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The Required Runway

The wrong runway. How could that happen? Did the pilots talk together about the fact that, in the pre-dawn, the runway was not lighted? Was there any passenger on board, accustomed to the pre-flight routine at the small Lexington Blue Grass Airport in Kentucky, who wondered if the plane made the right turns? Did anybody recognize something was different, but assumed everything would be all right?

On August 27, 2006, when ComAir Flight 5191 crashed taking off for Atlanta, I also flew on Delta to Atlanta. The flight attendants on my flight were having a hard time believing that a jet could take the wrong runway. Because the plane tried to take off from the shorter 3,500-foot runway instead of the required 7,003-foot main runway, 49 people were killed. Only one crew member survived. The wrong runway. They missed the main runway.

How easy it is for people to say there are many ways to Heaven, or we're all going to the same place, we're just on different routes. Have you heard someone say, "It really doesn't matter what road you're on, as long as you're going in the right direction?" Roads make a difference in reaching the final destination. Evidently, which runway to take is a life and death decision. They're not all the same. There is a reason truth is truth. There is a reason truth is absolute. In Lexington, the right runway was a requirement.

Jesus makes it clear—"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me." John 14:6

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12

And Paul declares, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." Romans 1:16

If I choose Jesus Christ instead of man-made systems, I'm on the right runway. If I accept that I am a sinner, and that Jesus' righteousness covers my confessed and forsaken sins, I'm on the right runway. If I love Jesus so much for saving me, and in my heart I want to keep His commandments and do His will (John 14:15), I'm on the right runway. If I surrender my selfish desires and say to Jesus, "Not my will but Yours be done in my life," I'm on the right runway.

I believe the truths taught by the Seventh-day Adventist Church are in full harmony with Scripture, and I believe the Seventh-day Adventist Church is the remnant Church of Bible prophecy. We are not the givers of salvation, Jesus is. We can, through our witness, preaching, and living, help people find the right runway. We can have assurance that, if we have a relationship with Jesus, He will give us eternal life, and He will give us victory in this life.

We are on Earth, and we are organized as a Church to help people to know the right runway. We point people to Jesus—the Way, the Truth, and the Life.



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Cover Caption: Morgan County Tennessee correctional officer Cindy Summers (left), watches as Joe Blevins (right), pastor of the Meister Memorial Adventist church in Deer Lodge, Tennessee and Lonnie Cook, personal ministries director and church leader from Jamestown, Tennessee, prepares to baptize her husband, David Summers, also a correctional officer at the same facility.

Prisoner Sets His Guards Free

BY KEN WEYMORE

Charles Brandler isn't usually evangelist. It's not just his various tattoos that might make one think so. Charles Brandler is an inmate at Morgan County Correctional Complex. He is six years into a 20-year sentence at the minimum security, state-run prison in Wartburg, Tennessee. In spite of his label of inmate, Charles is most definitely an evangelist.

For the last 10 years, Meister Memorial Adventist

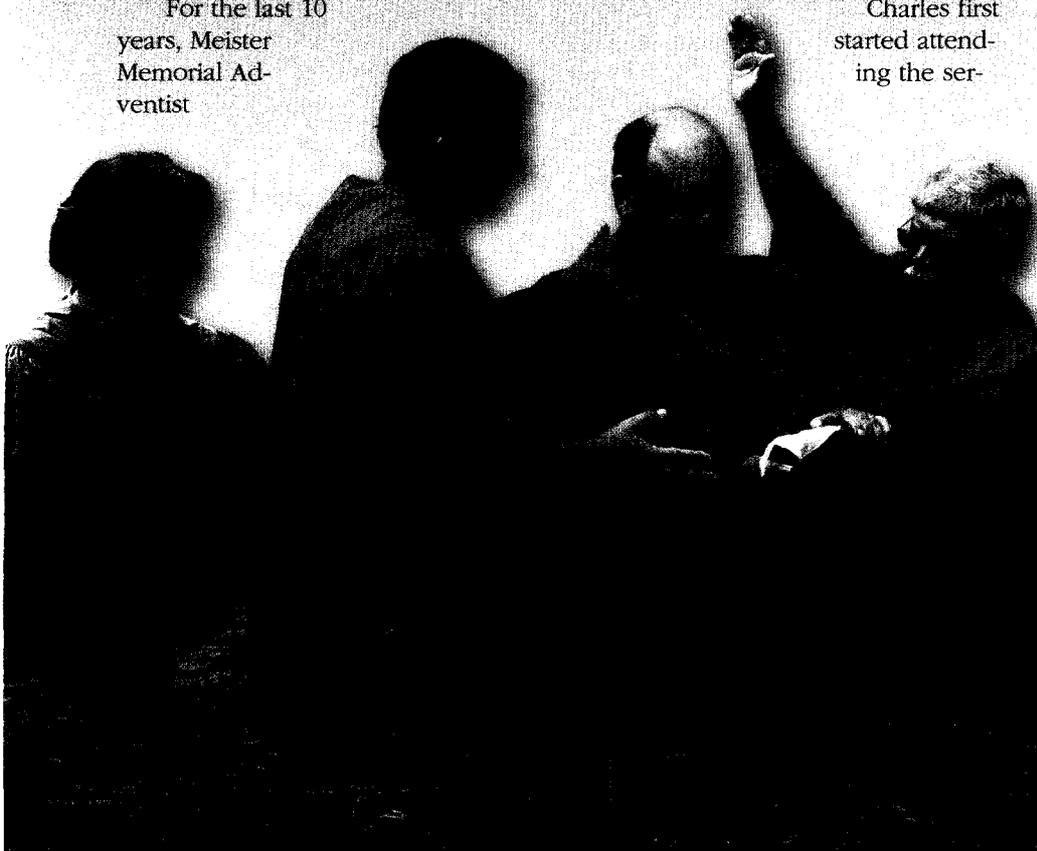
church, located in Deer Lodge, Tennessee, has run an active prison ministries program at Morgan County Correctional Complex. Most Sabbath afternoons you will find members of the church, led by retired Adventist pastor Harold Keubler, and church prison ministries coordinator Patricia Goldblatt, running services for a half dozen or more inmates at the facility.

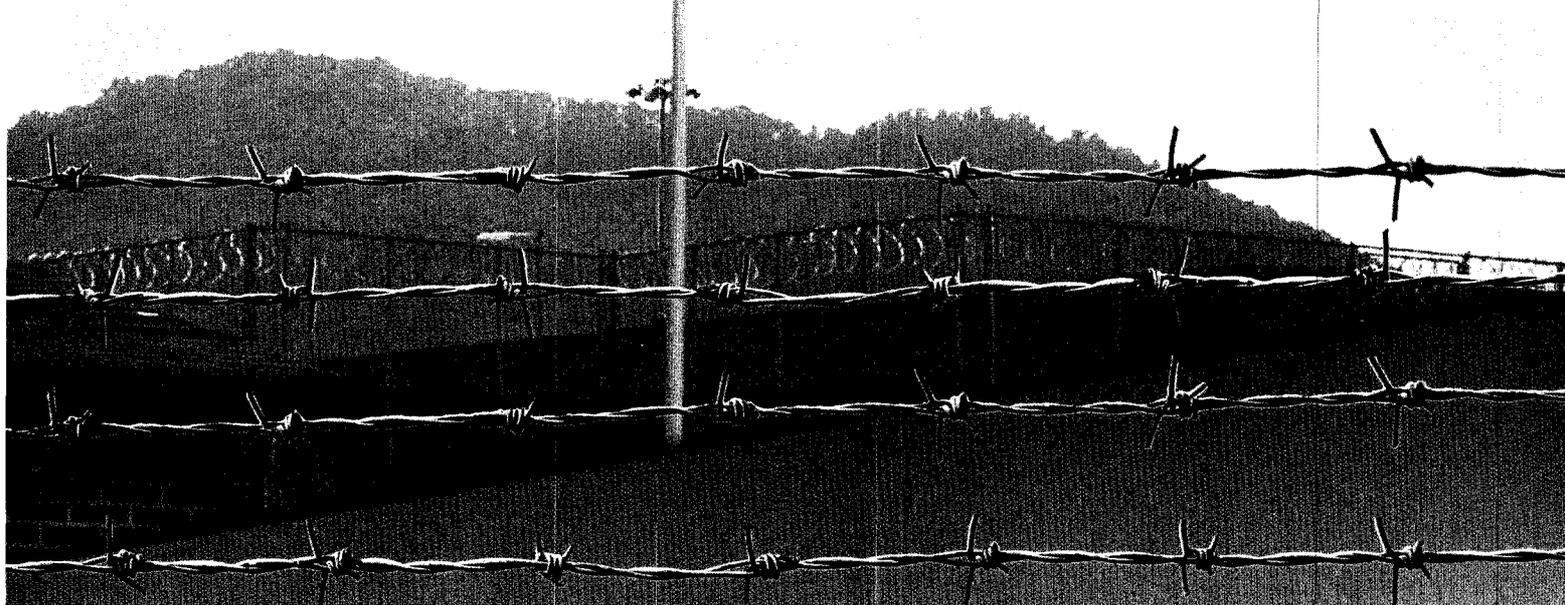
Charles first started attending the ser-

vices at the urging of his cell partner, a Seventh-day Adventist. Charles accepted the Bible truths he heard and was baptized in early 2005. His baptism and his new beliefs brought about a noticeable change in his life.

One of those who recognized this change in Charles was Cindy Summers, a correctional officer who worked at the prison. Shortly after his baptism, Charles transferred to a housing unit where most of the prisoners are Christians. Cindy was one of the guards assigned to his unit. "I had known him [before], got to talking to him, and noticed a difference in him. I realized that he was going to church," says Cindy. "[Prior to his baptism,] he was just your normal, typical inmate who was out for himself."

Cindy began asking Charles questions about his faith. One afternoon in July, 2005, Charles showed her his *Sabbath School Quarterly*. Cindy was intrigued with what she read and asked Charles if she could have a copy. He obliged, and Cindy began using the *Quarterly* as part of her daily devotions.





Around that same time Cindy's husband, David, also a correctional officer at Morgan County Correctional Complex in a different housing unit, was reading a book by Herbert Armstrong called *Mystery of the Ages*. While not an Adventist, Armstrong shares the story of how he came from being an unbeliever to being a Sabbath-keeper.

"I know the Holy Spirit was leading David and me, using different tools, to be Sabbath-keepers," says Cindy.

Not long after these events, Cindy remembers, a Baptist preacher came to visit and invited them to return to his church. As he spoke, David and Cindy were amazed to hear the preacher mention Seventh-day Adventists numerous times, referring to their longevity of life and Sabbath-keeping in positive terms. At the end, the Baptist preacher said, "Let's pray that the Lord will lead you where He wants you."

That's all it took. The next Sabbath, the couple were on their way to Meister Memorial church, having learned from Charles that the prison ministries group had come from this nearby congregation. The two officers, normally in a position of authority and control, were very nervous. They didn't know if they would know anything about the church, the Sabbath-keepers, or the

ventures were shipped. "If there was a block we would have circled it before going in," says Cindy with a laugh. "We thought, at the worst, they can ask us to leave."

What they didn't know was that the Meister Memorial church was expecting them. Charles Brandler and the other inmates had sent word that the Summers would be coming.

When the Summers came into the church, they found open arms waiting for them. Greeted with a friendly atmosphere and a sense of peace in the church, they immediately found friends, and have been attending church ever since.

"You know, I've been to Baptist churches, Church of God, Methodists—and something just didn't seem right. This makes better sense of everything," says David.

Over the next year, many people prayed and studied with the Summers. On August 10, 1980, the couple were baptized in the prison pool. They were the first inmates to be baptized in the prison pool.



celebrate. He had to wait to welcome the Summers into the family of believers until later that afternoon when church services were held at the prison.

With a broad smile on his face, Charles said, "I just feel that I didn't have a whole lot to do with it. I feel it was the Holy Spirit that led them, and I'm glad that God used me—that I was given that opportunity."

That is the definition of an evangelist.



Love Brought Us Home

BY LUCIANO RIGES

"Luciano, I will put you in this Seventh-day Adventist school for a good education," said my Catholic mother, "however, don't pay attention to the religion classes, and *do not* let them convert you."

Even to a second grader, people in this Brazilian church school seemed strange. They didn't drink coffee, eat pork, and they always talked about a Sabbath.

"Our religion is based on the Bible only," taught Pastor Marcos, our enthusiastic religion teacher. I looked in Exodus and read about the Sabbath. I had to agree he was right, so I figured the other things he said must be true. From that moment, the Holy Spirit started to open my ears and eyes.

One day, I rushed home from school to tell my parents, "From now on I won't eat pork, and I will keep the Sabbath!" My mother almost had a heart attack, and my dad wondered why in the world they put me in an Adventist school.

In the eighth grade, I filled out an application to attend a technical high school. I made arrangements to write the admittance test on Sunday instead of the usual Saturday.

When the school called my parents for a permission statement, my parents were appalled. My mother screamed about me becoming an Adventist and my dad demanded that I not hang out with my church school friend, Davidson, anymore.

Immediately, they removed me from the Adventist school. My Bible was taken away, and pork appeared on the dinner table every day. I tried to stay true to my beliefs when I was moved to another school, but I wasn't strong enough, and I drifted away from the Church.

One evening in the city of Curitiba, Brazil, a family friend asked if



Luke and Lucy Riges entered the Rainbow River in Dunnellon, Florida, for their September 9, baptism by Dave Swinyar, Ocala church pastor.

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I would drive her son to a bar. As I waited for him on the second floor, in walked the most beautiful girl with black hair and green eyes that I had ever seen. I decided to ask her name.

"Luciana," she replied. I said, "Unbelievable, my name is Luciano." Soon, Lucy and I began to date, and our friendship became a love story that led to marriage by a judge in a friend's restaurant.

One weekend, while visiting my brother, we noticed the sign on the door of a store that read, "Closed on Saturday." The next day, we stopped in to buy some honey and learned that the owner was a Seventh-day Adventist.

Lucy began to visit with her. After we left, my wife said, "Luke, I think I want to become a Seventh-day Adventist because I want to be just like that lady."

I responded, "Seventh-day Adventists are nice people." Then I told her I used to be one a long time ago.

A few months later, God led us to the United States and to Ocala, Florida. Here, Lucy enrolled in an

adult education class to elevate her English skills to prepare her for teaching in this country. One day she told me, "I think my teacher is a Seventh-day Adventist because she is so calm and polite. There's something different inside her, and, in addition, she doesn't eat meat."

After one of Lucy's next classes, she asked, "Do you know anything about Seventh-day Adventists?" Dottie Massengill's eyes sparkled as she replied, "Well, Lucy, I am a Seventh-day Adventist."

Dottie invited us to visit the Ocala church with her, where we were introduced to the members. They became like family to us, and soon we were studying *Amazing Facts* lessons, joined a Bible study class, and were baptized into the family of God.

Today, our desire is to follow God's will. We rejoice to belong to the only Church that does exactly what the Bible says. This is the right Church for the end times—and for our lives. We are so happy to be home.

The Adventist EDGE Includes Outdoor Education at Madison Campus Elementary

BY MARVIN LOWMAN

The students and teachers of Madison Campus Elementary School, church members, and friends from the community gathered September 28, for the official opening of the new Outdoor Education Classroom on the MCE campus.

The classroom is a seven-sided open pavilion patterned after the council houses used by the Cherokee Indians who once settled in Tennessee in the very area of Madison Campus Elementary. The council house was the focal point of the Cherokee village.

The idea of an outdoor classroom came to Carolyn Angelo and Myrna Closser, the third grade and kindergarten teachers at MCE, while working on their master's degrees at Southern Adventist University. The inspiration for the council house came from Carl Swafford and Michael Hills of Southern Adventist University. In honor of these two men, the council house has been named the Swafford Hills Council House. Swafford and Hills have been active in the outdoor education program held annually at Indian Creek Camp in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference.

Both Swafford and Hills were present for the ribbon-cutting ceremonies. In his remarks, Swafford referred to the council house as an extension of the school. "It represents Jesus' method of teaching—outdoors, using objects from nature to illustrate divine truth and practical instruction that would be remem-



Pam Williams (left), Conference associate education superintendent, Myrna Closser, Carolyn Angelo, Lynn Schlisner, pastor, and Betty Chapman, principal.

bered easily," said Swafford.

The ceremony closed with the release of dozens of Monarch butterflies provided by Janean Shafer, affectionately referred to as the "butterfly lady," who frequently visits the school, sharing her knowledge of and love for butterflies with the students.



Michael Hills (left) and Carl Swafford

"The council house will serve as a central place for us to meet for teaching outdoors. It's mainly to get children to be more aware of God's second book—nature," says Myrna Closser. "We want to incorporate



The Outdoor Education Classroom

things we do in the classroom with outdoor activities. Outdoor education is the *Adventist EDGE* because not all schools are doing it."

Eventually, there will be mulch trails, a bluebird trail, a butterfly garden, and lots of bird blinds, gardens, and a greenhouse. With about 175 students in kindergarten through grade eight, the outdoor classroom will be used frequently. And, it will be used by the Pathfinder club as well.

The site for the council house was selected by local landscape architect Clifford Reinert, who will continue to work with the school to develop the trails and further landscaping for the outdoor education program. Construction of the council house was headed by Tom Pearson and supported by a host of volunteers. Carolyn Angelo and Myrna Closser serve as co-directors of the outdoor education advisory committee. The Memorial Foundation, a philanthropic organization in Nashville, provided a \$5,000 grant to help get the project started.

Pollett Seminar Attendee Survives Attack

Linda Khoury lives in the Moncks Corner area and for some time now has been studying the Bible. When flyers announcing the coming Word of Prophecy meetings with Dale Pollett arrived, Linda decided to go and learn more about the Bible and its prophecies.

Just before the meetings began, Linda purchased a tin shed kit—assembly required. Being a “can do” person, Linda gathered her tools and went to work. Suddenly the drill she was using kicked back and whipped a metal rafter into her ribs, cracking them. Though battered and bruised, having pain with each breath, opening night found Linda at the church. She was thrilled with the Bible truths she was learning and didn’t want to miss a meeting!

During the fifth week she was stung by a bee—twice—and had a very severe reaction. She was taken to the hospital. Her leg swelled so much she could not bend her foot. Surely she would stay home

now! No, not Linda. She was there at the very next meeting, ice bag and all.

The devil was not done with Linda yet! A meter reader, she was asked to fill in for a co-worker in a different area of town. At one house, Linda was halfway across the yard when she heard growling and snarling. Around the corner of the house rushed two large dogs. They lunged at Linda, nearly knocking her down.

She began frantically beating them off the best she could. As she did, she backed up toward the gate, all the while screaming for help. No one heard her; she was on a dead-end street, and no one was home. The dogs were biting her viciously, and as she retreated she didn’t see the flower bed behind her and tripped over the metal edging. Linda suddenly found herself flat on her back, the attacking dogs on top of her.

Soon she was bleeding profusely. A can of mace hung around her neck, but she dared not stop to grab

the canister. She feared they would be at her neck before she could use it. Linda thought she was going to die. There was no one to help her. In desperation she cried out, “FATHER, HELP!”

Just then, the woman who lived there ran out and got the dogs off Linda. The homeowner then ran into the house, called for help, and brought towels to stem the flow of blood pouring from Linda’s legs.

“I thought the dogs were going to kill me,” Linda told the woman.

The homeowner replied, “You know, I’m a student, and was sitting in class when I suddenly got a severe headache. I never get headaches! My class was short, and I thought I could wait it out, but the longer I sat, the more severe my headache became. Finally I had to come home. When I entered the house, I heard all the commotion in the back yard and rushed out. Normally, I would not have been here. I’m not supposed to be here!”

Now, if anyone had a reason for not attending the next night of the Word of Prophecy meetings, Linda did. But, Thursday night found her sitting in her usual seat there at the Monck’s Corner church. Every step caused pain as she limped in, but she was there to hear the Words of Life.

Linda

Khoury knows her Heavenly Father will take care of her.

He knew before she called that she needed help, and arranged for the

homeowner to get a headache long before the dogs attacked. Linda believes the Bible when it says, “Before they call I will answer and while they are yet speaking I will hear!”—Matt. 6:8.

—BY NANCY JANE SUELZLE



Myrtle Beach Groundbreaking



Members of the Myrtle Beach church gathered to witness the ground-breaking of their new location

on Jan. 8, 2006. The beautiful, new 220-seat facility with classrooms and a fellowship hall is

just the beginning of a vision that God has laid on the hearts of the local membership. With God’s leading the members of the Myrtle Beach church have purchased and paid for five acres of land in what is quickly becoming a bustling hub of activity known as Carolina Forest.

This planned community of 29 subdivisions and almost 50,000 residents is located approximately four miles from their present church location.

Pictured are Ken Crawley (left), pastor, and other Myrtle Beach church leaders.

—BY JIM WILLIAMS

Moncks Corner Holds Grand Opening Celebration



Clouds filled the skies, but inside there was sunshine on every face as the Moncks Corner church family welcomed more than 160 neighbors, family, and friends to the grand opening of their newly-constructed church home on the outskirts of Moncks Corner—the first Carolina Conference Seventh-day Adventist church in Berkeley County, S.C. Jim Davidson conducted the worship service and was assisted by various conference and local leaders who were instrumental in the success of this project.

One of only a few churches in the Carolina Conference with a cemetery, Moncks Corner was obliged to use theirs the day before the grand opening when one of the church members died sud-

denly. Though mourning their loss, through God's mercy and comfort, they were able to continue with the opening ceremony.

It was on November 27, 1999, when a small group of 17 members from the Summerville, S.C., church first met at the home of Shelvie and John Van Allen, that the hope of a newly-planted church emerged. Soon this group was joined by others and had to move to the Berkeley County Middle School for services. Worship services were conducted by the lay members of the church, as they had no official pastor. Elders took turns preaching. In fact, every member participated in some way to conduct meaningful and successful worship services. They kept praying that eventu-

ally they could leave the school for a new church facility.

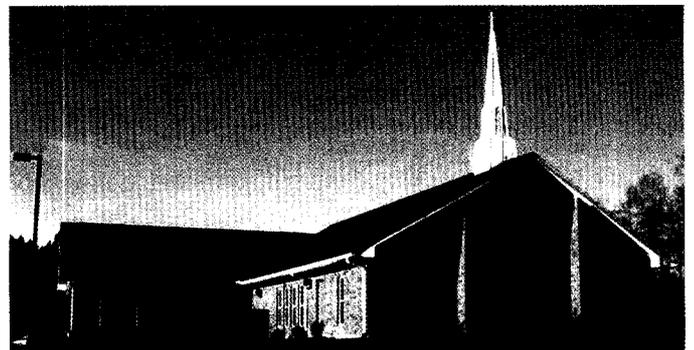
The small Moncks Corner company was officially organized as a church on March 25, 2000, with 30 signing the charter, and in October, 2001, Mario and Teresa Munoz were sent to shepherd this assembly.

God blessed the church with a prime 10-acre tract of land just outside the city limits, where a groundbreaking took

place on December 11, 2004. Construction began in March, 2005, followed by official services in the new facility on December 10, 2005.

History has been made in Berkeley County, and now the focus is on the future. Plans are underway for evangelistic meetings and other ways of outreach that they can use to serve and minister to the community they now call home.

—BY BONNIE CONNELLY



1,600 Attend Bay Area Convocation

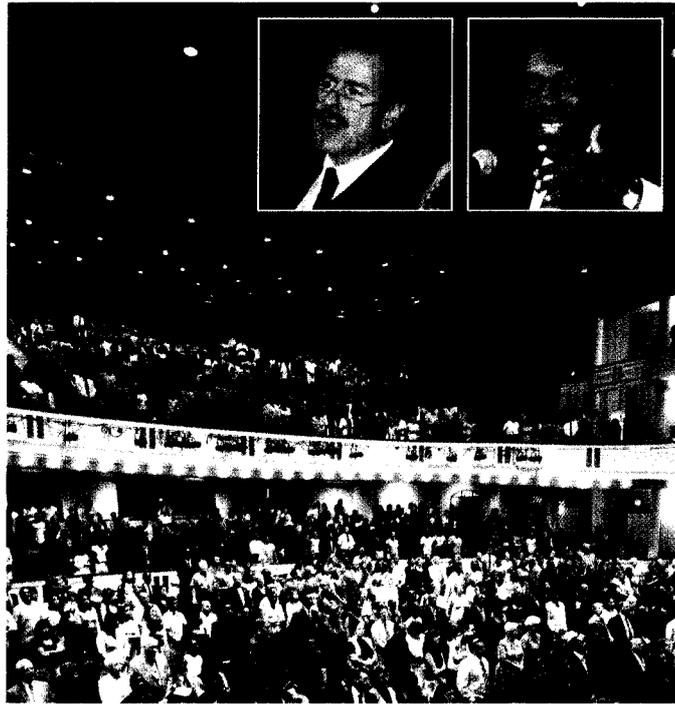
This year's Tampa Convocation attracted more than 1,600 people on

September 16 to the beautifully renovated Mahaffey Theater at Bayfront Center

in St. Petersburg, Fla. This 11th Tampa Council of Churches area event attracted members from 25 Florida and Southeastern Conference churches to hear guest speakers Ron Clouzet, dean of Southern Adventist University's School of Religion, and Hubert Morel, Jr., Southeastern Conference executive secretary, focus on "Unity and Purpose in the Time of the End."

Members and guests commented, "The event, the speakers, the music, and the children's programs are something we look forward to every year. It's like a mini camp meeting for the Gulf region and a wonderful opportunity for us to get to know and fellowship with other brothers and sisters from area churches."

—BY RAFAEL FERNANDEZ



St. Petersburg's Mahaffey Theater at Bayfront Center hosted more than 1,600 attendees for the 2006 Tampa Convocation. Inset photos: Ron Clouzet (left), Hubert Morel, Jr. (right).

Health Seminar Held at Pine Hills



Participants enjoyed three delicious vegetarian salads, as well as garbanzo pancakes topped with yogurt, prepared by Chef Julio.

Executive chef and health instructor Julio Barillas presented a three-day health seminar at the Pine Hills church in Orlando, Fla. Approximately 250 par-

ticipated in the health ministries department event. The first day covered stress management. "Achieving temperance in every aspect of one's life is

paramount for health and wellness," stated Chef Julio, a lay member from the Orlando Spanish church. He emphasized the importance of taking time to smell the roses.

The second day focused on nutrition, diabetes, weight control, exercise, and plant foods. "The brighter the color of fruits and vegetables," he explained, "the more vitamins and minerals they contain."

The last day, Chef Julio conducted a cooking class.

—BY JOSEPHINE CORRIETTE

Margaret Gill Turns 100



JAMES DIETRICH

Margaret (Benedict) Gill celebrated her 100th birthday, August 11, at a weekend open house hosted in her honor at Pine Lake Retreat in Groveland, Fla.

The retired teacher enjoyed visits with friends, former students, and coworkers as they reminisced of days gone by at schools where she taught in Michigan, Florida, and Africa. The Clermont church member still teaches a Sabbath school class.

Margaret loves to sew and bake for others, write to prisoners, encourage teachers, and read church periodicals during her spare time. "Of course, I only have spare time these days," she admits.

Sari Clark says of her mentor, "Even as a young church school teacher when we first met, I knew Mrs. Gill had something I wanted. It was her heart for others that I admired."

—BY ALBERTA OTTINGER

Delegates Celebrate Answered Prayers at Session

The 68th regular Florida Conference constituency business session, held October 1 at Forest Lake Academy, Apopka, was foremost a celebration of answered prayers.

President Mike Cauley opened by telling the 671 delegates how “the Lord’s blessings are remarkable, and this 2003–2005 triennial report is an Ebenezer—a stone to mark the place where God helped us.”

Cauley highlighted four answers to prayer:

1. Florida Conference churches embraced a renewed commitment to the basics of early Adventism and New Testament Christianity where mission became the dominant focus.
2. Forty-two lay pastors began serving existing congregations or newly planted churches.

3. The ACTS (Active Christian Team Services) lay ministry arose out of the 2004 hurricane season, with hundreds of volunteers meeting the challenge to provide relief in communities.
4. God’s abundant blessings and the faithfulness of the Florida Conference family were witnessed in a mighty way as the course of past financial challenges took a change in direction.

Tom Verrill, Conference treasurer, reported for 2005 a 13.5% tithe increase and nearly \$1 million from matured wills and trusts. These increases provided revenue to reduce debt and operate with a gain in 2005, and were the base for a balanced budget in 2006.



Florida Conference officers: Mike Cauley (left), president; Carmen Rodriguez, secretary; and Tom Verrill, treasurer.

Following these reports, the names of officers for the 2006–2008 triennium were nominated: Mike Cauley, president; Carmen Rodriguez, secretary; and Tom Verrill, treasurer. Each officer received a resounding affirmative vote from session delegates.

Rodriguez most recently served as human resources director for Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Mass. She replaces Evan Valencia, who decided not to seek re-election and is pursuing other interests.

—BY MARTIN BUTLER

Lauderhill Youth Share God’s Word

Thirty-three youth and their leaders from the Lauderhill, Fla., church were invited to join the Mount Olive church youth in Rexdale, Ontario, Canada, to share God’s Word.

The Lauderhill Youth On a Mission group began their trip distributing *Steps to Christ* and *The Great Controversy* to travelers at Miami International Airport, on the aircraft, and at Toronto International Airport.

In Toronto, the group visited secured government housing where some of

the doors had bullet holes from gun battles. The Lord protected the youth and opened the way for them to go floor to floor, knock on doors, share the Word of God, and extend invitations to attend church.

The youth group later traveled to Niagara Falls and distributed literature to visitors from many different countries. They concluded their witnessing activities in Canada on Sabbath afternoon, passing out literature in the Toronto area.

—BY MARLENE HUNT



Lauderhill church support enabled this youth group to distribute 700 copies of *Steps to Christ*, 300 copies of *The Great Controversy*, and 100 copies of *Who Are the Seventh-day Adventists?*

Reaching Postmodern Society

"I want to know how to reach postmodern society."

That statement sums up why Emily Wells attended the LIFEdevelopment.info conference, held August 26-27, at the Wyndham Midtown Atlanta Hotel. Wells was joined by about 30 others for the two-day event sponsored by the Georgia-Cumberland Conference and presented by Miroslav Pujic the Trans-European Division director of ministry to postmoderns.

Pujic said this conference and others like it are organized to look at the postmodern mindset and help attendees connect with and win postmoderns to Christ.

"I believe the Church needs to understand the community it operates in and lives in. And, I believe that in order to understand the community, we have to look at their life, their needs, their interests, their

cultural patterns, and the values they exercise," said Pujic.

Knoxville First church Associate Pastor Will Johns, who attended the conference, said the information presented by Pujic was practical and helpful. "It can inform the language I use in a sermon—just preaching, trying to connect—and it can inform the kind of programs or ministries that we plan to reach people," said Johns.

Besides being involved with interactive presentations, participants were also given practical assignments. One such assignment was to go to restaurants frequented by postmoderns to observe the people. If the participant felt comfortable with it, they were encouraged to strike up a conversation.

Emily Wells' husband, David, was excited about what he and his wife



Miroslav Pujic shares ways to witness to postmoderns at the LIFEdevelopment.info conference in Atlanta.

learned over the weekend. "Everyday life is an opportunity to witness," he said. "So many times we think of witnessing as a formality and a program when it's really about everyday life."

This is the second LIFEdevelopment.info conference held in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. A third is being planned, but the date has not been finalized.

Bill Levin, Georgia-Cumberland Conference director for global evan-

gelism, said he hopes to see an even bigger turnout for the next conference. "There are so many people that are not in tune with church and church life in the way that we see church life," said Levin. "Jesus said to go, and so this is about going to where people are at and meeting people on their turf—on their ground."

Pujic's message is simple. "If you love people then come and join us."

—BY KEN WETMORE

ACS/SGA Wins Award for Food Distribution

On August 29, the Second Harvest Food Bank of southwest Georgia in



Hew and Carolyn Lipscomb (center) are presented with an award for distributing 47,131 pounds of food.

Albany, Ga., held its third annual Face of Hunger Banquet. Directors of agencies from the 20 counties serviced by this food bank were some of those who attended the event. Each year, an award is presented to an agency in each county that distributes the most food for that county.

This year, Adventist Community Services/South Georgia (ACS/SGA)

received the award for Crisp County. Even though ACS/SGA services a much larger area, the headquarters is in Crisp County.

The total amount of food distributed for the past fiscal year was 47,131 pounds. This quantity has a market value of \$90,963. The food is distributed by ACS/SGA to five sites: Thomasville, Warner Robins, Pine Mountain Valley, Oglethorpe, and Cordele, where it is used in the Food Bags for the Elderly program.

Without the support and desire to do community outreach in these church communities, this award would not have been possible. The directors of ACS/SGA, Carolyn and Hew Lipscomb, want to thank those churches and the school that participate in the Food Bags for the Elderly program. They look forward to making this program grow through the involvement of more churches.

—BY CAROLYN LIPSCOMB

“Mission Possible” at the Andrews Church

“Mission Possible” was all about changing the impossible into the possible. The week-long project in Andrews, N.C., took place August 21-26, with the theme and promise to attendees, “You’re never going to be the same.”

The purpose of “Mission Possible” was to make friends in the community by meeting their needs. It was also to attract people to a series of meetings on Bible prophecy by Wendell Stover, scheduled for September 16-October 14.

The week began Monday night with a praise festival. Most of the music was brought by non-members.

Health topics were presented each day. Tuesday it was general health, with a focus on skin care

and regular examinations, presented by Raylee Weaver, P.A. Wednesday was a “Stop Smoking” class by Carl Hartman. Thursday focused on healthy cooking with Linda Miller, and weight loss and exercise with Lisa Sellers, P.A. Friday provided a seminar on abuse by REACH and family counselor Mark Cadavero.

The entertainment highlight of the week was Ben Roy and his scientific experiments. He had three nightly programs. Ben’s experiments and the lessons he taught held the attention of young people and adults alike.

Friday a vesper program on “God’s Amazing Universe” was presented by George and Judy Halleron. Throughout the week,

participants were encouraged to attend the Sabbath services.

A musical grand finale was provided by Paul Antone from New Market, Va., on Saturday evening.

A special preliminary feature of “Mission Possible” was a visitation program to people living in low-rent housing. Clothing and food were given, as well as a special handmade quilt for each child in the home. Nineteen quilts were provided.



Bobbie Yates (left) and Louise Boles (right) receive smiles of gratitude as they deliver food and clothing to a needy family during “Mission Possible.”

“Mission Possible” was conceived and coordinated by Wauneta Antone and the women’s ministries department of the Andrews church.

—BY BETTY HARTMAN

Women in South Georgia Gather for Renewal

Seventy-five women from across south Georgia came together in Cordele, Ga., for the one-day women’s conference. Sponsored by the Georgia-Cumberland Conference women’s ministries department, the day offered time for spiritual bonding and fellowship.

Virloy Lewin attended the conference from the Valdosta, Ga., church. “We don’t get to see a lot of women from other churches, so it’s nice just to be able to fellowship with them and meet new people as well,” she said.

Featured speaker Brenda Walsh, producer

and host of “Kid’s Time” on 3ABN, spoke on different topics dealing with the theme “Out of My Comfort Zone.”

The conference was also an opportunity for out-

reach, with evening meetings on Friday and Saturday open to the public. Walsh even appeared on a local news station to promote the evening meetings.

Michelle Chase, a mem-



Brenda Walsh tells guests on Sabbath morning, “If you want to be used by God, you must first be willing to be used.”

ber of the Oglethorpe, Ga., church, said, “I’m so thankful that the meeting could be here in south Georgia. So many of us just have one free day of the weekend, and it’s so far to travel other places. This has really been a blessing having it here.”

Jo Dubs, director of women’s ministries for the Conference, is glad that women’s ministries is making an impact in south Georgia, “I believe that my job is to go to where the people are and provide that ministry for them, and I’m certainly happy to do that.”

—BY REBECCA BROOKS

VBS Continues via Story Hour at Floral Crest



This year the outdoor tent attracted children from the neighborhood. Many continue to come to the story hour.

Children's story hour began in the Floral Crest church as a result of a simple question posed by a child at a vacation Bible school graduation: "Why does it have to end now?" Joyce White, the VBS director, took the question to heart, and an idea began to take form. After talking with several other members, they began making plans for a children's story hour once a month on Wednesday evening during prayer

meeting time.

"It is a continuation of our VBS program," explains White. "This way we keep in contact with the children and their parents. This is important because a third of the more than 90 children who attend VBS are not members of our church."

The Wednesday night story hour usually draws approximately 40 children, plus their parents.

"It's difficult to express how much the VBS and

story hour has positively impacted the surrounding community," says Billy Mitchell, pastor. "Through this program our neighbors now know what our church is all about." Several ladies whose children come to story hour are now attending exercise classes held at the church twice weekly, and another woman whose children have been coming since the program's inception has also attended Sabbath school on several occasions.

The story hour consist of songs, a craft, and then a Bible story. The Bible story is often dramatized. Many hours of volunteer labor go into the creation

of the props and program.

"One person could not possibly do this," White says. "It takes the help of many volunteers."

The story hour team creates the program theme. One of the biggest challenges is finding the right illustrations. The biggest rewards are knowing that many children's hearts are being touched and that the blessings of VBS don't have to end.

—BY REBECCA GRICE



The attention given during VBS to creating authentic props and interesting programs continues throughout the year with the story hour.

Students Launch Campaign of Compassion

Last year, when the December 26, Tsunami took more than 41,000 lives on the small island of Sri Lanka, the children in the church schools of the Gulf States Conference felt a connection. After all, their beloved superintendent of education, Leslie Louis, had grown up in that country and had shared stories with them about this far away place.

In spite of being impacted with the devastation

of Hurricane Katrina in their own Conference, the students raised more than \$2,500, which was sent to the Lakeside Medical Center in Kandy, Sri Lanka. These funds allowed the Medical Center to work in collaboration with World Vision to provide needed books and school supplies for 400 children in four schools along the eastern coast of this Asian island.



School children from Sri Lanka send their thanks to "Uncle Leslie" and the students from Gulf States.

Kohlers Married 60 Years



Walter and Myrtis Kohler celebrated 60 years of marriage September 30. They were married at Mt. Pisgah Academy, where Myrtis was given in marriage by Professor Waller. They were married by L. P. Kennect, whom they had worked with in an evangelism effort in Ashville, N.C.

The Kohlers have spent much of their lives working to spread the Gospel. They have worked in both organized and self-supporting work. While working at Rev 92, with Frank Ottati, they learned that one of their daughters, a teacher at Atlantic Union College, had died in an accident.

They are now living near Myrtis' home in Alabama and attend the Clanton church. They have four living children, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. They are semi-retired, but are still dedicated to working in the Lord's service. They spread the health and the Sabbath Message with magazine racks at flea markets, and work wherever the Lord can use them.

—BY BRENDA DAVIS

College Drive Plant Consecrated

When the College Drive church and school located in Pearl, Miss., celebrated its consecration and open house on July 29, it was a culmination of years of planning, preparation, setbacks, patience, and prayers. The dream has now become a reality, and a beautiful church and school stand as a monument to honor God and serve as an outreach to the entire area.

The church property is located near lovely residential areas and shopping malls, and is easily accessible from Interstate 20 and Highway 80. The beautiful church plant is well designed and includes a sanctuary, which seats more than 300, spacious Sabbath school classrooms, and a choir room. Adjacent to the church building is a new church school and gym complex.

The consecration and open house was well attended. Leslie Louis, Conference secretary, delivered

the worship hour message. The church choir, several members, and guests provided special music during the worship service. Praises such as "A Miracle," "Fantastic," "Impressive," and "Finally," were heard repeated by many of the members and guests. After a fellowship meal, those attending were invited to tour the facility.

The dream began more than 10 years ago when the Jackson church recognized a need to relocate. A committee was formed to look for a new location. Then a decision was made to purchase land in Madison, north of Jackson. Several acres of land were purchased for a total of \$133,000. The members had no idea what a blessing this purchase would become later.

During this time, the Jackson church building was sold, and the Jackson congregation began meeting with the nearby Florence, Miss., church members in their church.



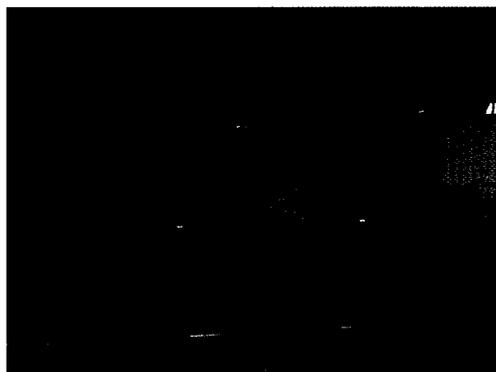
During the service, special music was provided by the choir, several members, and guests.

Later, during a special meeting, a proposal was made that both churches merge as one congregation. The majority of both congregations accepted the proposal, and in September, 2003, the two churches were officially merged and became one congregation. All attending members signed a church charter.

Now with limited space, it was a priority to build. Because of the merger, the Madison property was not acceptable, and another piece of property was purchased in Pearl, Miss. Pearl is an adjoining town east of Jackson. The members voted to sell the Madison property and use the money to help with the construction of the new church and school. They were delighted and praised God for a miracle when the property sold for more than \$1.5 million.

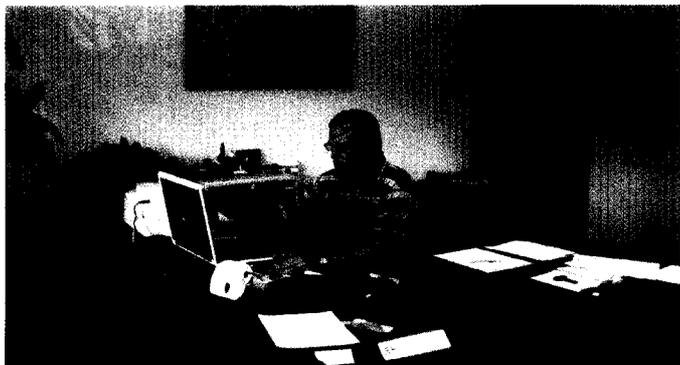
The members are looking forward to serving others in their new facility.

—BY DORIS YOUNG



The openness of the sanctuary is graced on both sides with large uncurtained windows, which give the room a feeling of bringing the outside, inside.

A \$3.5 Million Miracle



Jerry Mangrum, MALS manager, is finally able to return to his office, which was damaged by the fire.

As reported in the August issue of SOUTHERN TIDINGS, Madison Academy Linen Service (MALS) was struck by lightning Wednesday night, May 31, 2006. The result was a devastating fire that destroyed or severely damaged all the equipment, and caused major structural damage to the building.

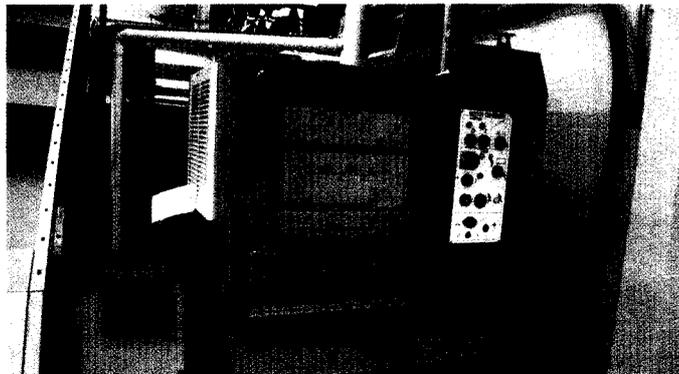
ties, some as far away as Louisville and Chattanooga. Linen supplies that were destroyed by the fire had to be replaced. The Madison Academy gymnasium became the storage area for new supplies of linen, as well as the temporary folding area for laundry processed at other facilities. Many volunteers, including

academy and Conference office staff, drove trucks to transport soiled linen to other facilities for processing and return clean linen to Madison.

Powell Construction, under

the direction of Madison Campus church member Tim Prow, quickly assessed the damage to the building and went to work on the reconstruction. Within a week, clean-up was under way, phones were back in service, and Jerry Mangrum

A major challenge was to continue serving MALS clients—mostly health care institutions—without interruption. Before the fire was out, Jerry Mangrum, manager, was on the phone making arrangements to use other laundry facili-



Computers control the operation of the laundry equipment.

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was reassuring clients that the plant rebuild was going well. Removal of the damaged roof began in late June, and the damaged walls were removed in early July. By mid-July the new walls were up, and the steel girders for the roof were in place. A portion of the floor had to be torn up to modify the drainage system for the new washers. And, by mid-August the roof was complete, and the new floor completed and re-surfaced. On August 16, new equipment began arriving and installation began. On September 1, Jerry Mangrum, was able to return to his newly restored office. Testing of the new equipment began on September 20. By October 2, the laundry was back in full operation.

Total losses, including the damage to the building and equipment, loss of linen, and loss of use of the building, amounted to \$3.5 million. However, as horrendous as that sounds, it has proved to be a blessing in disguise. Replacing

the equipment with new, more efficient equipment has placed MALS in a more competitive position in the laundry industry in Tennessee. With new equipment and improvements to the facility, MALS now has a brighter future.

Madison Academy Linen Service is owned and operated by Madison Academy, a day academy of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, located in Madison, Tennessee. The academy has operated the industry since 1964, which provides employment for 21 full-time adult workers and 45 students from the academy.

"In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed." 1 Peter 1:6-7.

—BY MARVIN LOWMAN

Disabilities Awareness Challenges Comfort Zones

A *Disabilities Awareness Sabbath* was held August 26, at the Hendersonville, Tenn., church. This special Sabbath was the first of its kind in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference.

that Sabbath during the Sabbath services. Charles Whittenburg became blind and used a white cane. Mary Wood temporarily lost her hearing and tried to communicate. And, Andy Jackson experienced wheelchair use. During the Sabbath school program on August 26, these three joined a panel which also included people with real disabilities.

The discussion brought to light the barriers in our Churches which limit our ministry to

people with disabilities.

The afternoon program, entitled, "Unusual Gifts," was the highlight of

the day, and was filled with music, learning, and a little laughter.

Joseph Scott and his wife, Bonita, shared their story, describing life for Joseph, who uses an electric wheelchair which he navigates by blowing into a control tube positioned near his mouth. The couple explained the needs of both Joseph as the individual with a disability, and Bonita as the primary care giver.

George Hamilton, the disabilities ministries director for the South Central Conference, shared information on people with hearing impairments, and Sharon Harrell outlined specifics regarding people who are deaf.

Tammy Vice provided useful information on ministering to people with

cognitive disabilities, based on her real-life experience with an autistic daughter.

Blindness and its personal side was the theme for Mike Harrell, a guide-dog user. The graphic demonstrations of real barriers and the methods used to remove them were uniquely effective. Duane Hamilton helped keep the program on a spiritual track with his baritone voice, singing meaningful selections throughout the afternoon.

Twenty percent of the population has some sort of disability. The mission of spreading the love of Jesus Christ and the message of His soon return must include all people—people with disabilities as well.

—BY MIKE HARRELL



Whit Whittenburg (left), George Hamilton, Andy Jackson, Mike Harrell, co-director of disabilities ministries for the Southern Union; and James Goodman served as a panel to discuss disability issues.

The previous Sabbath, August 19, three specially selected individuals "adopted" a disability for

Owensboro is Home for New Hispanic Group

The Owensboro, Ky., church has welcomed a rapidly growing group of Spanish-speaking Christians from our community to the

church family. What started out with three or four attending services has grown to more than 20. They have become an active and very

important part of the Owensboro congregation.

Each Sabbath, under the leadership of Lucas Vilorio, the group conducts services in Spanish in one part of the church complex. Both congregations meet together for potluck and fellowship each week following Sabbath school and worship.

Since their formation they have had nine baptisms, four baby dedications, and one wedding.



The group also meets weekly for Bible study, and several of them are studying the English language as well.

—BY MARGO HOBDY



Owensboro's newly formed Hispanic group

South Atlantic Holds Annual Elders Retreat

"Saved to Serve" was the theme of the South Atlantic local elders and head deacons retreat. This annual meeting was held September 15-17, 2006, at the River Oaks Worship & Convention Center in Orangeburg, S.C.

The local elders and deacons in South Atlantic are always anxious to attend the retreat as a time of spiritual renewal and fellowship, and this year's meeting was no exception.

Many of the attendees look forward to the Friday night communion and ordinance of humility services. William L. Winston, executive secretary for the Conference, gave an inspirational message to remind all of how Jesus set the example of servant



"The Twins" from Charlotte, N.C., gave a concert before Sabbath vesper.



William L. Winston (left), Conference executive secretary; Vanard J. Mendinghall, Conference president; and Craig Newborn, pastor of the Oakwood College church, prepare to begin the service.

leadership. The elders and deacons then paired off and began to wash each other's feet. Afterward, everyone assembled in the main auditorium for the communion service.

The table dressing has become a tradition for the retreat. The conference president, Vanard Mendinghall, personally decorates the table with white linen, trimmed in gold and laden with all manner of fruit and juice. After the service ends, the pastors distribute the fruit and juice to the attendees.

Local elders Ronald Chunn, Wilma Boyd, and Fred Dunlap gave inspiring

words at the "Morning Manna" devotionals and Sabbath vesper service. Also, two dynamic presenters this year were Craig Newborn, pastor of the Oakwood College church in Huntsville, Ala.,

and Alfred Williams, an Egyptologist, who shared information on how to be more effective in doing evangelism in the African-American community. The Twins, Betty Bellamy and Nancy Wallace, from Charlotte,

N.C., gave a concert and shared their testimony of how God brought them into the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

On Saturday night, the meeting moved into the gymnasium of the newly opened youth worship and recreation center. Stephen Brooks, South Atlantic youth director, hosted a free throw championship, with trophies being given to the top three participants.

South Atlantic has been conducting a retreat for its local elders and head deacons for more than 35 years. It is held the third weekend of September each year.

—BY JAMES K. LAMB, JR.



Laurence Hamilton (left), Conference ministerial secretary; and Major James Reid, National Service Organization director, serve the emblems of communion to the elders and deacons.

106 Years Young



Earline McCoy, a member of the Berea church in Sumter, S.C., celebrated her 106th birthday with her family and friends. McCoy is a strong

supporter of Christian education, as well as other church programs. She is loves the outdoors and continued taking care of her flower garden well into her 80s.

Even though she cannot attend church as regu-

larly as she used to, she still enjoys singing hymns and believes that living for God and obeying Him with a cheerful heart is one key to a long life.

—BY WILLIE DUPREE

Georgia Seniors Host Federation



Dorothy Mants, Georgia Senior Federation president, gives remarks.

The Georgia Senior Federation was held at Berean church on September 23, 2006, there were 2,000-plus in attendance. More than 250 seniors were seated in the reserved center section of the church, and others throughout the congregation, as they stood during the "age roll call."

The theme of the program was, "So the Next Generation May Know Him." Charles D. Brooks, retired general field secretary for the General Conference, was the divine worship speaker. Following the worship service, the seniors had a grand luncheon in the banquet hall of the Conference office. After lunch, there was more to come. An evening service



R.L. Woodfork serves as the senior ministries liaison for South Atlantic.

included a health emphasis seminar by David Moore, M.D., who also serves as the health director for South Atlantic. The federation ended with an old fashion "Prayer and Praise" service, with many of the seniors sharing wonderful testimonies of the goodness of God down through the years.

R. L. Woodfork, retired president of South Atlantic, now serves as the senior ministries liaison for the Conference, worked with Dorothy Mants, president of the Georgia Federation, to coordinate this event.

Special recognition was given to Johnnie Mae Taylor, a member from the West End church, for being the oldest member in attendance. Taylor, who is



Charles D. Brooks, retired speaker for the Breath of Life television broadcast, was the speaker for the federation.

99 years old, is vibrant and has more energy than many who are 30 years younger. She received a rousing ovation as she sprang from her seat when her name was called. Evelyn Smith, a member of the Atlanta-Berean church, was recognized as the oldest baptized member in attendance. She was baptized in 1922.

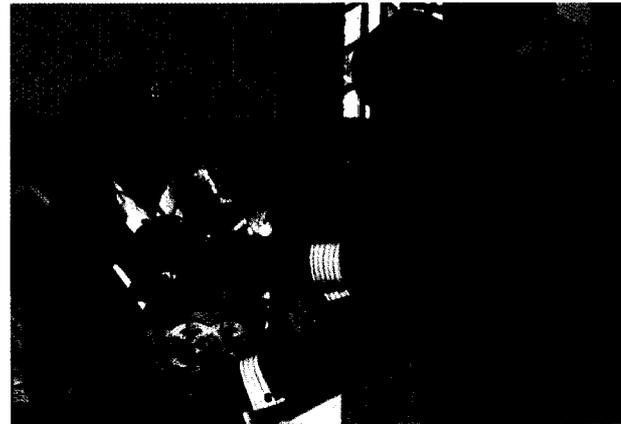
There were other seniors in



Evelyn Smith (right), was honored as the oldest baptized senior at the federation. She is pictured standing beside another 90-plus senior, Jimmie Gilbert.

attendance from Florida, South Carolina, and North Carolina, as well.

—BY DOROTHY MANTS



Johnnie Mae Taylor, 99, was the oldest senior in attendance at the federation. She was presented with a plant from Carlton P. Byrd, senior pastor of the Atlanta-Berean church.

Garden Brings "Huge" Results for High Point Students

Spring gardening was fun and rewarding as the students at Baldwin's Chapel church school, located in High Point, N.C., with help of principal and

teacher Beatrice Banks, participated in the Bonnie Plant Farms Cabbage Program. Bonnie Farms provided the third graders with several heads of "oversized" cab-

bage plants which can grow to more than 40 pounds.

The students could see the results of their labor as they attended to the plants on a daily basis. The sight

was so tempting that the neighbors began to help themselves. In June, the largest plant grown was approximately eight pounds.

—BY BEATRICE BANKS

Conference Announces Leadership Assignments

South Central Executive Committee held its quarterly meeting in Verbena, Ala., at the United Prison Ministries International headquarters on September 24.

The day began with committee business. Many were prayerfully awaiting



Benjamin P. Browne remains president of South Central Conference

President Browne's decision regarding the Union's call to serve as executive secretary. After two weeks of prayer and fasting, Browne announced that he would remain with

South Central Conference. New pastoral assign-

ments voted were: Samuel Amfo, New Hope/Mobile/Gulfport/Moss Point, Miss.; Lorenzo Shepherd, Springfield/Franklin, Tenn.; Willie Black (interim), South Park/Birmingham, Ala.; James Owens, Longview/Memphis, Tenn.; Clarence Norman (interim), Anniston/Gadsden, Ala.; Furman Fordham II, Riverside/Nashville, Tenn.; Randolph Stafford (interim), New Life/Louisville, Ky.; Sylister Jackson, Bethany/Montgomery/Evergreen, Ala.; David Lee, assistant pastor, Oakwood College church;

Edward Harden, pastoral internship, Andrews University. Also voted were departmental director assignments: Java Mattison, Jr., publishing department; Michael Harpe, communication/ASI/stewardship/trust services; Steve Norman, community services/ushers/greeters/archives/religious liberty.

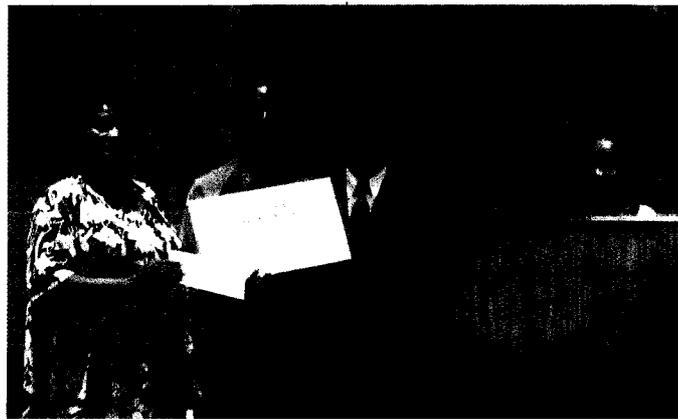
—BY MICHAEL HARPE

Mississippi Youth Awarded Scholarships to Attend Oakwood College

"The true object of education is to restore the image of God in the soul." *Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 595.

Mississippi is focused on a mission. What is that mission? To assist young men and women from Mississippi who want to attend Oakwood College.

Mississippi Friends of Oakwood College United Supporters (Mississippi FOCUS) announces scholarship recipients for the 2006-07 academic school year. Joshua Champion of Berean church in Jackson, Miss., and Timothy Ware of Cleveland First church in Cleveland, Miss., will receive scholarships totaling



Joe Ann Champion (left), Joshua Champion, Danny Chandler, Derek Lane, and Reta Chandler.

\$2,500.

Mississippi FOCUS is a \$50,000 scholarship program, founded in 1996 by Danny R. Chandler, a 1984 graduate of Oakwood Col-

lege, and his wife, Reta. All contributions to Mississippi FOCUS are tax deductible.

"With the rising costs of higher education, there is a need for programs like

Mississippi FOCUS," said Chandler. He continued, "We are investing in our young people. I am pleased that we are able to help in some small way."

Chandler challenges other states to duplicate programs like Mississippi FOCUS. "If each state had a coordinator to identify 4,000 individuals to give at least \$25 per year, the result would be \$100,000—a \$100,000 would go a long way in assisting students who desire to attend Oakwood College. Just think, \$2.10 per month is not a whole lot for Christian education."

—BY DANNY R. CHANDLER

First Prayer Day Held in Cleveland

On September 16, the East Cleveland, Tenn., church sponsored the first prayer day for the Eastern Tennessee Federation of Churches. Roy Rugless, South Central's prayer ministries director, declared, "History is being made today...this is the first of a continuing trend. This min-

istry is organized to begin a prayer offense to break down strongholds, usher in the latter rain, and the second coming of Christ." The Pleasant Grove Baptist church on Inman Street was the site for the event.

Joseph Milner, pastor, East Cleveland, Tenn., church, hosted the event.

He shared with the congregation the magnitude of focusing on prayer. Milner's wife, Regina, is the district prayer coordinator, and co-planner of the event. George Byers, district pastor, and his wife, Carol, supported the event.

Philip Samaan, professor of theology at Southern Adventist University, was the featured speaker and Sabbath afternoon workshop presenter.

During divine worship, Samaan shared a unique message highlighting the fragrance of our prayers as it relates to the altar of incense and Jesus' (intercessory) prayers for us. He revealed that we have a Comforter and Intercessor that takes our human prayers and mingles them with His sweet smelling savor, making them presentable to the Father in Jesus' name.



East Tennessee prayer day attendees

The Sabbath afternoon workshop was equally provocative as the attendees delved deeper into the study of prayer utilizing Samaan's book, *Christ's Way to Pray*. Each family that attended received this book as a gift. The three areas of emphasis were: "How Christ Prays for You," "How Christ Prays with You," and "The Power of Prayer and Witness."

—BY MICHAEL HARPE



Philip and Sherilyn Samaan (left), from Southern Adventist University, were invited to Cleveland's first prayer day; Roy Rugless, South Central's prayer ministries director; and Regina and Joseph Milner, serve as the district prayer coordinators.

South Cental Officers and Office Dedication Service

Benjamin Browne, Conference president, called a day of consecration for the executive committee, administrative officers, departmental directors, staff, and Conference office on June 25, 2006.

Roy Rugless, Conference prayer coordinator, led the event. Gordon Retzer, Southern Union president, was the key-



note speaker and delivered an inspiring message.

Charles Dudley and Roy Rugless offered prayers of

consecration and rededication. The atmosphere of prayer and praise enveloped the Conference chapel. The spirit of power and partnership with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, was the focus.

—BY MICHAEL HARPE

Lighthouse Teens Answer Mission Call

In July, four brave teenagers from the Lighthouse church joined more than 200 young people on a mission trip to Chiclayo, Peru. The objective was to build much needed schools and churches.

The mission trip, Ultimate Workout 16, is an annual two-week project for high school and academy students. Every year teenagers from North America and abroad come together to build schools and churches.

Sylvia James brought the information about the need for volunteers in Peru to the youth leader, Kareem McKay. Keegan Palmer, Jovan Davis, Marco McKay,

and Juliette Tedim answered the call.

At first the funds needed for the project seemed unattainable. The teenagers went on a fundraising drive, and Lighthouse members stepped forward to help send these willing teens to Peru.

The teens from Lighthouse did not stay together; they went in four different group areas. Some groups conducted vacation Bible schools; others went with the medical and dental teams into the community.

However, it took the effort of all the teen-volunteers to build the schools and churches within the allotted time. When five new

churches were erected, it was a huge accomplishment.

The teens were interviewed by the Lighthouse communication leader, to find out what inspired them the most.

Keegan, 15, states that the children needed shoes, and wishes to return next year to take them some.

Jovan, 17, questioned why he was going before he left. During the trip, he wondered why they were so happy with so little. When it was time for him to return, he was reluctant to, because there was so much work left to be done in the mission field.

Marco, 16, wished he could build a water supply

system for the natives in order for them to have clean, fresh water to drink.

Juliette, 14, was inspired to see how much the children looked up to her; she knew how important it is for individuals to be Christ-like everywhere.

The girls needed dresses and proper plumbing system she says, and hopes to continue volunteering for Christ.

Upon their return, the teens were emotional. They felt that the people they left behind were now family.

Spiritually, their lives were changed forever. They will never forget this experience.

—BY JULIA TEDIM

NAD Adopts Southeastern's Technology Ministries

The Southeastern Conference technology department recently hosted the annual fall meeting of the North American Division Technology Standards Committee (TSC), September 19 -21.

During this meeting the group voted to officially adopt Southeastern's model for technology ministries and implement it throughout the Division.

Nancy Lamoreaux, NAD director of technology, stated, "Southeastern has changed the outlook of technology, Division-wide. We, technology professionals, have a vital role to play in the spreading of the Gospel."

NAD Treasurer Juan

Prestol, chairman of TSC, is excited to see the new direction that the group is taking. He said, "Technology professionals play a vital role in the Work. Without you, the Church can't function."

The fall meeting marked the first time that TSC was held at a regional conference office.

Southeastern hosted the meeting as a result of a presentation on technology ministries that was given by Robert Henley, director of technology ministries at Southeastern, during the spring meeting of TSC, held in San Antonio, Tex. Southeastern launched technology ministries in 2000.

The group also took a

tour of the Patmos Chapel church, which is one of the model technology churches in the Conference.

TSC is composed of the technology directors from every union, local conference, and Adventist institution in the North American

Division.

This group meets twice a year, and is responsible for setting technology policies and trends that are implemented throughout the North American Division.

—BY ROBERT HENLEY



Juan Prestol (left), NAD treasurer; and Nancy Lamarouex, NAD technology director, discuss the concept of technology ministries.

Southeastern Defines Educational Technology

The Southeastern Conference office of education was on the technological edge during the 2006 North American Division Teachers Convention.

Southeastern was part of the Southern Union's Adventist EDGE exhibit.

Each of the eight conferences in the Southern Union were assigned a specific component of the Adventist EDGE to define.

Southeastern was asked to define the technology component.

The booth showcased the Southeastern EDGE Technology Initiative, the SciMath Website (www.secsimath.org), and the Miami Union Academy Virtual School (www.muavs.org).

More than 7,000 Adventist educators attended the second North American Division Teachers Convention, which is held every five years.

The Southern Union

was the host union. The convention was held in Nashville, Tenn., August 6-9.

"As the host Union, we wanted to showcase the Union's commitment to delivering quality Adventist Education," stated Conrad Gill, superintendent of



Carol Byrd (left), Conference associate superintendent, interacts with convention attendee.

education for the Southern Union.

—BY ROBERT HENLEY

Oster Paul Retires After 41 Years of Service

Oster A. Paul, has retired after 41 years of service to the Adventist Church.

Paul attended Oakwood College and Andrews University. While at Oakwood, he met his wife, the former Pauline Lynch. They were married in 1964.

In addition to pastoring more than 18 churches in both the South Atlantic and Southeastern conferences,

Paul has served the Church in a number of capacities: education director, trust services director, religious liberty director, campground superintendent, and building committee chairman for the Southeastern Conference.



Paul also served on the Orlando Housing Authority during his tenure in the Orlando district.

Paul played a vital role in the division of the South Atlantic Conference into two segments, the South Atlantic and the South-

eastern conferences.

The Pauls have two adult children, Oster Harrison Paul Jr., an auto technician; and Christopher Anslem Paul, currently the pastor of the Brunswick and Waycross, Ga., district.

The Pauls currently reside in Jesup, Ga., where they will assist their son in winning individuals to Christ in that region.

—BY LENORE BRANTLEY

Perrine School Holds Dedication Service

The Perrine church recently held the grand opening of its new education complex that will house the Perrine Adventist School.

Maxwell Berkel, pastor; Daniel Mitchell, principal; Bernice James, and church members, worked hard to complete the project.

The Perrine Adventist School, a K-8 school, had been operating in the church since it opened in

the fall of 1996, under the leadership of its former pastor, David L. Peay.

Among the platform guests in attendance was Elisa Young, Conference superintendent of education.

L. Hall and W. C. Byrd were present, and were part of the grand opening ceremonies.

Carol Byrd, Conference associate superintendent of education, was

the keynote speaker. Byrd focused in her presentation on "Five P's:" prayer, planning, and positive physical plant.

She also stressed the goals of the Seventh-day Adventist curriculum. She stated that students must be nurtured, taught, counseled, and prayed with to excel educationally, ecclesiastically, and eternally.

Byrd ended on a spiri-

tual high by singing, "Go Ye Therefore and Teach all Children."

The opening of the new facility came just in time for the 2006-2007 school year.

To God be the Glory Great Things He Hath Done for our boys and girls in Perrine. This school will truly be a light-house in Perrine's Community.

—BY CAROL BYRD

Student Honored for College Success



Yolonda Burris poses with Hillary Clinton at the Orphan Foundation of America's National Care Package kickoff on Capitol Hill.

Members of Congress from both parties and other national organizations honored Yolonda Burris, an Oakwood College social work student, for her success in overcoming the challenges of being orphaned at an early age, and achieving college success. Yolonda was selected as a national representative for foster children at the Orphan Foundation of America's National Care Package kickoff event. The event, which took place on Capitol Hill, is designed to commemorate the efforts of emancipated foster children who have overcome past family crises, made successful advancement in college, and striven to find vision and meaning in their lives.

The Orphan Founda-

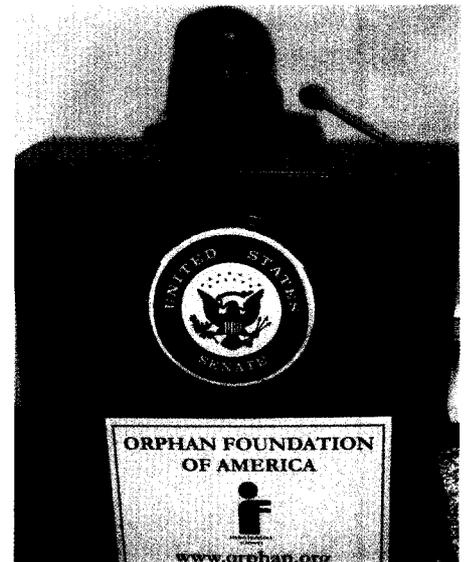
tion reports that each year more than 25,000 youth pass through the foster care system. Unfortunately, one-fifth will become homeless, one in four incarcerated, and one-third will remain unemployed for at least a few years after leaving the foster care system. It is with this knowledge that members of Congress set aside time to commemorate young adults who have reached this milestone.

Child Protective Services removed Yolonda, the youngest of four siblings, from her parents' care at the age of four. Both parents were chronic drug addicts, and the children suffered from severe neglect because of their parents' addiction. Yolonda and her siblings were transferred to a

number of foster homes for various reasons, but it was at her last foster home where she learned about the Seventh-day Adventist Church and a place called Oakwood College. She learned that Oakwood had a strong reputation as a Christian institution that inspired students towards achieving their God-given goals. Despite being told that it would be financially difficult to matriculate through college, she was determined to attend Oakwood. "I came to Oakwood with \$200

in my pocket and did not know anyone," Yolonda recalled. In May, 2007, she will become the first person in her family to graduate from college.

During the kickoff event, Yolonda addressed members of Congress, was featured on *Family News and Focus Radio*, and assisted in the preparation of 7,500 care packages that were sent to former foster care college students across America. Yolonda views the event as a reminder from God that He has and always will be with her. Keenly interested in helping other foster children fulfill their potential; she plans to work in the field of foster care and adoption after acquiring her master of social work degree.



Yolonda Burris, who was selected as a national representative for foster children, addresses members of Congress.

Opera Diva Angela Brown Gives Back to Alma Mater



Oakwood's Aeolians perform with Metropolitan Opera star Angela Brown

Metropolitan Opera star Angela Brown paid a visit to her alma mater on September 13, for the expressed purpose of giving back to the institution where she received her foundation as a vocal artist. Brown, who graduated from Oakwood College with a bachelor of music degree in voice in 1991, spoke at an Educational Encounter in a relaxed forum geared primarily toward music majors. It was her second trip to the area this year, having recently accepted the College's outstanding alumnus award at the May 2006, commencement ceremony.

During her visit, Brown shared the story of how God guided her through amazing opportunities that transformed her musical experience and vocal style, allowing her to build a repertoire that would steadily prepare her for her "first real break." That break finally came in 2004 when

Brown took center stage after the principal soprano for whom she was an understudy suffered an allergic reaction and was unable to perform in the New York Metropolitan Opera production of *Aida*. As she spoke candidly to aspiring voice and music majors in an informal setting at the Peters Hall auditorium, it was hard to believe that she sat in one of those auditorium seats as an Oakwood student only 15 years ago.

A powerful soprano, Brown begs to differ with the overnight stardom theory so often billed with her name. She credits the confidence she exudes as a vocalist to the consistent exposure to operatic classics she received in the classrooms of Oakwood's voice professors. "Dr. Beazley would constantly have her students rehearse *Aida*," she recalled, adding, "It was that kind of preparation that allowed me to claim that role." Her engaging "keep-

it-real" mannerism was an inspiration to students who hoped to gain insight to the world of professional vocal performance.

Brown shared her professional ups-and-downs, entertained numerous questions, and offered practical advice and encouragement to enthusiastic students who sat in rapt attention. "Be prepared, and be a good colleague," she advised students.

Breaking her usually dignified stance, she blurted out, "Ain't nobody wanna work with a diva with bad attitude, so be a diva in the good sense—be prepared, and be approachable."

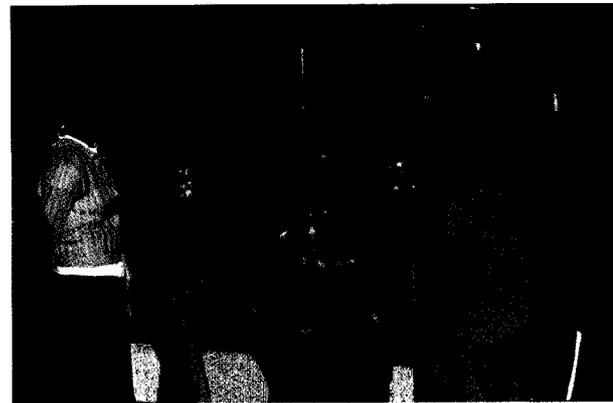
The trips to campus were several that week as she rehearsed with Oakwood's Aeolians, in preparation for a September 17, performance. Brown appeared in concert with Ginger Beazley and the Aeolians

that weekend at Trinity United Methodist Church in Huntsville, Ala. The event was part of the Huntsville Chamber Music Guild's Celebrity Series, marking its 54th season.

Concert pianist/conductor David Wolff accompanied soprano Angela Brown, who sang to a packed house and received several standing ovations and encore requests.

In her usual down-to-earth manner, she dispelled any opera phobias her audience may have had, offering modern-day elucidations interspersed among spectacular arias. It was enough to keep everyone vacillating between laughter and tears. Ginger Beazley, her beloved voice professor and personal vocal coach while at Oakwood, later joined her on stage for a duet of "I Waited for the Lord." The Aeolians, under the new directorship of Norman Crarey, professor, closed out the evening's performance with Angela Brown in a touching rendition of "My Soul's Been Anchored," followed by Brown's encore "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands."

—BY MICHELE SOLOMON



Metropolitan Opera soprano Angela Brown talks openly with Oakwood music students during the recent Educational Encounter at Peters Hall auditorium.

'Creation Wall' Unveiled at Takoma Adventist Hospital



"Let there be light..."

A visual reminder of Takoma Adventist Hospital's core values was unveiled Tuesday, Oct. 3, just inside its main entrance.

A "Creation Wall" was unveiled during a 9:30 a.m. dedication ceremony, featuring several photographs depicting the seven days of

Creation in the Bible. The photographs are original creations by Scott Swarner of Great Art From Photos.

Carlyle Walton, Takoma's president and

chief executive officer, provided the welcome. Scripture was read from Genesis retelling the Creation story by several associates as each corresponding photo was unveiled. "How Great Thou Art" was sung by Jack Lister, human resources director, while accompanied

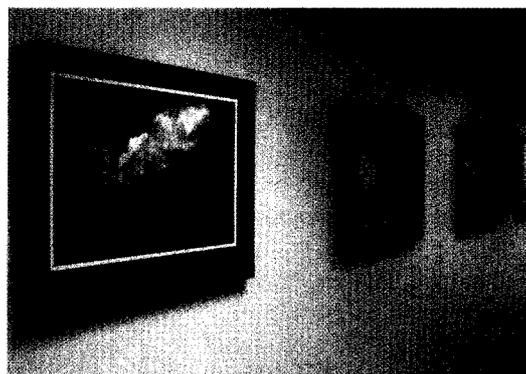
on piano by Cindy Luttrell, social services director. Donald L. Jernigan, president/CEO of Adventist Health System, gave the closing invocation.

"My motivation for the Creation Wall is that we are a faith-based organization,

and we believe in our Creator and our Re-Creator," Walton explained.

"He restores health—physical, mental, and spiritual. This new

Creation Wall will set that tone visually as you enter our hospital. It will remind our patients and their guests that everything we do at Takoma is done to honor God."



Dramatic images depicting the seven days of Creation are displayed along the main entry corridor of the hospital.

Florida Hospital East Orlando Growing to Meet Community Needs



An artist rendering of the new tower

The East Orlando community is growing, and the need for health care is greater than ever be-

fore. Florida Hospital East Orlando is nearing completion of a major inpatient and outpatient expansion

and renovation project. The ambitious project will add a five-story patient tower with 80 new beds and space for 80 future beds. The private patient rooms will feature large windows that allow natural light to filter in, warm wooded floors, and ample space for family and friends to visit, providing a calming and comfortable healing environment for the patient.

The tower also will feature a new hospital entrance and lobby, a new chapel, and new dining area. Additionally, the tow-

er's outpatient services will include an expanded imaging department complete with a new state-of-the-art MRI, a renovated cardiopulmonary department, and two new sleep labs. Conveniently accessible, the hospital's outpatient services will be located off the main entrance to the hospital to enhance the patient's overall experience.

The expansion is on track for a January, 2007, completion and February, 2007, grand opening.

Website Reaches the Community

Southern has an addition to its website. Friends of Southern can now watch vespers live every Friday evening wherever they are. Visit Southern's website, www.southern.edu, and click on "vespers streaming live" to watch vespers from your computer.

"This is an opportunity for prospective students and parents to enjoy an aspect of what makes South-

ern special," says Vinita Sauder, vice president for marketing and enrollment services.

Vespers begins at 8 p.m., on Friday nights.

Also featured on Southern's website are freshman blogs. The weekly journal entries from seven freshman students allow parents, alumni, and future college students to get a peek into Southern life.

"Last year's blogs gave me insight into what to expect in my freshman year of college," says blogger Audrey Cooper, a freshman intercultural communication major. "I hope that high school students out there will read this year's blogs and feel the same way."

—BY KATIE MINNER



View Audrey's blog at www.southern.edu

Students Learn About Civil War Photography

Photographer Wendell Decker showed Southern students what the photography process was like in the mid-1800s.

Using only equipment and material available during the 1800s, Decker uses a sliding box camera, which requires exposure times of about six seconds. The process of developing the wet silver plates takes three or four minutes.

Decker is one of a handful of photographers in the world preserving the art of ambrotype photography, a technique commonly used during the Civil War.

—BY ANH PHAM



Wendell Decker shows student Krisztina Nagy how to use a sliding box camera.

Academy Seniors ViewSouthern

500 academy seniors from across the Southern Union gathered at Southern Adventist University for ViewSouthern this September.

"ViewSouthern is a great way for high school

seniors to experience what Southern has to offer," says Veronyka Perez, sophomore education major and ambassador for the School of Education and Psychology.

The ambassadors, university students selected by

each of the academic areas at Southern, guided academy students during their stay, and helped them find locations of seminars and buildings.

In early September, each senior informs South-

ern which majors interest him/her the most. When students visit Southern, enrollment services has a personalized itinerary for them with seminars tailored to their interests.

—BY NATALIA LOPEZ-THISMON

Southern Union Revolving Fund – Still the Best Investment Opportunity

Even with rising interest rates paid by CDs and other investments, the Southern Union Revolving Fund may still be the best place to invest your funds long-term if one of your main considerations is the mission of evangelism and church growth in the Southern Union.

The Southern Union Revolving Fund (SURF) is a multi-million dollar fund operated by the Southern Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, for the purpose of making affordable loans to denominational institutions owned by the local conferences in the Southern Union.

The SURF receives deposits from members of the Southern Union who have a desire to invest funds long term, receive a moderate interest rate on their investment, have the security of the full strength of the Southern Union, and have the goal of advancing the mission of the Southern Union to grow churches, and institutions that will spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

By charter the SURF is a 90-day demand note. This means that any deposits made to the SURF are under a 90-day restriction relative to withdrawal. For example, if a depositor were to deposit \$10,000 in the SURF and later ask to withdraw the full deposit plus interest, technically SURF would have 90 days to fulfill the withdrawal request. The

reason for this is that SURF, invests deposited funds in various church loans within the Southern Union, and any excess funds are invested in long term investments that will yield a return at least equal to the interest paid to the note holders. In order to fulfill withdrawal requests, investments must be sold to free up cash, and SURF needs time to sell investments and, hopefully, not experience a loss.

The practice of SURF has been to fulfill withdrawal requests in a very short period of time, but currently, since interest rates may appear to be more attractive elsewhere, and those seeking a higher return on their long-term investments are sometimes making full withdrawal of their deposits, SURF is put in a position of having to enforce the 90-day demand note restriction. Please work closely with the SURF administrators when requesting withdrawals, and please take time to plan ahead so that you are not put in an awkward position when needing to withdraw funds.

When the SURF board of directors sets interest rates for SURF, it takes into consideration the long-term interest rates offered by commercial lenders, and the interest rates paid by banks for long term CDs. The board tries to strike a balance between these two factors. It must also take into consideration administration

costs to manage the Fund, and any unforeseen losses in investment; therefore, there is a two percent spread between the interest rate for loans and the interest rate for deposits. Currently, the interest rate for loans is six and a half percent, and for deposits four and a half percent. As the market continues to change, SURF will continue to reevaluate the interest rates.

SURF is not designed to compete with banks or commercial lending institutions. SURF is designed for one specific purpose, and that is to offer affordable loans to our churches and institutions in the Southern Union. SURF does not charge closing costs and has never had to foreclose on a church. Even with rising interest rates on CDs and other investment opportunities, SURF is still one of the best long-term investment opportunities for those who have as their main goal the mission of evangelism and church growth in the Southern Union. If it is higher interest rates that you are looking for, we understand and realize that there are other investments that you need to consider.

Thank you to the long term supporters who continue to invest in SURF because of your commitment to the on-going mission, as well as those who have invested in SURF in the past. Your deposit in SURF has been much appreciated and has

made a positive impact on our continued growth in the Southern Union.

—BY TOM KAPUSTA

Pierces Celebrate 50 Years of Marriage



Walter and Barbara Pierce celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 16. They were joined by family and friends for a special celebration at the Evergreen Marriott Hotel located at Stone Mountain Park in Georgia, on September 17. Barbara is employed as administrative assistant to the president and executive secretary of the Southern Union Conference, where she has worked for 43 years.

The Pierces are members of the Atlanta North church. They have two daughters: Patti Pierce Shanko, married to John Shanko of Jacksonville, Fla.; and Debbie Pierce Golden, married to Mike Golden of Ocala, Fla.; and two grandchildren: Kelsey and Kolby Golden.

New Church Group Involves the Community

BY SHERRI KEITH



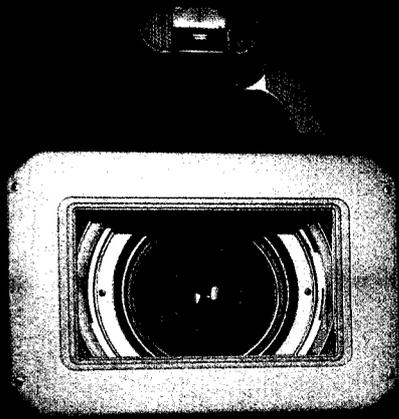
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The name "Jesus First" was chosen because we want the community to be clear that we are Seventh-day Adventists who believe in Jesus and put Him first in our lives. Many people often confuse the Adventist Church with groups that don't emphasize having a real relationship with Jesus. We want to make it clear that a relationship with Jesus is the most important thing Adventists believe.

Drew Rester is the Jesus First group leader.



Miracle Media Center

BY MICHAEL HARPE

First High Definition Production Studio in the North American Division

The South Central executive committee was privileged to tour the new Miracle Media Center, a state-of-the-art high definition production studio built debt free by United Prison Ministries International (UPMI). It's the first of its kind among North America's Adventist production studios.

The founders of this vision are Richard and Carolyn Bland. It was their obedience to the Lord's call many years ago that allowed them the opportunity to build this studio. According to UPMI, "It was in 1980 when Richard and Carolyn Bland, founders of UPMI, were invited to visit a local prison in Alabama. After this visit the Holy Spirit convicted them that these inmates were hungry and thirsting to know about Jesus Christ. The Blands were



Executive committee members were pleased to bear of the Miracle Media Center's possibilities. Richard Bland (right), UPMI director, explains the particulars of the studio.

impressed to give 200 copies of *Desire of Ages* and *Steps to Christ* to the prison chaplain for the inmates. The prison chaplain was so impressed by the books that he requested one thousand more copies.

"They knew that God was leading them. Shortly, they began to have weekly Bible studies with the inmates. Within weeks, they were giving weekly Bible studies to 200 inmates. Six weeks after they began Bible studies in the prison, God impressed the Blands to start an intensive Bible instructor training course for a small group of inmates. God greatly blessed this program and the Bible study course.

"The prison officials and wardens began to see impressive changes in the conduct and lives of the inmates who were involved in these Bible studies and training course. This excited the Blands, and it gave them the desire to do more. The Blands organized a small group of volunteers from several local churches. This was the beginning of United Prison Ministries. In just over a year UPMI grew from one to nine prisons each week with 110 volunteers."

Now UPMI has expanded, moving into the media age with the Miracle Media Center. After 10 days of fasting, Bland received confirmation from the Lord to build a media center. The project began in 2004, and opened for business



HD studio equipment at Miracle Media Center

March 28, 2006. "Miracle" is the correct name. The Lord was in the plan from the beginning: the project was completed debt free, valued at \$1.5 million—a miracle. When there was no ability in the rural area for high speed Internet hook-ups at a reasonable price, a "T1" line from Atlanta was provided—a miracle.

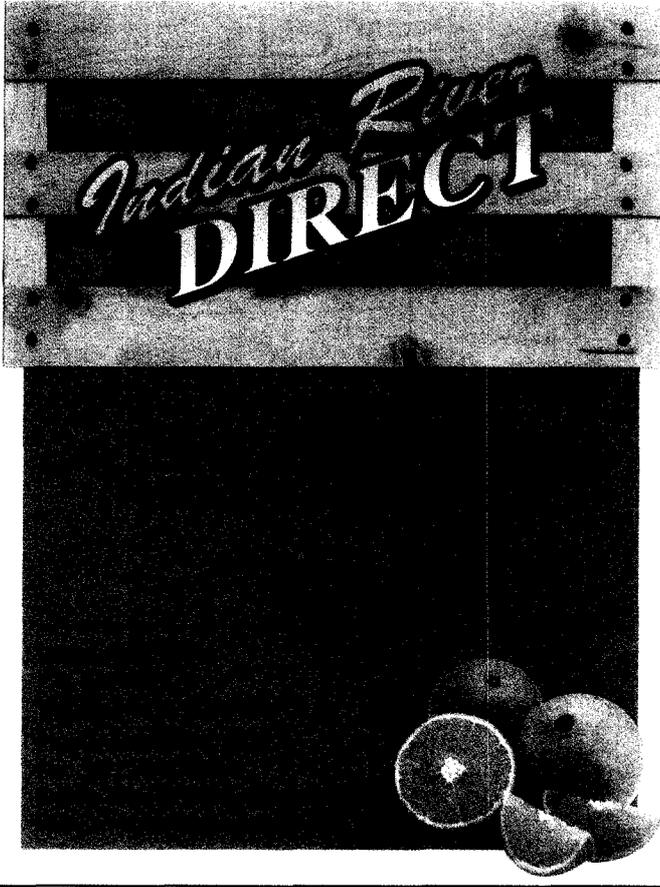
When staff members were needed, they came from near and far, out of the country and in the country. The Lord sent the staff—a miracle. Hughes Blandy and his wife, Veronique, both qualified, came from France, and serve at the media center. Isabel Martinez came from Columbia; she was the architect who designed

the building. There are those who come through with talent, such as Ellie Conrad. Also, there is Samuel Thomas, pastor from Orchard Park in Chattanooga, Tennessee, who assists from time to time with his media talent. The team is growing—a miracle.

When asked the question, "Why build a studio?" Bland states that "Matthew 28:18, 19 is our gospel commission to carry the Message worldwide. Therefore, United Prison Ministries International has the ability to ship truth-filled literature around the world, web-cast with high quality video over the Internet globally, and that's not all. Miracle Media Center can produce HD DVDs, broadcast-ready for television. They have produced short clips to raise money for Bibles to be printed in India, and they have produced and are in production of shows that can be aired on our Adventist television networks, and on quality cable or regular television networks. There are infinite possibilities for fulfilling the great Gospel commission.



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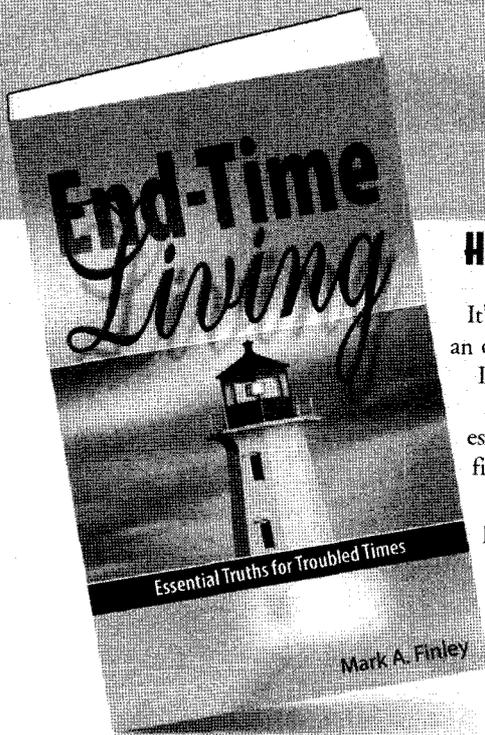
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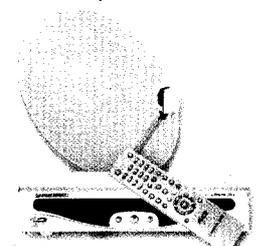
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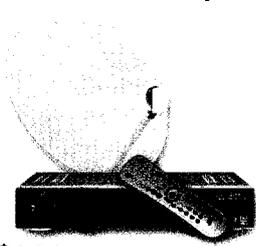
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Feb. 23-25. English. Derek Morris.

Georgia-Cumberland Pathfinder Teen Challenge-Nov. 3-5.

Church Ministries Training-Nov. 4. Jasper, Tenn.

Adventist Heritage Sabbath with Adventist Heritage Historical Society-Nov. 4. Moultrie, Ga.

Festival of the Family-Nov. 11. Lakeland, Ga.

Pathfinder Teen Leadership Training Discovery Weekend-Dec. 1-3.

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Evangelism

Oct. 3-Dec. 3. Shawn Shives. Newton County Library.

Oct. 13-14. Denver Cavins. Alpharetta, Ga.

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Southern Adventist University

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Collegedale, TN	5:41	5:36	5:32	5:29	5:28	5:29
Huntsville, AL	4:48	4:42	4:38	4:36	4:35	4:36
Jackson, MS	5:06	5:01	4:58	4:56	4:55	4:56
Louisville, KY	5:38	5:32	5:27	5:24	5:23	5:23
Memphis, TN	5:01	4:55	4:51	4:49	4:48	4:49
Miami, FL	5:36	5:33	5:30	5:29	5:30	5:31
Montgomery, AL	4:50	4:46	4:42	4:40	4:40	4:41
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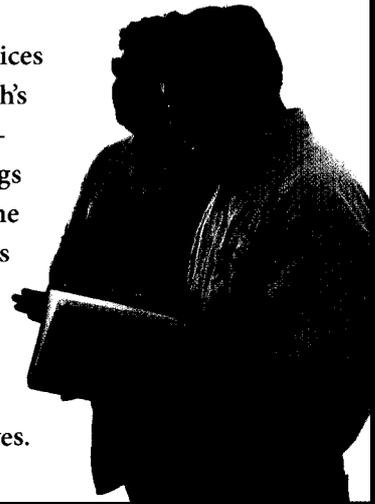


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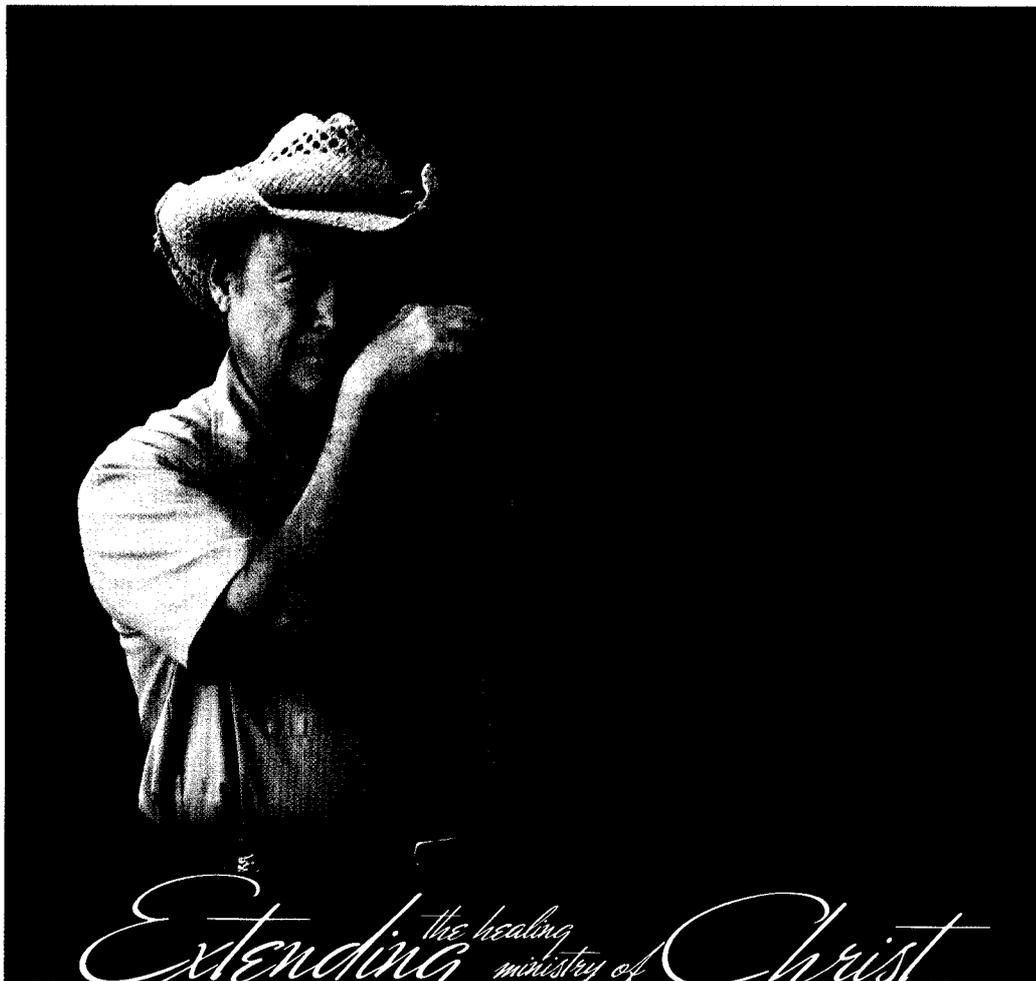
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