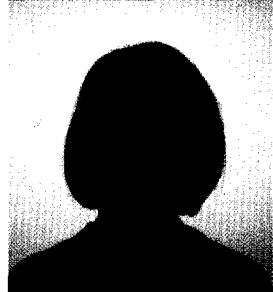
Sara began growing her hair in May, 2005. It

seemed to be growing very slowly. In May, 2006, she had it measured, and her hair length lacked one inch being the acceptable length for the Locks of Love program. Locks of Love ([www.locksoflove.org](http://www.locksoflove.org)) is a non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children suffer-

ing from long-term medical hair loss. Sadly, Heather and Debbie both passed



After



away from their illnesses within weeks of each other in June, 2006.

Sara had her hair re-measured on June 29, just five days after Heather passed away. It had grown 1½ inches. She was able to donate her hair and prays that someday she will be able to share this experience in Heaven with

two ladies who made a lasting impression on her.

—BY SARA EVANS

## Baldwin's Chapel 4-H'er Takes Home the Gold



Jerry Van Gaither, II, son of Vanessa and Jerry Gaither and a fifth grade student at Baldwin's Chapel church school in High Point, N.C., captured a State gold medal during 4-H presentation contests.

He won first place in the 9- to 10-year-old category for

his peanut foods presentation, "Mid-Day Snack, Anyone?" at the North Carolina 4-H Congress in Raleigh, July 18.

Jerry demonstrated how to make a peanut butter honey dip with apple slices. He qualified to compete at the state competition by winning first place at the county competition in May, and at the district presentation competition in June at East

Wilkes Middle School in Rhonda.

Jerry has been a 4-H member at Baldwin's Chapel for three years. He has been an officer and has participated in the county 4-H Fashion Revue.

Jerry has attended Baldwin's Chapel since pre-school and plans to graduate from Baldwin's Chapel's eighth grade in 2010.

—BY BEATRICE BANKS

## Decatur's Pathfinders Emphasize Outreach Ministry

Throughout the course of the year, the Decatur Pathfinder Survivors participate in several outreach programs. Under the leadership of Sheryl Rogers, the Pathfinders learn that serving is an important part of their ministry.

During the year, the Pathfinders helped feed the homeless on Sabbath mornings. They arrived at the church at 5:30 a.m., helped the Storne family cook, and packed the food for delivery to a site in downtown Atlanta. Upon arrival, they helped prepare plates and juice cups for the homeless. The Storne family has been serving breakfast on Sabbath mornings for many years and always welcomes volunteers.

The Pathfinders have also helped the Decatur community service department fill more than 70 boxes for the Thanksgiving holidays. They were instrumental in sorting donated

food items and placing a certain amount in each box.

This year, on a school holiday, the Survivors fulfilled a community need and participated with Hands on America to clean up the Sylvester Cemetery. They raked leaves, picked up branches and twigs, and bagged them for recycling. More than 50 Pathfinders along with counselors attended the clean up.

Each year the Pathfinders participate in a hunger walk. This walk raises money for the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Sarah Kay, community service supporter, is always appreciative of the Pathfinders because they will raise several hundred dollars.

Under the leadership of Belinda Barnes, the Decatur drum corps played at the event to help the walkers keep in step. The process of a lifetime of service begins early. The Decatur



*Several Pathfinders participated in the "Hands on America" clean-up day.*

Survivors are on their way to reaching out to others for a very long time.

The Decatur church is training older members as well. Under the leadership of Vonda Hendrickson, a Master Guide's class was started with 25 people. Hendrickson, a Decatur member, became a Master Guide in 1996. She has served as Pathfinder director and has received district director of the year. The class consisted of elders, counselors, adult church mem-

bers, and 10 young people. These young people have completed the Pathfinder structure and are ready to become Master Guides.

Godwin Mitchell, pastor of the Decatur church, addressed the group about leadership and commitment. The Master Guides in training were inducted during the Pathfinder induction service. Betty Franklin, area coordinator for North Georgia East, accepted the trainees.

—BY BONITA JONES

## Maranatha Receives City and State Recognition

The Noon Power Hour recently received the prestigious Phoenix Award from the city of Atlanta. Mayor Shirley Franklin documented the Maranatha church's Noon Power Hour for its firm belief, steadfastness, and confidence in prayer.

Concentrating on the privilege of prayer rather than the process, meeting to pray is what the Maranatha's seniors started and still continue to do. Every Wednesday at 12 noon, members (seniors and honorary seniors) meet for an hour, and go straight to the heart of the matter. They make a joyful call

to Heaven for help. The call asks for forgiveness and understanding, while giving glory and admiration. Combat comes before victory.

Maranatha's 2006 graduates received a letter of commendation from Georgia's Secretary of State, Cathy Cox. The commendation acknowledged their dedication to excellence—earning them the right to praise and admiration from community and church. She encouraged a continuation of academic pursuits and opportunities, but only if they remember and embrace the spiritual

values instilled at Maranatha. She defined faith as that part of strength that does not allow fear to be a part of an equation to reach goals.

This was an outstanding year for graduates at Maranatha in Atlanta. The graduates ranged in age and academia from day care to kindergarten to college. College included several "returning to school" older adults—one of which obtained a second master's degree.



The graduates are proud of their accomplishments, but to be recognized by the Secretary of State made it all the more a celebration.

—BY GWENDOLYN CLAYTON

## "Queens of the Kingdom" Pampered for a Day

When the South Atlantic Conference purchased two houses adjacent to its campground property, Sylvia Wilson, women's ministries director, requested one as a women's ministries center. During camp meeting the center was opened,

and a week of pampering was offered to the "Queens of the Kingdom."

The "queens" are ladies who have lived 75 years or more. For two hours each day, manicures, pedicures, and hairdos were given by youth and women volun-

teers. As the ladies held plates of food in their hands, they soaked their feet in soothing warm water while 12- and 13-year-old girls massaged their feet.

Health, safety, and beauty tips were shared, and the gorgeous queens

just loved it.

The queens received a special visit from five "kings" (men who were at least 80 years old). The royal group enjoyed an early evening of singing, poetry, and games.

—BY SYLVIA WILSON

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## SCC Member Produces Critical Prototypes for NASA's Space Program

*NASA's Curtis Manning uses cutting-edge technology to explore creating tools and parts in space.*

*Courtesy of Betty Humphery Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, AL 8/25/06*

Curtis Manning is a ceramics engineer in the Rapid Prototyping Laboratory at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala. His vital work there assists engineers at the Marshall Center to do such things as re-designing the environmental control and life support system on board the International Space Station to make it more efficient. Also, his work produces models which show detail and intricate design.

When astronauts need to fix broken parts in orbit using specialized tools, the replacement parts and necessary equipment traditionally must be delivered to them from Earth, delaying science and adding to the cost of the mission. Chicago native and engineer Manning and the rapid prototyping research team are developing ways for astronauts to simply push a button—and quickly create the required part or tool right on the spot.

The laboratory consists of seven state-of-the-art machines, each of which can build intricate, detailed pieces of hardware using metallic dust, liquid resin, and a special kind of



*The plastic cube Curtis Manning is holding will help engineers at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center re-design the environmental control and life support system on board the International Space Station to make it more efficient. (NASA/MSFC/D. Stoffer)*

plastic.

"Instead of starting at a drawing board, we start with a computer-aided design, or CAD drawing," Manning said. "We program our computers and machines with that CAD drawing, and the machine builds solid, three-dimensional objects with incredible detail, even hollow piping or a threaded hole for bolts."

The technology permits engineers and designers to see their concepts realized in three dimensions. They can even perform basic testing on the prototype before committing to traditional construction or fabrication of parts.

Once the process is perfected, Manning believes it's just a matter of time to make rapid prototyping cost-effective enough to perform in space. "We're relatively inexpensive," he said. "In the future, we could devise a process that

would use raw materials in space to create whatever an astronaut might need."

That way, an astronaut may simply upload CAD drawings or programs, feed them into a rapid prototyping process, load the raw material, and quickly build the part or tool to finish the job.

Manning's interest in rapid prototyping is nearly as old as the fledgling technology itself. He graduated in 1990 from Oakwood College in Huntsville with a bachelor's degree in chemistry. Having minored in mathematics, he began teaching math at Oakwood soon thereafter. In 1994, he accepted a position at the Marshall Center—less than a year after the Rapid Prototyping Lab was founded.

"It is such an amazing place to work," Manning said. "Every day, we are making strides to discover new methods and materi-

als to optimize the rapid prototyping process and help us create the ultimate system needed to revolutionize our exploration efforts."

"I want to begin working with educational institutions to raise awareness, not just of this technology, but also of the career opportunities with NASA," he said. "Our high schools, colleges and universities hold NASA's future. I hope to be among those who carry NASA's story, vision, and career opportunities to them."

While passionate about his work, Manning also is passionate about spending quality time with his wife, Renee, and two daughters, Courtnee and Chanel. He also enjoys playing basketball and exercising during his spare time. Manning also serves as a leader at the First church in Huntsville as an elder and director of youth ministries.

Even though NASA's mission is never far from his thoughts, the mission of the Gospel is forefront in his thoughts. While producing prototypes for astronaut trips into and through space, at church and in the community, by his witness, he is aiding Christ in producing souls who will one day travel through space to glory and from planet to planet for eternity.

—BY MICHAEL HARPE

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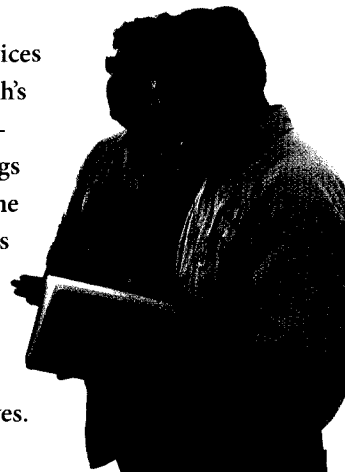


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## PARL Director Honored

Nathaniel Higgs, director of public affairs and religious liberty, was honored recently with an award of merit at the annual religious liberty dinner sponsored by the North American Religious Liberty Association (NARLA), International Religious Liberty Association, and *Liberty* magazine.

Each year NARLA and *Liberty* invite many national and international state leaders to its dinner, which is held in the Russell Senate Building, in Washington, D.C. Among the state leaders at the affair were Lincoln Steed, *Liberty* editor; James Standish, NARLA

director; John Graz, director of PARL GC; and Don Schneider, NAD president.

This year's guests included Senator John McCain, the keynote speaker. McCain commended the work of Adventists, stating, "What is remarkable, what is truly impressive about your work, is that you seek freedom not just for people of your faith, but also for those of all other religions."

Higgs, a 41-year veteran of denominational service, was honored for his excellent support for *Liberty*, in leadership and subscriptions, and for his years of dedicated service in religious liberty.

Other persons honored at the occasion were Robert Nixon, General Conference chief counsel and vice president of the International Religious Liberty Association; Roscoe Bartlette, Congressional representative of Maryland; Cole Durham, law professor at Brigham Young University; and Jeffery Berman of the Sidley Austin Law Firm.



## The Secret Behind the Longevity Story

You have seen the marvelous story of Adventist faith, and "The Secrets of Living Longer" in the *National Geographic*, on CNN, and ABC TV.

The longevity story about Loma Linda was only possible because of the 1976 Adventist Health Study-1. If it wasn't for the 34,000 Californian Seventh-day Adventists who joined the 1976 study, there would be no evidence. There never would have been a story.

Were you in the 1976 Adventist Health Study? Do you know someone who was? Whether living to 60 years or 100 years, all contributed to the story. The health discoveries from AHS-1

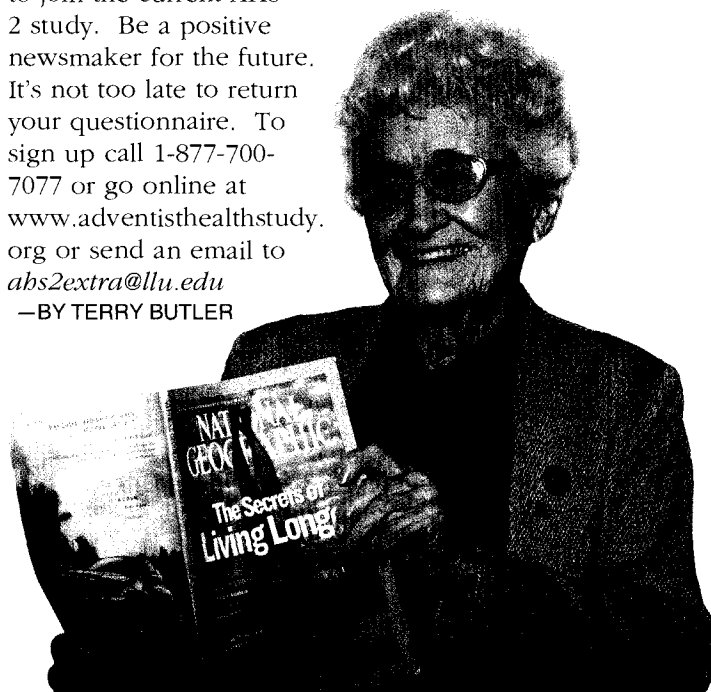
have benefited millions of people and enhanced the reputation of Adventists worldwide. The potential for the current Adventist Health Study-2 (AHS-2) is so much greater.

Loma Linda researchers estimate that more than 17,000 of those 1976 participants, now between 60 and 100 years of age, are still alive. Nearly 5,000 of these pioneer newsmakers have already enrolled in the AHS-2 study. But, it would be wonderful if thousands more of these early participants continued the legacy they created.

All who were in the 1976 AHS-1 study, and all Adventists aged 30 years or older, are encouraged

to join the current AHS-2 study. Be a positive newsmaker for the future. It's not too late to return your questionnaire. To sign up call 1-877-700-7077 or go online at [www.adventisthealthstudy.org](http://www.adventisthealthstudy.org) or send an email to [abs2extra@llu.edu](mailto:abs2extra@llu.edu)

—BY TERRY BUTLER



101-year-old Marge Jetton reads her story in *National Geographic*. Marge has also finished her AHS-2 survey.

## Southern Named a "Best" College

Southern is a "best college in the Southeast," according to *The Princeton Review*, and is ranked as one of the "Best Comprehensive Colleges—Bachelor's" in the South by the 2007 America's Best Col-

leges edition of *U.S. News & World Report*.

"It's a definite compliment for our students and faculty," says Vinita Sauder, vice president for marketing and enrollment services. "We are meeting

standards of excellence and being recognized for it."

This is Southern's third year to be recognized as a best college by *The Princeton Review*, and sixth year as a *U.S. News & World Report* "top school."

Along with this recognition, Southern has seen an increase in numbers this fall. Enrollment has increased to 2,593 from 2,522 students last year.

—BY ANH PHAM AND  
JAIME MYERS

## "Encounters" Replace Week of Prayer

Southern Adventist University's fall week of prayer services have given way to a new program called "Encounter Week-ends." Scheduled eight times during this school year, these weekend programs feature the same speaker for convocation, vespers, and church service, followed by a special Sabbath evening activity.

"Students benefit by

having fewer academic distractions, and the campus experiences fewer schedule conflicts," says Kevin Kibble, assistant University chaplain.

Though no traditional week of prayer is planned for this fall, there will be a series of tent revival meetings in October and a student-led week of spiritual emphasis in January.

—BY JAIME MYERS



Saturday night activities are included in the "Encounter Weekends."

## Southern Opens Natural Climbing Wall

Southern Adventist University just opened a new natural rock-climbing wall. The wall, located at the campus's student park, features 100 horizontal feet and more than 50 vertical feet of climbing area.

"Students have climbed there for a long time," says Mike Hills, outdoor education professor. "Now we've created easier access to it, creating another avenue for students



Junior allied health major Michael Harley takes on the challenge of Southern's Goliath Wall.

to have outdoor experiences."

Donors Gordon and Gerrie Chipman suggested the name "Goliath Wall" in memory of Gerrie's deceased son, David, symbolizing the opportunity for students to conquer the wall much as the biblical David conquered Goliath.

In front of the Goliath Wall, an outdoor amphitheater is being constructed where the entire student body can gather for outdoor classes, meetings, and concerts.

—BY JAIME MYERS

# Tell the World Now!

BY JERRY THOMAS

"Tell the World" is the ongoing evangelism initiative of the world church. But, members of Adventist Minister and Services (ASI) are ready to take the next step. Their dedication to a wide variety of evangelistic ministries, both here in North America and around the world, was the theme of the 2006 ASI International Convention: "Tell the World. Tell them now!"

In August, ASI members met in Grapevine, Texas, for a wonderful time of fellowship, sharing, and inspiration. All with a distinctive southern flavor. Each of those members are involved in ministry, but their ministries take forms as differ-

ent as the individuals who comprise them. Whether it is a doctor looking for literature for her waiting room, a school looking for funding, an artist looking for venues, or a publisher looking for exposure for its sharing material, the ASI convention showcases the breadth of ministry going on within the Adventist Church.

As part of the focus on evangelism, ASI's youth for Jesus program placed young people in nine different sites in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex to hold evangelistic series with local congregations. These series ended on August 1, with 115 baptisms and many other ongoing Bible studies.

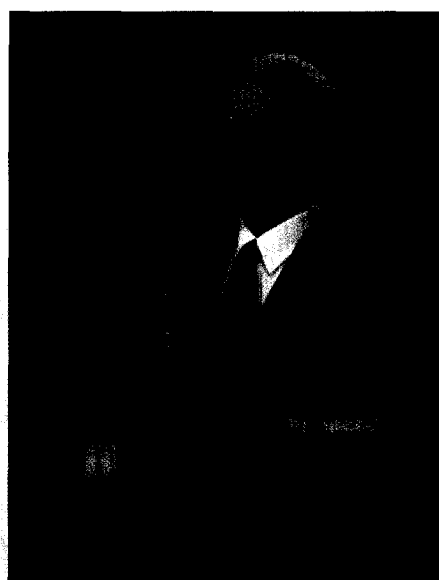
The convention featured 20 seminars on a variety of topics, as well as meetings for youngsters of all ages. Many of the kids were involved in mission projects as part of their daily meetings. The primary class knitted caps for babies, while the earliteens spent part of each day serving meals at a local food kitchen.

Yet, the high point of the convention is the reports from the previous year's mission projects, where it is clear that ASI is making a difference. On Sabbath, a crowd of more than 2,000 members and guests heard stories of the amazing evangelistic work being done with ASI funding and volunteers. Sean Boon-



GERRY CHUDLEIGH

...three students from Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, who are members of ASI - the National Association for the Prevention of Starvation. (Left to right) Jean Lubin from Miami, Florida; and a student from Springfield, Illinois.



GERRY CHUDLEIGH

Wilbur Atwood, president of Wildwood Lifestyle Center in Wildwood, Georgia, preached on "Living in the Day of the Lord," Sabbath morning at the 2006 ASI Convention.



stra, speaker/director of *It Is Written*, reported that baptisms from the evangelism funded by ASI members exceeded 10,000.

This year's ASI project offering was \$1,815,271.74, which will fund the projects chosen—projects including ministries such as Wildwood Sanitarium and Young Disciple Ministries in the United States, Springs of Life Foundation in Poland, Eden Garden Orphanage in Haiti, and Frontline Builders in Mongolia. The overflow offering in excess of \$400,000 beyond the goal will fund two projects equally: a picture roll/DVD project and an Ellen White Internet book project.

One of the highlights of every ASI convention is the exhibit hall. More than 300 booths were filled with products and programs designed to make personal evangelism more effective or to offer information about mission or ministries that need funding. As always, the exhibit hall was a meeting ground for old friends and colleagues and a beehive buzz-

ing with great ideas for reaching out with the gospel. A new feature this year was a stage for performances by people not appearing on the stage in the general sessions. It was a great spot to enjoy a concert and to rest weary feet.

As a fitting conclusion to the convention, Mark Finley shared a statement of commitment and called for every person present and every viewer at home to make a complete commitment to serve God.

Next year's ASI International Convention will be a special anniversary celebrating God's blessings



*Jay Damazo (left) from Riverside, California, visits with Ellsworth and Sharon McKee, from Collegedale, Tennessee.*

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through 60 years of sharing His love. Make plans now to be, there August 1-4, in Louisville, Kentucky.

*Jerry D. Thomas is the communication director and editor of the Record at Southwestern Union*

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time in three languages—Spanish,  
Portuguese, and English.

"Women are realizing that they are to play a vital role in finishing the work before the Lord's second coming. We feel it is very important to equip our women to be effective in witnessing for Christ," said Jo Dubs, Georgia-Cumberland Conference women's ministries director. "One of the ways we decided to do that is to show unity by bringing together not only our different conferences, but also our different cultures."

The women's leadership certification program aims at helping women cultivate skills that will enable them to better serve in leadership positions. The weekend consisted of worship time and intensive training sessions separated into ten subject areas, such as goal setting, communication skills, and strategies for evangelism, among others.

Sylvia Wilson, South Atlantic Conference women's ministries director, was one of the presenters during the weekend. "A women's leadership training session is very important. First of all, it trains women. It gives them



the Lord helps them develop the skills they may already have, and it helps them focus on those things that they should be doing or maybe that they're doing that they should not be doing," she said. "Also, leadership training sessions empower women to go out, knowing that women, too, are included in that Great

Commission from Jesus,

to 'go ye into all the world' and that's why women's leadership training is so important—empowerment and training."

The event was a joint effort between the Georgia-Cumberland, South Atlantic, and Carolina Conferences. Laura Smith, Southern Union women's ministries director, was excited about the weekend and said that it is being duplicated throughout the conferences in the Southern Union. She also noted that all of the conference women's ministries directors in the Southern Union have already been certified at Level 2.

Women's leadership certification isn't only happening in the Southern Union. It was developed by the General Conference and is being implemented worldwide.

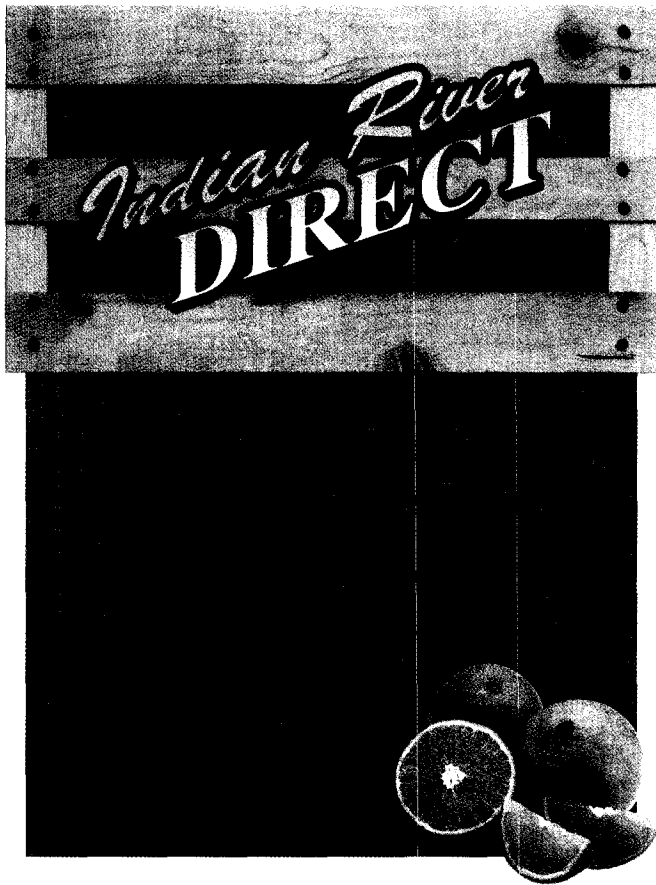
Raquel Arrais, General Conference associate women's ministries director, said of the weekend, "I'm very excited here with this program, not only because it's a tri-lingual program, but because the women have responded. For me this is a blessing because I know when the women respond, accepting the invitation to

be used... We're going to use what we have enough... like women are going to be in this place ready to be equipped to share that fever and enthusiasm," said Debbie Rapp, Carolina Conference women's ministries director. "I think the Lord has given us special gifts, and He wants us to use those gifts for Him in our local churches."

Thompson said, "It's been more than helpful, it's just actually been a blessing....I'm just asking God to have the Holy Spirit to lead me to actually put it into practice. Coming here and getting the information is one thing. The challenge is being able to allow the Holy Spirit to encourage and empower other women to be on fire for God, and to be motivated and to live the life that Christ wants us to live so that we can all go to Heaven."



While this weekend offered the sessions for Level 1 certification, the program includes a total of three levels. Georgia-Cumberland Conference is planning to hold the Level 2 certification in the summer of 2007.



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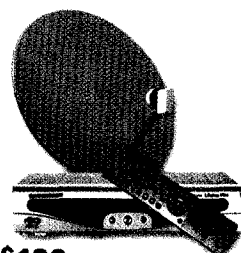
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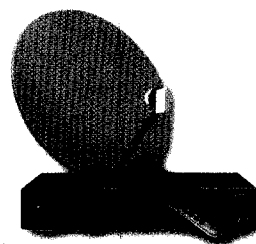
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# A Celebration of Education

BY JERRY D. THOMAS



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*William Lutzer, president, welcomes more than 2,000 educators to the Southern Union.*

Lutzer's (Disney's 2000 Teacher of the Year) motivating message, the general sessions served to inspire our teachers to take up their sacred task once more. In a final commitment service led by NAD president Chris Schneider, our teachers dedicated themselves again to reaching our children with knowledge and faith.

A number of educators were honored during the convention. The General Conference office of education presented Awards of Excellence to Dorothea Amey, retired, from the Pacific Union; Conrad Gill, director of education, Southern Union; Gary Randolph, director of education, Lake Union; and Ron Russell, director of education, Mid-America Union.

The NAD office of education attended special recognition for



Sixth grader Aaron Orquia captured the attention of his audience with his performance of "Adoration," composed by Felix Borowsky.

service to Erma Lee, NAD associate director of education, and Marie Blevins, NAD office of education secretary, as well as to David Vixie, Adventist educator from the Northern California Conference, as the recipient of Disney's 2006 Teacher of the Year award.

Many of the 350 workshops offered professional growth in areas of curriculum, student development, or school operations. But, many more were focused on enhancing the spiritual development of students in the classroom. Our teachers were preparing not only to educate, but to evangelize as they lead their students to Jesus.

Each teacher received two books as gifts from the NAD Office of Education: *Avenues to the Heart*, a collection of stories about life-changing teachers, edited by NAD associate director of education Larry Blackmer, and *What We Believe*, my new book explaining the 28 fundamental beliefs for kids. I had the privilege of signing thousands of my books for teachers at the Adventist Book Center exhibit, and I was overwhelmed by their dedication to helping students understand what their Church teaches and how much God loves them.

A convention such as this one is not inexpensive or simple. The NAD office of education, led by Gerald Kovalski, vice-president for education, invested countless hours in planning, organizing, and implementing this massive effort. What

makes all that effort worthwhile?

- A convention promotes professional growth among our teachers. Each workshop offered insight into being a better teacher, a better dean, a better administrator.

- A convention establishes a goal of excellence. Each teacher that attended saw that they were part of an interdependent system, a

link in a chain. Excellence in elementary school leads to excellence in academy, which leads to success in college and in life.

- A convention inspires and encourages. Many of our teachers work alone or with only one or two colleagues all year. As Berit von Pohle, superintendent of the Northern California Conference, said, "These events help our teachers to see they are part of a bigger experience and that many people are committed to doing the same thing that they do. It re-energizes them to go back and teach."

- A convention is an opportunity for the church to show appreciation to our teachers. Speaking on behalf of us all, church leaders can express our gratitude for their work and dedication.

- A convention is an opportunity for networking with other teachers, for sharing ideas and programs. Often the most valuable things learned are shared over a meal, in a hallway, or on a walk around the grounds.

This convention filled me with hope. It's true that tuition costs are rising. Many parents are forced to dig deeper to keep their kids in school. Many schools must get by on a shoestring in order to keep operating. But the commitment to excellence among our teachers is strong. And the commitment to the spiritual growth of their students is even stronger.

The education system of our Church—our common root—is healthy. Blessed be this tie that binds us together.

*Jerry D. Thomas is the communication director and editor of the Record at Southwestern Union*

## Conrad Gill Receives Award of Excellence



Conrad Gill, Southern Union's director of education

Conrad L. Gill, director of education for the Southern Union Conference, received a General Conference Education Award of Excellence at the North American Division K-12 Teachers' Convention, August 6-9, in Nashville. Gill has been an educator in various capacities for 34 years.

Gill is the architect of the Adventist EDGE Comprehensive School Improvement Initiative in the Southern Union that is designed to implement the NAD Office of Education's Journey to excellence document.

Gill believes that young people need and want leadership. He is also a strong proponent of the concept that challenges all adult Christians to serve as examples and models for today's youth. Gill has often said, "We don't succeed, achieve, or spiritually grow by accident. Excellence in all phases of life takes hard work along with much prayer. Excellence is NEVER achieved by accident."

# Morning Star Church Family Burns Mortgage

BY MICHAEL HARPE

The August heat was almost unbearable, with temperatures in the upper 90s. That didn't seem to have any effect on the joyous atmosphere felt at the Morning Star church mortgage burning celebration in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Members were cooled and thrilled with the blessing of God on them, for they had committed to Him the plan of retiring a debt.



*South Central officers, former and current pastors, and the Morning Star mortgage burning committee light the flame.*

Morning Star was true to its name because Vicksburg was the bright spot of South Central for that time. Benjamin Browne, Conference president; Philip Palmer, treasurer; Steve Norman, Conference archivist; Alfred Miller (former pastor), Conference evangelist; the communication director; First church family of Port Gibson; and other guests from the city and out of the city, were present ... the church was packed.

Browne congratulated the members: "Today and this weekend we celebrate success and thank God for the trials that have served to make us strong...The brick and mortar of this building certainly have not been the goal of our endeavors. Our goal has been identifying a people made ready for the coming of the Lord. Until He comes, we must continue to work vigorously to make that goal a reality..."

During divine worship, Browne preached a message comparing cre-

ation with redemption. He reminded the congregation of its true responsibility to Jesus, and the results of a relationship with Christ. All have the opportunity to be recreated/redeemed by the blood of the Lamb.

The previous evening, Alfred Miller delivered a message to kick-off the two-day celebration. Miller served as pastor in the Vicksburg district. During his tenure and under his leadership, the Vicksburg Morning Star church family relocated from 1117 Fayette Street as a result of evangelistic growth in 1999. They purchased the building at 1954 Sky Farm Avenue, which became the new home of Morning Star.

Morning Star has a rich history for all Adventists, especially African American Adventists and educators. It was at Vicksburg that James Edson White, son of Ellen G. White, founded the Church in 1895. Originally, the first services and classes were held on the Morning Star boat, which arrived in Vicksburg, January 10, 1895. The first school and chapel were located on Walnut Street. Later, property was purchased on Fayette Street, February 1, 1900. A mission house, janitor's cabin, and school/chapel were built. They were dedicated March 16, 1901, during Ellen White's visit to Vicksburg.

The theme for this event, "Children of the Light," was quite appropriate, for it was a bright Sabbath day during divine worship when the mortgage committee, Conference officers, and former pastor, led by Harris, set fire to the old mortgage documents and sang the words, "Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice." The Port Gibson choir and guest soloist sang praises that Friday night, Sabbath morning, and at the afternoon concert. The church family concluded with a grand fellowship social Saturday night.

## Morning Star Church is Flooded

BY BRENDA GROSS



*Members clean up after flood.*

On July 22, three weeks prior to celebrating their mortgage burning, members of Morning Star church in Vicksburg, Mississippi, were confronted with the task of a major clean up due to flash flooding.

After a few hours of intense rain, members discovered at least an inch of mud and sludge covering the sanctuary and adjacent buildings. Carpet, recently installed, as well as tile flooring will all need to be replaced. The bottoms of church pews were damaged from extended exposure to moisture. Literature, a trophy case, and supplies were totally destroyed and had to be discarded. Overall, damages amounted in excess of \$20,000.

The Morning Star family is few in number, with a great many of those elderly or incapacitated in some way. Yet, they banded together to tackle this daunting task and continue their preparations for a joyous celebration of their mortgage burning on August 18-19.

Their theme, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," is a true testament to their faith.



# Elder Alfred C. McClure: A Leader Remembered

BY REBECCA BROOKS

A memorial service for Alfred C. McClure was held August 5, 2006, at the Collegedale, Tennessee, church. McClure, a former president of the North American Division, passed away August 1, at the age of 74, after battling lung cancer for several years.

My distinct memories of Elder McClure will always be of a deeply spiritual leader of impeccable integrity. He uniquely combined dignity and purpose. The strength of his leadership was complemented by the depth of his character and the influence of his interpersonal relationships," says Ed Wright, president of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. "We have been tremendously blessed by his leadership, his influence, and his friendship. Our thoughts and prayers are with Elder McClure's family. With them, we look forward to Christ's soon return."

McClure had served the Seventh-day Adventist Church in a variety of areas. He began his ministry in the Florida Conference, where he was ordained in 1959, before moving to the Missouri Conference in 1963 and the Georgia-Cumberland Conference in 1967.

After his stay in Georgia-Cumberland, he served as the president of Wyoming, Kansas, Kentucky-Tennessee, and Southern Union Conferences before being elected as the president of the North American Division in June, 1990.

During his 10-year leadership, more than 250,000 people were baptized in North America, as well as the establishment of the Division as a distinct administrative unit. He was also in the forefront of satellite evangelism in the 1990s, the first of which was NET '95, with more than 150,000 people attending the opening meet-



*Alfred C. McClure, former NAD president*

ing in more than 2,000 locations.

At the memorial service, Jack Price, who was friends with McClure for approximately 70 years, shared a life sketch, highlighting several stories showcasing his devotion to his ministry and to his family. Then Don Schneider, North American Division president, shared the homily, during which he asked friends and family in the audience to share their memories of Elder McClure. Descriptions followed of a Christian leader who was respected, ambitious, gracious, and loving. More than once, he was referred to as a dignified, southern gentleman.

Elder McClure's secretary, Alberta, wrote a letter to his

family. "Elder McClure stands tall," she wrote. "Great respect we had for him as a dedicated Christian....He was a blessing to all who met him, standing tall in God's favor."

Throughout the homily, Schneider shared the sentiment that Elder McClure's friends and family have the hope of seeing him again when Jesus returns. "I know you're mourning," he said, "but you don't have to mourn like some people mourn because we have a hope. Jesus said, 'I'm coming back, and I'll put this family back together again, and there will be a great resurrection day.'"

The service closed with the song "We Have this Hope," as a tribute to the message of hope that Elder McClure shared throughout his life.

Elder Tom Mostert noted in the benediction, "How many times through the years he shared his joy in the coming of the Lord....We say not goodbye, but goodnight until the resurrection morning."



*Members of Elder McClure's family listen to the memories shared at the service.*

# Obituaries

**ANDERSON, Rex**, 84, born June 3, 1921, died Nov. 3, 2005. He was a member of the East Pasco church in Zephyrhills, FL.

**ARCHBOLD, Bender**, 98, born June 12, 1908, died Aug. 12, 2006. He was a member of the Florida Living church in Apopka, FL. Denominational employment included: headmaster and teacher in Bay Islands, Honduras; teacher at West Indian Training College in Mandeville, Jamaica; departmental secretary in the Panama Conference; principal of the Panama Industrial Academy; youth and educational director for the Caribbean Union in Trinidad; president of the South Caribbean Mission; and president of the Inter-American Division.

**ARNETT, Clyde R.**, 90, born in 1915 in Limestone County, AL, died Dec. 12, 2005 in Athens, AL. He was a member of the Athens church.

**ASHER, Bernice, H.**, 89, born Nov. 17, 1916, died Jan. 31, 2006 in Fletcher, NC. She was a charter member of the Upward church in Flat Rock, NC.

**ASUMBRADO, Raymunda**, 83, born March 15, 1923, died June 18, 2006. She was a member of the Walker Memorial church in Avon Park, FL.

**AYARS, Ernest**, 81, born March 24, 1925, died June 27, 2006. He was member of the Walker Memorial church in Avon Park, FL. He was employed by the denomination for a total of eight years in Samoa and at Walker Memorial Hospital.

**BAILEY, Voncile**, 76, born Oct. 4, 1929 in Geneva, AL, died Oct. 16, 2005 in Grand Bay, AL. She was a member of the St. Elmo, AL, church.

**BAKER, Sue Ellen**, 89, born Oct. 16, 1916, died March 17, 2006. She retired as an English and literature professor for Southern Adventist University. She was a member of the Committee 100 for Southern Adventist University, and a member of the Collegedale, TN, church.

**BARTLETT, Frances May**, 89, born Dec. 25, 1916, died March 15, 2006. She was a member of the McDonald Road, TN, church.

**BEDELL, Mary**, 83, born Jan. 18, 1922 in Albertsville, AL, died Oct. 29, 2005 in Chattanooga, TN. She was a member of the Soddy Daisy, TN, church.

**BELKNAP, Donald J.**, 85, born May 8, 1920, died Aug. 25, 2005. He was a member of the Collegedale, TN, church.

**BENNETT, Ellen**, 91, born Nov. 25, 1914, died March 22, 2006. She was a member of the New Smyrna Beach, FL, church.

**BENTZINGER, Myrtle**, 94, born Aug. 22, 1911, died Oct. 25, 2005. She was a member of the Altamonte Springs, FL, church; and a Bible worker in the Florida Conference for the Fordyce Detamore Evangelistic Team from 1959-1970.

**BERNAL, William S.**, 100, born Jan. 10, 1906, died April 28, 2006. He was a member of the Collegedale, TN, church. He was a retired professor at Union College and the former principal of El Porvenir High School in Peru. He later served as secretary of education for the Church in Peru.

**BOONE, Catherine**, 82, born July 29, 1923, died March 13, 2006. She was a member of the Walker Memorial church in Avon Park, FL.

**BRADLEY, Edgar**, 85, born Oct. 14, 1919, died Aug. 25, 2005. He was a member of the Forest Lake church in Apopka, FL. He was employed at the East Pennsylvania ABC, Potomac, and Columbia Union conferences as an auditor; and at the Florida Conference Association.

**BROWN, Fern S.**, 91, born July 4, 1914 in Montrose, KS, died March 31, 2006 in Savannah, TN. She was baptized in 1943, and at the time of her death was a member of the Ridgeport, TN, church.

**BUNCH, E. Patricia**, 81, born March 10, 1924, died Aug. 15, 2005. She was a member of the Collegedale, TN, church.

**CAMARA, Ruth**, 78, born Sept. 27, 1927, died April 30, 2006. She was a member of the Florida Living church in

Apopka, FL. Her 15 years of denominational employment included work at Florida Hospital in Orlando, FL; New England Sanitarium in Melrose, MA; and as a missionary to Chile.

**CARLTON, Caruthers A.**, 93, born July 28, 1911 in Winona, MS, died July 1, 2005 in Lubbock, TX. He was a member of the Meridian First church.

**CHANNER, Almando**, 76, born Aug. 6, 1929, died April 26, 2006. He was a member of the Fort Lauderdale, FL, church.

**CLAYPOOL, Roy**, died Oct. 25, 2005. He was a member of the Port Charlotte, FL, church.

**COLVIN, Gabriel**, 70, born Feb. 21, 1936, died April 27, 2006. He was a member of the Dunnellon, FL, company.

**CORLEY, Renee Wood**, 78, died May 26, 2006. She was a member of the Collegedale, TN, church.

**COUDRIET, Helene**, 93, died March 23, 2006.

**COX, Helen**, 80, born March 8, 1926, died July 19, 2006. She was a member of the East Pasco church in Zephyrhills, FL.

**CRASE, Eva M. Hope**, 70, born Aug. 14, 1934, died July 27, 2005. She was a member of the Collegedale, TN, church.

**CRAWFORD, David F.**, 57, of Springfield, TN, born Feb. 5, 1949, died June 11, 2006 at his home. He was a member of the Cross Plains, TN, church, and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

**CROWE, Elsie**, 88, born Feb. 1918, died July 11, 2006. She was a member of the Florida Living church in Apopka, FL.

**CUNNINGHAM, Edgar**, 80, born June 9, 1924, died June 20, 2004. He was a member of the Kress Memorial church in Winter Park, FL.

**DAHL, Josephine**, 91, born July 17, 1913, died July 14, 2005. She was a member of the Forest Lake church in Apopka, FL.

**DANIELS, James N.**, 62, born Dec. 27, 1943, died May 23, 2006. He was a member of Ephesus church in Birmingham, AL.

**DINGLELINE, Joyce**, 83, born Jan. 9, 1923, died March 31, 2006. She was a member of the Florida Living church in Apopka, FL.

**EASLEY, William (Bill)**, 72, died July 25, 2005. He was a member of the Ellijay, GA, church.

**EDWARDS, Marguerite**, 94, died Aug. 20, 2005. She was a member of the Greeneville, TN, church. She was an LPN at Madison Hospital and Takoma Hospital and work as a Bible teacher for nurses.

**ELKINS, Cora**, 94, died Nov. 27, 2005. She was a member of the Greeneville, TN, church. She was a retired registered nurse from Takoma Adventist Hospital.

**ESTLE, Margaret McCollough**, 64, born Oct. 10, 1941 in Mobile, AL, died Oct. 16, 2005 in Vestavia Hills, AL. She was a member of the St Elmo, AL, church.

**FELTS, Alma**, 87, born Nov. 11, 1919, died July 22, 2006. She was a member of the Florida Living church in Apopka, FL. She was a retired RN from Florida Hospital South in Orlando, FL.

**FLEMING, Charles ("Chick"), Jr.**, 91, was born Sept. 25, 1915, died Dec. 2, 2005. He was a member of the Collegedale, TN, church. He began his career as business manager at Forest Lake Academy. He then became the secretary/treasurer of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference (1941-1946). He worked as the business manager of Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University) for three decades (1946-1975). In 1977, Chick received the Andrews University Alumnus University of Distinction Award. In 1986, the shopping center in Collegedale was named Fleming Plaza in his honor. In 1997, he was elected to the Georgia-Cumberland Conference Hall of Fame.

**FREY, Martha K. ("Kay")**, 64, born May 2, 1940, died Jan. 4, 2005. She was a member of the Morristown, TN,

church. She took special interest in her church as an organist and pianist, and was active in Sabbath School and Pathfinders. She was active in witnessing and even passed out more than 900 copies of the book "Outrageous Grace" by Dwight Nelson, during her illness.

**GIBSON, Dorothy M.**, 94, born Sept. 30, 1911, died March 17, 2006. She attended the Collegedale, TN, church, and was a missionary to Ghana, West Africa.

**GILES, Gladys Bean**, 91, died Jan. 17, 2006. She was a member of the Greeneville, TN, church.

**GRANT, Rosalind**, 92, born July 3, 1912, died July 1, 2005. She was a member of Kress Memorial church in Winter Park, FL.

**GRENIER, Napoleon Richard**, 72, born in 1933 in Henderson, KY, died Jan. 28, 2006 in Henderson. He was a member of the Henderson church.

**GRUNDSET, Valera B. DeHaven**, 89, born March 12, 1916, died Feb. 11, 2006. She was a member of the Collegedale, TN, church.

**HALL, Madeirah Murphy**, 84, born Nov. 21, 1921 in Rome, GA, died Dec. 11, 2005 in Spartanburg, SC. She was a member of the Spartanburg church.

**HANN, Donald**, 83, born Nov. 28, 1922, died Jan. 9, 2006. He was a member of the Forest Lake church in Apopka, FL. From 2000-2005, he was a maintenance supervisor at Forest Lake Education Center in Longwood, FL.

**HARE, Peter**, 73, born April 13, 1933, died May 5, 2006. He was a member of the New Smyrna Beach, FL, church. He taught chemistry at Pacific Union College and Columbia Union College.

**HARRELSON, Elsie**, 81, born Nov. 5, 1924, died May 18, 2006. She was a member of the Florida Living church in Apopka, FL.

**HOLMES, Laura Ashby**, 89, born Oct. 11, 1915, died Feb. 21, 2005. She was a member of the McDonald Road, TN, church.

**HONEYCUT, Edna Mae**, 98, born July 3, 1907 in Pine Knot, KY, died April 14, 2006 in Pine Knot. She was a member of the Stearns, KY, church.

**HUGHES, Eric M.**, 41, born in 1965 in Spartanburg, SC, died March 3, 2006 in Greenwood, SC. Hughes was an elder and member of the Greenwood church.

**HUNT, Janis**, 55, born Oct. 4, 1949, died Sept. 2, 2005. She was a member of the Forest Lake church in Apopka, FL.

**HURT, Madeline**, 89, born Aug. 1, 1916, died Feb. 6, 2006. She was a member of the Collegedale, TN, church.

**JACKSON, Mattie**, 87, born Nov. 26, 1918, died Jan. 8, 2006. She was a member of the Sebring, FL, church.

**JACOBS, Jamile**, 78, born Dec. 15, 1927, died April 29, 2006. He worked as a pastor and church administrator in Mississippi, Georgia, and New York before he and his family went to Pakistan in 1961 as missionaries. He later became president of the Adventist Church in Bangladesh, and in 1973, the administrator of a medical team training Afghan doctors in Jalalabad, Afghanistan. When Jamile and Lois returned to the United States in 1974, he returned to pastoral ministry, serving churches in Muskegon, MI; Brunswick, Bath and Freeport, ME; and Jasper and Monteagle, TN. He was a member of the Collegedale, TN, church.

**JOHNSON, James**, 68, born 1937 in Athens, AL, died July 2005 in Huntsville, AL. He was a member of the Big Cove company.

**JONES, Steven A.**, 58, born Jan. 13, 1948, died March 25, 2006. He was a member of the Collegedale, TN, church.

**KING, Corinne M. ("Kitty")**, 95, born Dec. 21, 1910, died Feb. 3, 2006. She was a member of the Collegedale, TN, church. She was the director of the Samaritan Center in Ooltewah, TN.

**KING, Evelyn**, 82, born Aug. 3, 1923, died Aug. 28, 2005. She was a member of the Forest Lake church in Apopka, FL. She was a LPN at the Florida Hospital for 15 years and was active in community service and Pathfinders.



# Obituaries

**KING, Hazel R.**, 94, born Nov. 25, 1910 in Berrien Springs, MI, died Jan. 2, 2006 at Ellisville, MS. She was a member of the Laurel, MS, church; and taught church school in several conferences in the Southern Union.

**KROKER, Margarete**, 93, born Jan. 6, 1912, died July 26, 2005. She was a member of the Forest Lake church in Apopka, FL.

**LARSON, Rita**, 87, born July 19, 1918, died June 6, 2006. She was a member of the Walker Memorial church in Avon Park, FL.

**LITMAN, Jean**, 79, born Aug. 28, 1926, died Dec. 5, 2005. She was a member of the Forest Lake church in Apopka, FL; and was employed for 22 years in the communication department at Florida Hospital.

**LONG, Dr. Russell C.**, 88, born March 29, 1917 in Zanesville, OH, died Jan. 18, 2006 in Charlotte, NC. He was a member of the Sharon church in Charlotte.

**LORREN, Bobbie**, 92, born July 10, 1913, died April 24, 2006.

**LUND, Dorothy F.**, 80, born Sept. 9, 1924, died July 12, 2005. She was a member of the Collegedale, TN, church.

**MARSA, Jean B.**, 92, died Aug. 22, 2006. She was a member of the Greenville, TN, church and the American Bible Society.

**MASSENGILL, Cloie E.**, 95, born April 14, 1911, died May 28, 2006. She was a member of the Collegedale, TN, church.

**McCAUGHAN, Mary L.**, 91, born June 28, 1914, died Feb. 5, 2006. She was a member of the Collegedale, TN, church.

**MCKENDRICK, Catherine**, 92, born Dec. 1, 1913, died March 29, 2006. She was a member of the Florida Living church in Apopka, FL.

**MCLEAN, Margaret Edwards**, 82, born Oct. 14, 1923, in Chesterfield, SC, died Jan. 22, 2006, in Charlotte, NC. She was a member of the Sharon church in Charlotte.

**MCPHERSON, Sr., Carroll**, 89, born May 3, 1917, died May 31, 2006. He was a member of the Kress Memorial church in Winter Park, FL.

**MEEKS, James**, 81, born Jan. 18, 1925, died May 8, 2006. He was a member of the Jacksonville, FL, First church.

**MEERS, James**, 81, born Jan. 18, 1925, died May 8, 2006. He was a member of Jacksonville, FL, First church.

**MEYER, R. Keith**, 72, born Sept. 11, 1932, died Aug. 18, 2005. He was a member of the Collegedale, TN, church.

**MOREY, Keith**, 86, died Aug. 29, 2006. He was a retired pastor of the Gainesville and Cleveland, GA, churches, and several churches in Michigan.

**MORRIS, Caroline M. Gibson**, 74, died Nov. 21, 2005. She was a member of the Greenville, TN, church. She was the director of Medical Records for Laughlin and Takoma Hospitals, both in Greenville and later at Madison Hospital in Madison, TN.

**NURSE, Sr., Hugh**, 82, born Aug. 10, 1923, died June 9, 2006. He was a member of the Altamonte Springs, FL, church.

**ORR, Helen**, 78, born March 5, 1927 in Atlanta, GA, died Dec. 11, 2005 in Smyrna, GA. She was a member of the Atlanta Belvedere church and held several positions. Her church family awarded her a plaque on Oct. 19, 2002, for holding the longest membership than any other member from 1939-2005.

**PARISH, Ann**, 81, born July 9, 1924, died May 11, 2006. She was a member of the Walker Memorial church in Avon Park, FL; and served for 12 years as a secretary in the Inter-American Division, and more than 15 years as a medical-records secretary for the Walker Memorial Hospital.

**PAROBK, Mary Sue**, 85, born March 7, 1920, died Sept. 26, 2005. She was a member of the Hernando, FL, church; and served as a missionary teacher along with her husband at Spicer College in Poona, India.

**PASSER, Margaret**, 101, born April 6, 1905, died May 5, 2006. She was a member of the St. Petersburg, FL, church.

**PERVIS, Sharon**, 65, born 1941, died April 21, 2006. She was a member of the Palmetto, FL, church.

**PETTY, Laura R. Smith**, 81, born July 2, 1924 in Gilbertown, AL, died Feb. 25, 2006. She was a member of the Tryon church.

**PHALEN, Ruby Jean**, 74, born Aug. 11, 1931, died June 29, 2006. She was a member of the Collegedale, TN, church. She taught at Highland View Academy in Hagerstown, MD, from 1970-1980. She retired from the General Conference after 38 years of service. She served in leadership roles in the 55+ and Adventist Retired Workers clubs.

**PHILBRICK, Hazel**, 105, born Feb. 28, 1901, died June 4, 2006. She was a member of the Florida Living church in Apopka, FL.

**PIERCE, William**, 89, born Sept. 5, 1916, died April 7, 2006. He was a member of the Highland church in Portland, TN, but attended the Avon Park, FL, church for ten years.

**POPO, Julia**, 102, born June 1, 1903, died March 16, 2006. She was a member of the Kress Memorial church in Winter Park, FL.

**POST, Carroll**, 78, born Nov. 14, 1927, died July 11, 2006. He was a member of the Jacksonville, FL, First church. He was employed in printing for the Voice of Prophecy.

**POWELL, Orealia Woods**, 98, born Nov. 28, 1907, died May 29, 2006. She was a member of several Georgia-Cumberland churches for more than 80 years.

**PRICE, Maria G.**, 78, born Sept. 22, 1927 in Luzon Island, Philippines, died Oct. 1, 2005 in Crestview, FL. She was a member of the Crestview church.

**PRIDE, Forrest L.**, 88, died Feb. 14, 2006. He was a member of the Greenville, TN, church.

**PYKE, Sherrie Lynn**, 36, born Feb. 24, 1969, died Jan. 10, 2006 in Bryant, AL. She was a member of the Floral Crest church.

**RATLIFF, Micah D.**, 27, born June 21, 1978 in Louisville, KY, died Feb. 13, 2006 in Shelby County, KY. He was a member of the Pewee Valley, KY, church.

**REEDER, Marvin H.**, 87, born Sept. 23, 1918, died Jan. 28, 2006. He served the church as a leader in the publishing ministry, communication, and religious liberty around the world; and was a member of the McDonald Road, TN, church.

**RESPESS, Carl**, 92, born Dec. 13, 1913, died June 9, 2006. He was a member of the Walker Memorial church in Avon Park, FL.

**RINGER, Kenneth E.**, died Nov. 12, 2005. He and his wife, Salatha, volunteered in service to the Lord at Pine Lake Retreat in the Florida Conference for the past 10 years, and at Nosoca Pines Ranch in the Carolina Conference. He worked in the Adventist hospital system as a medical technologist before retiring.

**RINGER, Lawrence J.**, 83, born Sept. 6, 1912 in Marion, IN, died Jan. 2, 2006 in Chattanooga, TN. He was a member of the Ownbey Chapel church.

**ROBINSON, Cedeane R.**, 63, born 1941 in Chattanooga, TN, died Aug. 17, 2005 in Huntsville, AL. She was a member of the Huntsville Central church.

**SANZONE, John**, 84, born May 11, 1921, died March 31, 2006. He was a member of the Jacksonville, FL, First church.

**SAVILLE, Jennie**, 97, born March 3, 1910, died May 1, 2006. She was a member of the Florida Living church in Apopka, FL.

**SEEBERGER, Claude**, 90, born Aug. 6, 1915, died March 25, 2006. He was a member of the Florida Living church in Apopka, FL.

**SHRODE, Sr., Norman (George)**, 78, born 1924, died June 26, 2002. He was a charter member of the Apopka, FL, church.

**SILER, P. Maurice**, died Oct. 6, 2005. He served the denomination as principal/teacher for several schools. He was a member of the Cumberland Heights church in Coalmont, TN.

**SILVERSTEIN, Roger**, 52, died Oct. 13, 2005. He was a member of the Collegedale, TN, church.

**SMITH, Pauline**, 96, born March 24, 1910, died July 19, 2006. She was a member of the Florida Living church in Apopka, FL.

**STAUFFER, Myrmie B.**, 86, a native of Santa Ana, CA and formerly of LaSierra, CA, died May 18, 2006 at Friendship Manor in Pewee Valley, KY. She was a member of the South Louisville, KY, church, and a retired payroll worker for Loma Linda Foods.

**STEED, Ernest**, 81, born March 18, 1925, died July 25, 2006. He was a member of the DeBary/Orange City, FL, church. He started denominational work in the publishing department in Australia, and pioneered in the public relations department there. He also served as associate director of youth ministry in Greater Sydney, and then public relations and temperance director for the South Pacific Division. Steed served as director of temperance at the General Conference, and then was a special assistant to the General Conference president while being the director of the International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism. Upon his retirement, he helped to establish the DeBary/Orange City, FL, church.

**STEPHENS, Johna**, 68, born March 11, 1937, died Oct. 11, 2005. She was a member of the Punta Gorda, FL, church.

**SWAFFORD, Evelyn**, 59, born March 15, 1947, died May 15, 2006. She was a member of the Calhoun, GA, church.

**THATCHER, Thelma Boykin**, 81, born Jan. 24, 1924, died Dec. 31, 2005. She was a member and a deaconess of the Collegedale, TN, church.

**TOMLINSON, Vera S.**, 83, born May 30, 1922, died April 29, 2006. She was a member of the Valdosta, GA, church.

**TRIPP, Anne M.**, 78, born May 9, 1927, died Feb. 10, 2006. She was a member of the Collegedale, TN, church. She was a retired elementary school teacher and a member of Adventist Retired Workers.

**VAUDREUIL, Raymond R., Sr.**, 62, born May 10, 1943, died Nov. 6, 2005. He was a member of the Collegedale, TN, church.

**VELTMAN, Jane**, 78, born Oct. 27, 1927, died Dec. 21, 2005. She was a member of the St. Petersburg, FL, church.

**WADE, Dorothy**, 88, born June 25, 1917, died Jan. 10, 2006. She was a member of the Jacksonville, FL, First church.

**WALKER, Nettie**, 93, born Nov. 25, 1913, died Jan. 17, 2006. She was a member of the Forest Lake church in Apopka, FL.

**WEBSTER, Herbert**, 61, born Jan. 20, 1944, died Nov. 3, 2005. He was a member of the East Pasco church in Zephyrhills, FL.

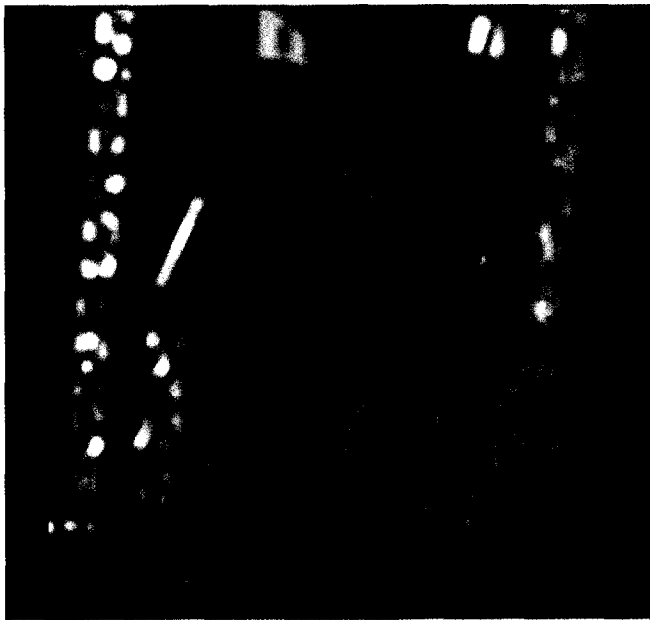
**WELCH, Ruth**, 83, born Sept. 22, 1922, died May 20, 2006. She was a member of the New Smyrna Beach, FL, church.

**WHICKER, Ronald L.**, 67, born April 17, 1938, died Jan. 29, 2006 in Lake Norman, NC. He was a member of the Sharon church in Charlotte, NC.

**WILDER, Geneva**, 95, born Dec. 14, 1910, died Feb. 4, 2006 in Meridian, MS. She was a member of the Meridian church.

**WILHITE, Louise A.**, 86, born July 19, 1919 in Madison County, TN, died Jan. 26, 2006 in Jackson, TN. She was a member of the Jackson church.

**WOOD, Russell L.**, 83, born June 4, 1922 in Middlesex, VA, died May 5, 2006 in Nashville, TN. He was a member of the Bordeaux, TN, church.



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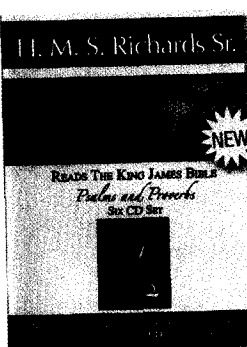
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**Teachers' Convention** --- Oct. 8-10. Nosoca.  
**Lay Pastoral Assistant Training** --- Oct. 13-15. Nosoca.  
**Lay Advisory Retreat** --- Oct. 27-29. Nosoca.  
**Hispanic Marriage Retreat** --- Nov. 3-5. Nosoca.  
**Caribbean Girl's Getaway Cruise with Women's Ministries** --- Nov. 9-13.

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**Evangelism Series**  
 Oct. 12-Nov. 18. West Palm Beach. Lester and Zula Pratt.  
 Oct. 13-Nov. 8. Walker Memorial. Marc and Sarah Swearingen.  
 Oct. 14-28. Margate Spanish. Rolando and Rebeca de los Rios.  
 Nov. 11-18. Tallahassee Spanish. Rolando and Rebeca de los Rios.  
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 Oct. 14. Tallahassee.  
 Oct. 15. Perry, Lake City, Ocala, Silver Springs Shores, Belleview, Inverness.  
 Oct. 28. Sunrise.  
 Oct. 29. Plantation, Lauderhill. (Southeastern Conference: Mt. Olivet.)  
 Nov. 11. St. Petersburg.  
 Nov. 12. Clearwater, New Port Richey, Spring Hill, Brooksville, East Pasco in Zephyrhills, Plant City.  
 Nov. 18. Port Charlotte.  
 Nov. 19. North Port, Venice-Nokomis, Sarasota, West Coast Christian Academy in Bradenton,

Brandon, Tampa First.  
**Florida Conference Regular Constituency Session**—Oct. 1. Forest Lake Academy Gymnasium, Apopka. Details: 407-644-5000 x164.  
**Florida Prison Ministries Workshop**—Oct. 7. Details: [fbartonsr@yahoo.com](mailto:fbartonsr@yahoo.com), 352-728-1229, or 352-408-1844.  
**High School Retreat**—Oct. 12-15. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Speaker: Willie Ramos. Details: 407-644-5000 x129.  
**College/Young Adult Retreat**—Nov. 3-5. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Details: 407-644-5000 x129.

## Georgia-Cumberland

**Youth Workers' Convention**—Oct. 6-7. Cohutta Springs.  
**Homeland Lay Evangelism Training**—Oct. 6-8. Collegedale, TN.  
**South Georgia Pathfinder Fellowship**—Oct. 13-15.  
**Men's Congress**—Oct. 13-15. Cohutta Springs.  
**30th Anniversary of Hixson, TN, Church**—Oct. 14. Hixson, TN.  
**Singles' Harvest Moon Retreat**—Oct. 20-22. Cohutta Springs.  
**Teen Bicycle Trip**—Oct. 20-22.  
**Teen Backpacking 101**—Oct. 20-22.  
**Young in Ministry**—Oct. 30-Nov. 1. Cohutta Springs.  
**Pathfinder Teen Challenge**—Nov. 3-5.  
**Church Ministries Training**—Nov. 4. Jasper, TN.  
**Adventist Heritage Sabbath with Adventist Heritage Historical Society**—Nov. 4. Moultrie, GA.  
**Festival of the Family**—Nov. 11. Lakeland, GA.  
**Evangelism**  
 Oct. 1-7. Yang, Il Kwon. GA-United Korean Church.  
 Oct. 3-Dec. 3. Shawn Shives. Revelation Seminar. Newton County Library.  
 Oct. 6-22. Hector Hernandez. Savannah, GA.  
 Oct. 6-22. Jorge E. Quintana. Albany, GA.  
 Oct. 7-21. Conrad Cort. Atlanta Southside. Evangelistic Series.  
 Oct. 8-22. "GOD in SHOES" Women's Evangelism. Cordele, GA.  
 Oct. 13-Nov. 4. Robert Thompson and Curtis Thomas. First Church, Augusta, GA.  
 Oct. 13-Nov. 12. Chris Bullock. Marietta, GA.  
 Oct. 17-19. Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition Outreach. Moultrie, GA.

Oct. 20-21. Phillip Saaman. Revival Weekend. Duluth, GA.  
 Oct. 21-Nov. 18. Discover Prophecy Seminar. Athens, GA.

## Gulf States

**Head Teachers & Principals' Retreat**, - Oct. 6 - 8, Camp Alamisco  
**Bass Memorial Academy Rededication Sabbath** - Oct. 14  
**Pathfinder Camporee** - Oct. 10 - 22, Camp Alamisco  
**Boot Camp of Evangelism** - Oct. 27 - 29, Camp Alamisco

## Kentucky-Tennessee

**Conference Association Board**  
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**Conference Executive Committee**  
 Nov. 7. Jan. 16.  
**Outdoor Education (Grades 5-6)**  
 -Oct. 16-18. Indian Creek Camp.  
**K-12 Board** - Oct. 3.  
**Highland and Madison Academy Boards**  
 Nov. 30. Jan. 18.

## South Atlantic

**South Carolina Youth Federation** - Oct. 6-8.  
**Small Church Initiative** - Oct. 7. Sanford, NC.  
**Hispanic Evangelism** - Oct. 8-21.  
**Health Retreat** - Oct. 12-15. Orangeburg, SC.  
**Shepherdess Retreat** - Oct. 13-15.

## Southeastern

**Usher Federations**  
 Oct. 6-8. Leesburg.  
 Oct. 6-8. Mt. Pleasant.  
**Men's Convention** - Nov. 2-5. Theme: Purity of Men. Hawthorne, FL, Campground.

## Southern Adventist University

**Orchestra Concert**—Oct. 8.  
**InTents Meetings**—Oct. 9-13.  
**PreviewSouthern**—Oct. 12,13.  
**Wind Symphony Concert**—Oct. 15.  
**Alumni Homecoming**—Oct. 26-29.  
**Nursing Golden Anniversary Celebration**—Oct. 29.  
**French Chamber Orchestra**—Oct. 31.  
**Mission Expo**—Nov. 4.  
**Encounters**—Nov. 9-11.  
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**Orchestra Concert**—Nov. 12.

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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
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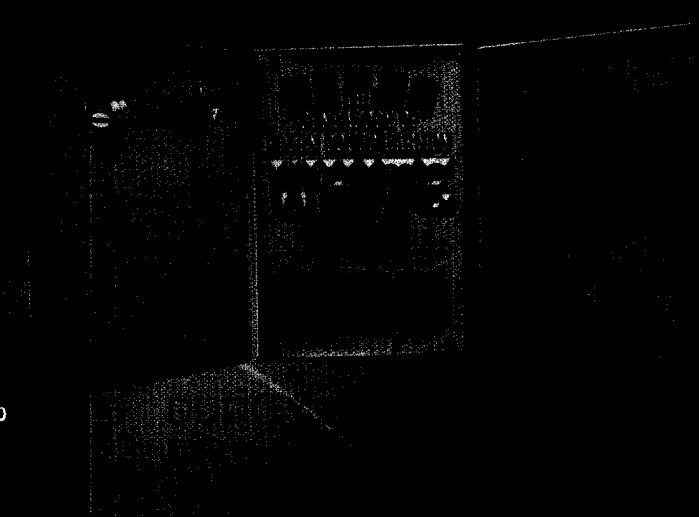
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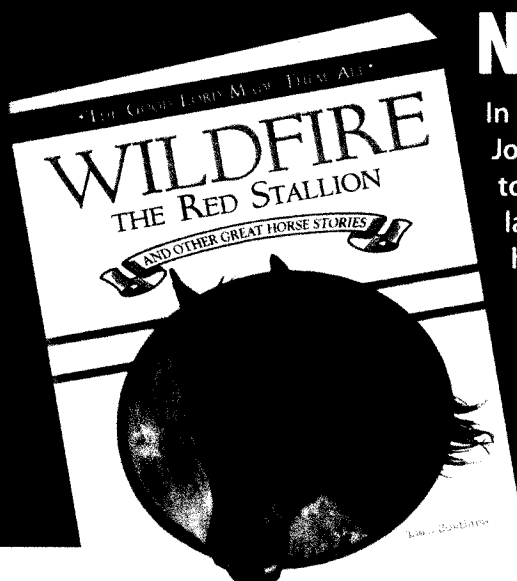
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