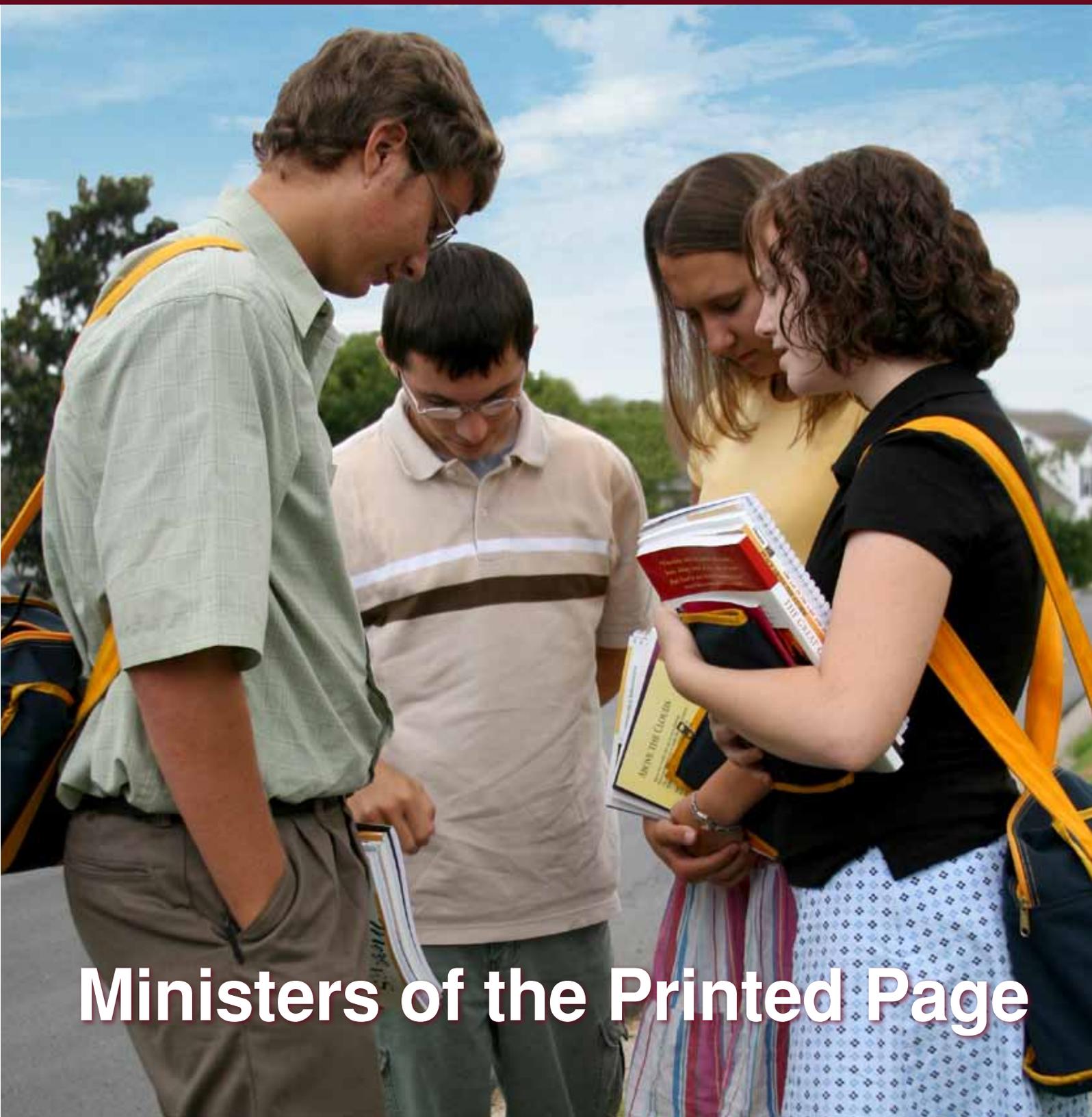




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“Let’s Go Fishing”

Several years ago I was assigned to a church that helped me understand in part what the mission of the Church is. I had a group of elders that invited me to go “deep-sea fishing” with them. At first I was nervous and uncertain about the trip because it required spending three to four days on a vessel out in the middle of the ocean with no land in sight. I accepted the invitation with the hope that I would learn as much as I could about deep-sea fishing.

The experience was exhilarating to the extent that it became a habit. I learned a lot from that adventure, especially relating to the Word of God. That habit of deep-sea fishing helped me understand the biblical narrative of Luke, chapters four and five, in which Jesus was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee, and He and Peter went deep-sea fishing. Particularly Luke 4:42-44 and Luke 5:1-11 (read them) depicted some principles that helped me to be more committed to the mission of the Church. At the end of the story, Jesus told Peter and the others that were there that they were no longer just regular fishermen because they had been changed to become fishers of men. The process was the same, but a target was different.

We know that the mission of the Church as Jesus conveyed in Matthew 28 was to make disciples to grow the Kingdom of God. Luke 4 and 5 helped me understand the process how to reach those who needed to become disciples for the Kingdom of God. There are five basic principles in these few verses that speak to the process of reaching the mass of people for God.

First – We must go where the people are. If I am going fishing, I can’t sit around and wait for the fish to come to me, I must go where the fish are in order to catch them. In Luke 4 we notice that Jesus had been preaching in the synagogues throughout Galilee. He recognized that in order to reach the mass of people, He could not remain within the confines of the church walls. So He did what was necessary. He went outdoors where the people were.

Second – We must use what we have. Jesus was now outdoors. He saw a boat, net, and Peter. He used that which was at His disposal. We must take note that in this mission we may not have everything we need. Therefore, we must use what we have.

Third – We must involve everyone. After the catch, Peter could have said, “it’s all mine,” but he realized that it would be better if he got some help. So he called for James and John. In this work we need to remember that we can’t do it alone. We must involve everyone.

Fourth – We must not worry about the outcome. In this mission our responsibility is simply to cast the net and draw it up, as Peter was instructed. The content in the net is God’s responsibility.

Fifth – It is the presence of Jesus that makes all the difference. We can be involved with all manner of ministries, but unless Christ is in the center of it, unless the climate in the Church exudes the love of Jesus, the ministry will not succeed. Christ was in the boat; that’s how the miracle happened. It is the presence of Jesus in the midst of the Church that gives the Church its power.

If these principles are implemented in the mission of the Church, I believe that the results will be astounding.



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BY WILLIAM S. SMITH

Southern Union HHES Literature Evangelists' Convention 2010

More than 250 literature evangelists (LE's) and supporters across the Southern Union drove over snow and ice to get to their cozy, wintry retreat in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, January 6-9, 2011. These determined, unstoppable ministers of the printed page refused to let a little snow hinder them from joining with fellow workers for a time of fellowship and revival. From beginning to end, it was evident that the Spirit of God was moving in a marvelous manner. Each morning started with a powerful early-morning prayer meeting, led by

Dan Shannon, Gulf States publishing director. Day after day, powerful messages and uplifting testimonies

followed these seasons of supplications.

The theme for this meeting was "We're On a Mission to Tell the Whole World." The theme emphasized the need for all to carry this Gospel message about Jesus

territory having such a beautiful bouquet of various ethnic groups, this theme emphasized the need for us to reach every precious group without the loss of one. Inspiring messages flowed from the hearts of administrators such as Mel Eisele,

Gulf States president; Gary Moyer, Carolina secretary; Steve Haley, Kentucky-Tennessee president; and Kurt Allen, Georgia-Cumberland treasurer. The Holy Spirit used each speaker to emphasize over and over the need to share the Good News about Jesus and what He has done for us. It was

made clear that this is the message!

Friday evening's Vesper talk was presented by Dan Herwick,



David and Ruby Haugsted stand with William Smith.

to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people in everyone's sphere of influence. With the Southern Union

Kentucky-Tennessee associate publishing director. During testimonies, literature evangelists and leaders lined up to tell of the miraculous ways God worked for them in 2010. Hearts were deeply moved and touched by the care and concern that God has for His workers on the streets.

Another great feature of the convention was the session called “Tips from Champions.” This was a time when successful LE’s shared tips that helped them to be successful through the year.

The Awards Banquet was second to none. LE’s and leaders with outstanding accomplishments for 2010 were rewarded for their hard work and commitment to excellence. Some of the high honors went to Peter Marzano Georgia-Cumberland, top district leader in collections; Rocky Davis for Top Student Program; Demilson Reis Georgia-Cumberland, top district in sales (\$332,450); David Sigamani, Carolina, top literature evangelist in sales (\$67,850); Georgia-Cumberland Conference for top conference in baptisms — 25 individuals baptized as a direct result of literature evangelism; Kentucky-Tennessee Conference for top conference in percent-



Attendees at HHES 2010 year-end convention

age gain — 32%; and Georgia-Cumberland Conference for top conference in sales (\$1,645,438). The total sales reported for Southern Union Home Health Education Service was \$3,687,937.

David Haugsted, Carolina publishing director, and his wife, Ruby, were the special honorees of the night, receiving special awards for more than 43 years in literature ministry. Before retiring, Haugsted served as a successful literature evangelist and publishing director around the country, including the Kentucky-Tennessee and Carolina conferences. Through the years, he has been looked upon as a compassionate, insightful mentor by many

publishing leaders and LE’s. Amidst cheers and encouraging affirmations from the literature evangelist family, he received the Crystal Book Award for outstanding leadership and dedication in publishing ministry.

The year 2010 was filled with rich blessings from the Lord, in spite of all the changes in society. Like Jesus, our workers know no such things as failure, impossibilities, loss, or defeat. Jesus led us all the way! Literature evangelism is a great way to serve the Lord in the community. There is nothing quite like meeting new people, making new friends, sharing Jesus, and sharing information to help the whole family feel better and grow stronger.

We especially want to acknowledge Bill Beckworth, publishing director emeritus, for the strong leadership and direction he gave to the Southern Union publishing department for more than 27 years. We salute all those who have taken up this great work used by God to save souls into His kingdom. We especially thank the team of administrators from the Southern Union and each conference, our team of publishing leaders, our staff workers, and our team of literature evangelists. Praise God for the past, and may God help us to press on into the future!

William S. Smith is Southern Union publishing director.



Southern Union Home Health Education Service publishing leaders

It Takes a Leader

BY WILLIAM S. SMITH



Annual NAD FHES Year-End Literature Evangelists' Retreat 2010

Under sunny skies and majestic palm trees, more than 200 excited attendees gathered at the Rosen Centre Hotel, in Orlando, Florida, from December 29, 2010, to January 1, 2011, to rejoice over God's blessings on the literature evangelism work. Many welcomed the near-perfect temperatures as they escaped the cold weather of the north to enjoy sweet fellowship with other

ministers of the printed page.

God smiled on the congregation, blessing them with one inspiring message after another. Each message given was relevant and positive. The theme for the meeting was "Lord, Here am I," from Isaiah 6:8. The theme emphasized the need for everyone to be available to be used by God, and to spread books like the leaves of autumn in the

days ahead. Hubert Morel, president of Southeastern Conference, and Dana Edmond, president of South Central Conference, were among the dynamic speakers for the week. They spoke with power and passion as they encouraged literature evangelists to be faithful in spreading the truth-filled literature. Delbert Baker, Ph.D., newly elected vice president of the General Conference (GC),

was the Sabbath speaker. As one who began his ministry as a student literature evangelist (LE), he emphasized the need for all to be alert and sensitive to God's leading as they move forward in these last days. Included in each daily program were wide-eyed LE's who gave their testimo-



Isadore and Winnifred DeSouza with Delbert Baker, Ph.D. (left), General Conference vice president; William Smith, Southern Union publishing director; and Alvin Kibble, NAD/ FHES director



Robert and Clara Carter with Alvin Kibble (left), NAD/ FHES director, and Java Mattison, South Central publishing director

nies of how they saw God work in miraculous ways in the communities they worked.

This year's banquet was dedicated to celebrating outstanding leadership in publishing for the past 40 years. The honorees from the Southern Union territory were Robert S. Smith Sr., Isadore DeSouza, Robert Carter, and Jeanty Arisme. The honorees from Allegheny East were Joan Cummings and Robert Moses. Special crystal awards and plaques were presented to each honoree by Alvin Kibble, North American Division (NAD)/ Family Health Education Service (FHES) director.

Robert S. Smith Sr., started his ministry as a literature evangelist in Chattanooga, Tennessee. His gifts made room for him as he served as a successful publishing leader on the conference, union, NAD, and GC levels as the president of the Review and Herald Publishing Association. His influence as an excellent trainer and leader has been felt worldwide as his labor of love has spanned the globe. At the banquet, he was pleasantly surprised with special honors and gifts from his coworkers and family.

Isadore Desouza heard the call to do ministry while in Guyana, South America. Making himself available for God to use, God has helped him to excel as a literature evangelist, an LE leader, the Oakwood University publishing director, and a pastor who has helped raise several churches. He trained thousands of students who would not have made it through Oakwood

without his unique ministry on campus. He has made full proof of his ministry!

Robert Carter started his ministry as a literature minister in the hospitality state of Mississippi. After being baptized by Joseph McCoy, Carter used his gifts to bless his community with just the books they needed to understand God's message during Earth's last days. God's hand has moved so powerfully in his life that individuals have been baptized, churches have been started, and he was promoted to leadership at the conference level. Like the other honorees, Carter has always believed in the student literature evangelist program, and has helped many students earn scholarships to stay in school and in the church.

He continues to make full proof of his ministry.

Jeanty Arisme started his ministry in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti. Knowing that God was calling him to literature ministry, Arisme took up his briefcase and books, and worked in the Northeastern and Southeastern conferences. His special labor of love through the years has been to reach French-speaking people with the Three Angels' messages. The

Lord has used him to spread thousands of truth-filled books all over Haitian communities throughout Florida. His gift of connecting with people led to him being called into leadership where he served successfully for many years. He and his faithful wife were among those honored for outstanding service on this special occasion. He, too, has made full proof of his ministry.

Southern Union publishing leaders William Smith, Theus Young,



Jeanty and Marie Arisme with Theus Young (right), Southeastern publishing director

Carl McRoy, and Java Mattison were present, thanking God and their teams for giving all three conferences a wonderful increase in sales and literature distribution in 2010: South Atlantic Conference (Georgia) — highest district in sales (\$87,222); South Atlantic Conference — highest conference in baptisms, seven individuals baptized as a direct result of literature evangelism; and South Central Conference — highest conference in sales (\$200,169).

We salute those who have successfully carried very heavy responsibilities in the heat of the day, and we will do our very best, by God's grace, to keep literature evangelism moving steadily forward as we approach the finish line. Let's all say together, "Lord, here I am ... send me!"

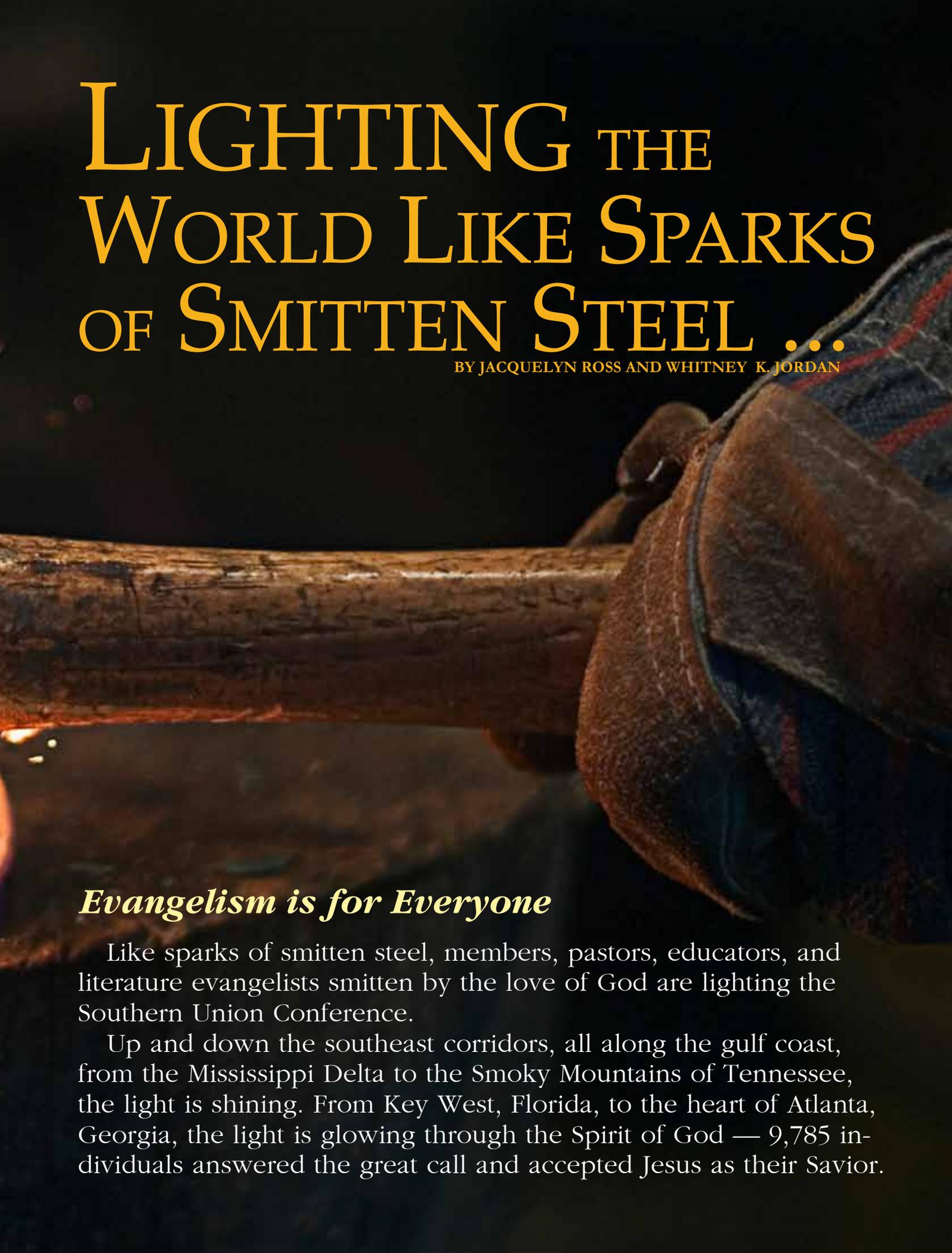
William S. Smith is Southern Union publishing director.



Robert Smith Sr., is honored by General Conference, North American Division, Southern Union, and Conference FHES leaders.

Southern Union Evangelism Feature





LIGHTING THE WORLD LIKE SPARKS OF SMITTEN STEEL ...

BY JACQUELYN ROSS AND WHITNEY K. JORDAN

Evangelism is for Everyone

Like sparks of smitten steel, members, pastors, educators, and literature evangelists smitten by the love of God are lighting the Southern Union Conference.

Up and down the southeast corridors, all along the gulf coast, from the Mississippi Delta to the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee, the light is shining. From Key West, Florida, to the heart of Atlanta, Georgia, the light is glowing through the Spirit of God — 9,785 individuals answered the great call and accepted Jesus as their Savior.

Good News Memphis and Tampa

During 2010, the city of Atlanta, Georgia, was the focus for metro city evangelism. Good News Atlanta brought the South Atlantic and Georgia-Cumberland conferences together. From this partnership of conferences, more than 1,000 individuals were baptized. The past quinquennium was more productive in soul-winning than any other quinquennium in the Union's history. The evangelistic sparks keep lighting the fire and passion for souls.

During the next five years, 2011-2015, the cities of Memphis, Tennessee, and Tampa, Florida, will be targeted for evangelism. In conjunction with this, the Union has set aside



the first Friday of every quarter as days of fasting and prayer. We invite you to join us.

Literature Evangelism

God's blessing on literature evangelism in 2010 was felt throughout the Southern Union. The total sales reported for Southern Union Publishing Department was \$3,687,937. The student MagaBook program is the largest program in any union in the North American Division. Carrying the Gospel from door to door, student MagaBook workers contacted more than 200,000 people last year. Whenever God's people work together in circulating truth-filled literature, marvelous are the results!



Lay Evangelism

Church members used the power of evangelistic prayer in 2010 using Prayer Countdown. Ralph Ringer, director of church growth

for the Southern Union, explained this approach to Atlanta pastors, and challenged them to put it into practice at their churches. The prayer countdown is an intentional effort to help church members develop an evangelistic mindset by inviting them to play a key role, making every member witness.

Several churches took part in a Prayer Countdown where each member was asked to make a list of ten people who they would like to pray for and invite to upcoming evangelistic meetings. Members would then pray by name

for every person on their list every day. Two weeks before the meetings, each member would receive ten flyers to personally invite those they had prayed for to attend the meetings.

A person using the Prayer Countdown was usually able to bring at least one person to evangelistic meetings.

Ringer says "Not only did the Prayer Countdown spiritually strengthen church members, it also produced great results."

Education Evangelism

Diane Ruff, Southern Union elementary education associate director, firmly believes that all children should be taught of the Lord. Once a year she conducts a Truth 4 Youth evangelistic series for children in various elementary schools and junior academies throughout the Southern Union.

Truth 4 Youth is a dynamic, Christ-centered program designed to reach children in the "5-13 window."



According to research by the Barna Institute the period between ages 5 and 13 is the most effective window of time for reaching individuals with the Gospel. The program has proven to be effective, and in 2010, 25 children from the Mt. Olivet SDA School and Church in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, accepted Christ as their personal Savior and were baptized.

Dennis Ross Jr., ministerial director and evangelism coordinator



for the Southern Union, is looking forward to another great year of evangelistic outreach in 2011. He says, "What a glorious opportunity to share with others the Good News of Christ — His love, His life, His death, His resurrection, and His second coming — all Good News in a world of constant bad news. I invite you to join us, beginning now, as we tell others, and just allow the sparks to spread from heart to heart. Soon the fire will blaze across the Southern Union with such success that we will have to tear down walls, plant new churches, build more schools, and make room for what the Holy Spirit will do as we practice everyday evangelism."

Jacquelyn Ross is Southern Union ministerial and evangelism associate.

Whitney K. Jordan is Southern Union communication intern.



The debt-free Cross City, Florida, Church includes a beautiful sanctuary, a large fellowship hall and kitchen, Sabbath School classrooms, and office space.

PHOTO: JIM FORTON JR.

The Church That God Built

BY MARVIN WILLIAMS

Per capita income for Cross City, Florida, is \$12,125. Population is less than 2,000, and 27.2% of the residents live on incomes below the poverty line.

You may ask, “With fewer than 30 members, why did God choose to build a beautiful new Adventist church in Cross City?” He recognized a gold mine in town and, specifically, in the Cross City Church, where the small congregation — poor by their definition — has faith beyond measure. Prayer and faith sum up this little church, and God rewards both.

In May 2003, Bill Schnorbus, head elder, accepted the challenge by Ken Burrill, former vice president for ministerial at Florida Conference, to become lay pastor of the church. At the same time, Schnorbus worked for the Veteran’s Administration Hospital in Gainesville, Florida, and was considering an invitation from Shands Hospital to take an accelerated nurse practitioner course.

Recognizing a great opportunity, Schnorbus was really looking forward to the program. When the call to ministry came, he and his wife, Cecelia, decided to spend time in prayer. After only a short time, they both felt God calling them. They trusted God completely, and Schnorbus decided to retire.

When he took the reins of the Cross City Church, which was in desperate need of a new facility, there was \$32,000 in the building fund. One of the first things Cecelia

did was to make a building fund thermometer that indicated a goal of \$60,000, although more would be needed to begin the building project.

Meanwhile, the congregation held a prayer vigil every day for the building fund, and as the funds came in each week, they were encouraged. The marker on the thermometer continued to rise as God worked miracles before their eyes:

- \$100,000 raised in five years.
- Large oak trees removed: a local resident volunteered his company’s services in exchange for pine trees on another section of the property.
- Lumber: purchased at a reduced rate.
- Frame work: members cut boards to size and did framing.
- Drywall: two professional drywall hangers looking for work agreed to do the job at a cost much less than the original quote.
- Brazilian tile: provided at cost and laid by members of Palm Coast Church for a nominal fee.
- Shingles miraculously provided: professionals installed at a huge savings from original quote.
- Pews: donation from a church damaged in a hurricane.
- Kitchen cabinets and island and cabinets throughout church: purchased for \$500.
- New range and four microwav ovens: provided free of charge.
- Baby grand piano: given in honor of a former member.

All this, and the Cross City Church appraised at more than \$750,000 debt free! “God delivered all the miracles, and we were simply the tools,” says Schnorbus.

Decisions regarding the interior and exterior plans were made by the building committee as the congregation prayed for them. Head deacon Garry Edmonds oversaw the work on this monument to God, making certain it was meeting state building codes to withstand hurricanes.

While the church was constructed, the women’s ministries department provided a hot lunch every day for all workers, subcontractors, and anyone else who happened to stop by to see the miracle in progress.

Since moving into their new house of worship, the extraordinary Cross City congregation has doubled in size. Every week, adults, children, and young teens visit from the community for Sabbath School, Adventurers, Pathfinders, and other church-sponsored events. Recently, an adjoining building was completed for additional classroom space.

“All glory goes to God,” say Bill and Cecelia. “It is a miracle, and only He deserves credit.”

Certainly, this is the attitude of every member which allowed God to erect this monument to glorify His name in Cross City.

REGENERATION — Where Life Starts Over

BY DERICK LOGAN

In November 2010, the Danville, Kentucky, Company embarked on a community-wide reaping event that they have uniquely coined REGENERATION: Where Life Starts Over. Here is a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the beginnings of what some believe to be the missing link in today's evangelistic efforts.

For 150 years, we have been taught that our health message is the right arm of the Gospel. During the past year, the Danville Company held the banner high, while leading its community to whole health. Through various health initiatives, including a four-week CHIP (Coronary Health Improvement Project) program, a Simple Solutions program, ongoing NEWSTART classes, a monthly Supper Club dinner, a Regenerate Life addiction program, and more, the church pointed people in this central Kentucky community to the life-giving Savior. As a result, they were not surprised to have created a following of health-minded people who were aware of their need for change and delighted to attend these events.

"Using the health message as the right arm of the Gospel helped us cut through biases that traditionally separate, build trust and credibility within our community, and establish sustainable relationships," says Derick Logan, lay-pastor and Bible worker. So when the time came for the church's first reaping event, it only seemed natural to help the community experience holistic health and true victory through REGENERATION, a better living expo. However, as many would soon learn, this expo would include much more than physical restoration!

REGENERATION was devel-



Naren James, M.D., presented nightly health lectures on the hottest health topics.

oped and presented as the theme of this effort because, in its title, it communicated the desired goals for every participant. "We wanted a well-rounded approach that would bring success to those who have the desire to live healthy lifestyles, but struggle to actually achieve it," says Naren James, M.D., a REGENERATION presenter. "We wanted to help people start life over — spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and physically."

Prayerfully, the group used a multi-faceted approach to evangelism. James presented nightly health lectures on the hottest health topics. Chef Ruth Wako cooked wonderful vegan meals and presented nightly taste tests. Heather Hoewing, P.A., instructed morning fitness classes and Logan presented the Bible truths for this time. In addition, REGENERATION included a cooking school, nightly Q & A sessions with James, free health screenings, and more. The results were astounding! "Several decisions were made to become part of our church family," says Logan.

Phyllis Bryant, a REGENERATION attendee

admits, "I loved everything about this program! I learned so much and it has made me want to study the Bible more. It was wonderful! I can't wait for the next one."

Bryant is just one of many whose lives were changed throughout this two-week event. "People are already talking about next year," says Jonathan Smock, another attendee and participant in the many programs REGENERATION had to offer. "I lost weight, learned to prepare healthy meals, and listened to Bible principles I had never heard before. It was all just perfect."

This is just the beginning of REGENERATION. "We are excited to work with other churches throughout the North American Division who are interested in joining us next fall for a possible REGENERATION 2011 national launch. Our hope is to see a pastor or evangelist team up with a physician in every city and town in North America, in order to host a local REGENERATION event," says Logan. "Let's finish the work by allowing the inspired methods to lead the way — Health + Gospel = Success."

DVD's of the event are available. Visit www.regeneration2010.com.



Derick Logan, lay pastor, presented the Bible truths for this time each night.

Still Cooking at 103

BY DEWITT S. WILLIAMS, ED.D.

Julia Bethea was born when Theodore Roosevelt was president and has lived to see 19 U.S. Presidents.

Julia Bethea, affectionately called “Motherdear,” is a petite but vibrant woman that I visited one Sabbath while I was at Oakwood University. Here’s her story. “I was born in Coy, Alabama, July 25, 1907, the youngest of seven children. I’ve been an Adventist for 58 years and a vegan for 37. I never thought I would live this long, but I’m glad the Lord spared me. I was married for 68 years. My husband had Parkinson’s disease and cancer, and he never became an Adventist.

“I like to fool with recipes for a hobby. I just got a computer, and I am learning how to look up recipes on it. I have four children of my own, and I adopted two at age 61. I live alone, but several of my children live nearby and they check on me. Sometimes I may drive my car to visit them. I don’t take any prescription medicine, but I do use herbs and things like garlic. I exercise a lot, use the treadmill and dumbbells, and I walk up and down the road and in the house.

“I wasn’t always a vegan. I used to gobble up anything if it tasted good, but as I learned better I became a healthier eater. I keep

my head in health books and study Mrs. White’s writings. I don’t have any favorite dishes or recipes. Yes, I still cook for myself, from scratch. If somebody brings me a recipe, I’ll fix it up. I take cashew nuts and make cheese out of them. I cooked my Sabbath meal for today. I cook everything I eat. I invite a little group of about 25-40 people over on Labor Day each year, and I cook everything. Some people bring a few dishes, but I do all the cooking. The picnic is outdoors in my backyard. I start preparing a good time before, and when Labor Day

comes, it’s ready.

“The first thing I do when I get up in the morning is to get a big plate of fruit. Then later on I’ll eat breakfast because fruit doesn’t hold me up long. Sometimes I eat just one big meal. I go to bed about 8 o’clock, and sometimes before. In the summertime of course when it stays light longer, I stay up longer and work outside. I usually don’t take a nap during the day, but sometimes I might take a nap sitting down in a chair. I have a brand new TV. I was at a program where some lady won a TV, and she said, ‘I want to give it to that lady who’s 102 years old.’”

Curtis Eakins, South Central health ministries director, is Bethea’s grandson, and he and his wife, Paula, host the Abundant Living show on 3ABN. I asked them what they thought was the secret to their grandmother’s longevity. “She has a positive outlook. We tell her, ‘We’ll come and help you.’ She says, ‘No, I’ll do it myself.’ She goes out and picks her own nuts, especially pecans, and puts them in a freezer. She does her own housework and stays active. She has a good sense of humor and stays close to the Lord.



Spending time on her stationary bike, working her legs and arms



Picking collard greens in one of her gardens



She enjoys reading health books and has more than 70.



Driving her car to visit some family members

She does a lot of praying. She gets on her riding lawn mower and mows her acre of grass, and then she takes a push mower and does the ditch. She's not afraid at all. She has her own vegetable garden. She goes out to A and M University gardens and picks vegetables. She does more than a woman half her age would do."

Julia joins back in. "When I was young that's all I knew was how to work. I helped my husband build a

house. I laid blocks and mixed cement. I worked until I was 89 in domestic work. I pay my own bills, and I do whatever needs to be done. I come to church every Sabbath, and most times Wednesday night prayer meeting."

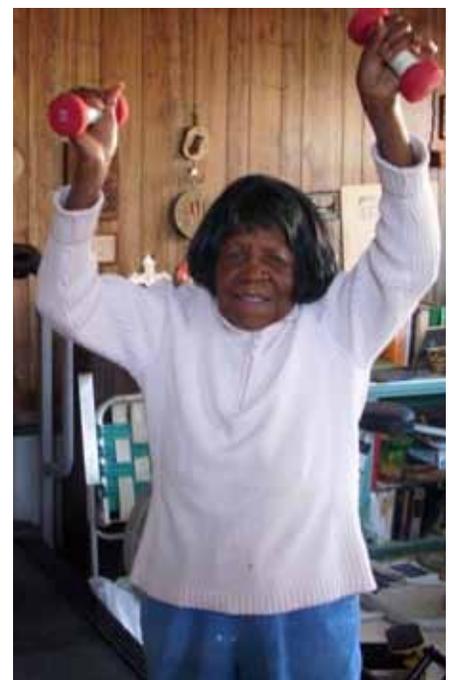
As I get ready to leave, I ask her what her wish is for the future. "Well, my wish is that I will be saved by doing the Lord's will. But, my greatest wish is to see my friends and neighbors in the new Earth. I used to give lots of Bible lessons. Nearly 60 years ago my son-in-law worked at a factory in Detroit, Michigan, and there was a college student standing there selling Message magazines. I think they were \$.25 then. In the back of the magazine was a Bible correspondence course. I started taking this correspondence course and enrolled my daughter in the junior course. All my questions were answered. The more we read, the more we were convinced it was the right way, and we joined the Church. R.T. Hudson, pastor, baptized me and my daughter in an effort in Cleveland, Ohio. When I came in my other three children came in with their children's children. And all of that resulted from a young girl selling Message magazines. I wish I knew who she was. We bought it just to help her, but she helped us find the Lord and our Church."

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DeWitt S. Williams, Ed.D., MPH, CHES, retired former NAD health ministries director.



Time to cut some grass



Part of her workout routine is lifting dumbbells.

A Broader View

BY JAROD KEITH

Southern Exchanges Faculty with Argentinean Sister School

Laurie Stankavich, Southern assistant professor of English, takes a green marker and begins drawing on the board what looks like an overflowing can of chicken noodle soup.

“You’ve opened a can of worms,” says Stankavich. “It’s controversial.”

The group chuckles. What has been off-topic discussion turns into an opportunity to learn a useful English expression.

Conversations like these, partly in English and partly in Spanish, are daily occurrences for Stankavich, a seasoned ESL (English as a second language) teacher. And although the group is different every semester — this class consists of senior administrators at an Adventist university in Argentina — the goal of learning English is the same. The university administrators are here from la Universidad Adventista del Plata (UAP) in Argentina for the purposes of learning English and fostering friendly relations with Southern.

Learning from Each Other

During their six-week stay here, the Argentinean faculty members take several English classes every week. Stankavich spends about eight hours with the group, and the group has four other instructors, including another instructor of English, a retired volunteer, and two student tutors. The group that is currently on campus consists of UAP’s president and his family, the vice president for institutional development and his wife, and the university’s research director.



Laurie Stankavich, Southern assistant professor of English, leads Oscar Ramos, Universidad Adventista del Plata president, and Southern student Magdaly Dominguez in a cooperative class activity.

All this is part of the faculty exchange program involving Southern and UAP. The idea to exchange faculty and administrators originated on UAP’s campus with the goal of creating a bilingual faculty. UAP approached Southern because of the similarities in size, mission, and environment. And while learning a new language is a primary goal, the two institutions are also interested in learning about each other’s organizational processes, spiritual and mission activities, and academic programs. So far, the administrators from Argentina have shadowed their American counterparts, shared meals with Southern families, and attended committee meetings as guests.

“The World is Flat”

“We’re very happy about this opportunity,” says Oscar Ramos, UAP president, who was invited by Southern’s president to observe the strategic planning committee, “Because we understand it’s something that will benefit both institutions. Our school in Argentina has students from all

over the world — 56 different countries. English is very important. We want our faculty to grow in their knowledge of English.”

Gordon Bietz, D.Min., Southern president, is excited about the faculty exchange program’s impact on Adventist higher education.

“It is always a benefit to the Church when two of its institutions collaborate and become familiar with each other,” says Bietz. “The world is flat, as they say, and we need to have more collaboration with other institutions.”

Groups from Southern and UAP first switched places in the summer of 2010. This is the second group from Argentina to come to Southern, and Southern is sending its second group in May 2011. Carlos Parra, Ph.D., chair of the Modern Languages Department, is Southern’s coordinator of the faculty exchange program. He says that the program is expected to be an annual event.

Jarod Keith is a junior mass communication major at Southern Adventist University.



Edith Soriano de Castro, who is in charge of campus research at Universidad Adventista del Plata, is one of five administrators to spend six weeks on Southern’s campus learning English.

It's Lunchtime!

BY DIANE RUFF

Lunchtime is always a school favorite for many children. In fact, those who sometimes skip breakfast look forward to this middle-of-the-day treat. Lunch is provided by a variety of sources: home, fast food chains, friends, and the school's cafeteria, just to name a few. Regardless of the source, what are the guidelines for providing a healthy, nutritional meal for children?

Scientific research indicates that what one eats significantly impacts longevity, health, and quality of life.¹ One of the results of poor eating habits is obesity. The National Center for Chronic Disease and Health Promotion states that, "Childhood obesity has more than tripled in the past 30 years."² In fact, childhood obesity is now viewed as an "epidemic" in our nation as approximately one-third of children in America between the ages of 6 and 19 are overweight.³ In order to fully embrace the philosophy of Seventh-day Adventist education in the development of "the physical powers," we must take a closer look at how the obesity crisis is affecting students in our institutions.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, in response to the Obama administration's attempt to reduce childhood obesity rates across the country, is increasing the availability of fruits, whole grains, and vegetables with less sodium and saturated fat to help bolster nutritional standards for breakfast and lunch meals in schools. Food portion sizes are also a concern. Therefore, the new nutritional plan will also include guidelines for caloric intake.⁴ The explosion of supersized fast food

and huge sugary drinks is detrimental to the health of children. In an effort to provide quality nutrition, Michelle Obama's "Let's Move" initiative has been launched to encourage every school — public and private — in the nation to begin the day with the National School Breakfast Program, since half of a child's daily calories are consumed at school. Let's Move, America's move to raise a healthier generation of children, includes not only food and nutrition education, but also physical activity tips.⁵

Ellen White cautioned years ago that a reform in diet was needed. Her counsel indicates that in order to strengthen moral perception in children, the diet should consist of grain, vegetables, and fruit.⁶ Additionally, she recommends a simple diet with a limited amount of fat from vegetable sources.⁷ Breakfast is so important that children should never leave home without it!⁸ Salt should be used sparingly. "If anything is needed to quench thirst, pure water, drunk some little time before or after the meal, is all that nature requires. Water is the best liquid possible to cleanse the tissues," she wisely wrote.⁹

The government's plan to reduce the availability of high saturated fat foods, such as French fries and pizza, on school menus will help to lower obesity statistics across the nation. President Obama recently signed a law granting more authority to the federal government to establish criteria for food items sold in school vending machines.¹⁰ The goal is to encourage healthier lifelong eating habits not only at

school, but at home or wherever else children seek sustenance.

The obesity crisis in our country should not be viewed lightly as it threatens not only the life of our children, but the future of our Church. The invitation is extended to all Seventh-day Adventist homes, churches, and schools to begin moving to improve the health and wellness of our families and children through a healthy diet, physical activity, and trust in the Lord as we as we herald Jesus' soon return.

For more information about Let's Move, go to <http://www.lets-move.gov/>

Diane Ruff is Southern Union elementary education associate director.

¹ *High Costs of Poor Eating Patterns in the United States*, Elizabeth Frazao.

² *National Center for Chronic Disease and Health Promotion*

³ *Feds to Tighten School Nutrition Standards*, CNN Health, January 13, 2011.

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ *Let's Move*, go to <http://www.lets-move.gov/>

⁶ *Solemn Appeal*, E. G. White, p. 66.1

⁷ *Counsels on Diet and Foods*, E. G. White, Chapter 21 Fats, p.353

⁸ *Child Guidance*, E. G. White, Chapter 62, *Eating to Live*, p. 390.1

⁹ *Ibid*, E. G. White, Chapter 24, *Beverages*, p. 420.1

¹⁰ *Feds to Tighten School Nutrition Standards*, CNN Health, January 13, 2011.

News You Can Use is Close to Home

If you're looking for answers to computer questions, need help writing your church's history, or simply want to hear a good sermon; look no further — your conference website might be your one-stop shop.

Conference websites are designed with you, its members, and officers in mind. They not only feature typical church information and news, but have a variety of resources and features such as: communication tutorials and guides, Facebook and Twitter links, and live/ on-demand video and audio programming.

"Our website is not only useful to members and officers of the conference, but everyone," says Michael Harpe, South Central communication director. "Whether you are looking for the time of sunset, missed a conference workshop and would like to view it, or just want to keep up with Adventist news around the world, the South Central Conference website has it."

The South Central Conference website also offers useful resources and tips for those interested in writing their church's history. The brief, yet simple, guide will walk you through the entire process from gathering information to publishing.

Those interested in learning more about the history of Adventism in the Southern Union Conference may also check out "The

Trail of Adventism" feature on the Southern Union website. This feature allows its viewers to go through, in detail, all the significant Adventist places throughout the Southern Union territory.

Easily accessible information, always-on Internet connectivity, and super-fast search engines have drastically changed the way we communicate today, as demonstrated by the Gulf States Conference website. The website features an information technology help blog that aids in understanding how to better use technology in day-to-day activities, and especially in ministry. Help topics range from how to buy a PC to Internet security. This is truly an example of how Church entities are utilizing technology to share the Gospel to all the world.

Social media, such as Facebook and Twitter, is proving to be a technology trend that churches can depend on to help them connect with and keep members informed. "Not only do we have Facebook and Twitter pages," says Robert Henley, Southeastern Conference communication director, "but we also have Youtube, Flickr, and Vimeo pages, as well." The pages are updated with reminders of upcoming events, photos, links to music or videos of sermons, and are a way to connect with younger church members.

The South Atlantic youth department imple-

mented the "eText" feature on their website, so its youth or anyone who registers their cell phone number can receive updates about the department via text messages.

Conference websites are taking communication and religious outreach to

a different level by integrating the usage of home computers, cell phones, iPods, and iPads across America. Be sure to check out your conference's website, where there's always something for everyone.

—BY WHITNEY K. JORDAN

Carolina Conference

www.carolinasda.org

Florida Conference

www.floridaconference.com

Florida Hospital College

www.fhchs.edu

Georgia-Cumberland Conference

www.gccsda.com

Gulf States Conference

www.gscsda.org

Kentucky-Tennessee Conference

www.kytn.net

Oakwood University

www.oakwood.edu

South Atlantic Conference

www.sacsda.org

South Central Conference

www.scc-adventist.org

Southeastern Conference

www.secsda.org

Southern Adventist University

www.southern.edu

Southern Union Conference

www.southernunion.com

Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon Performs Life-Saving Procedure at Florida Hospital for Children



Raymund Woo, M.D., inserts a titanium rib vertically along the spine to make more room for Logan's lungs to grow so he can live a more normal life.

Two-year-old Logan Gould has been in and out of hospitals his entire life. He was born with a rare condition called Thoracic Insufficiency Syndrome (TIS), which means his chest cavity, or thorax, cannot support normal respiration or lung growth, and can cause life-threatening breathing problems. After

dozens of trips to the hospital, the Gould family came to see Raymund Woo, M.D., a pediatric orthopaedic surgeon at Florida Hospital for Children, Orlando, who offered them the option of inserting a titanium rib to help save Logan.

Woo is one of a handful of surgeons across the United States who performs expansion thoracostomy and insertion of the Vertical Expandable Prosthetic Titanium Rib (VEPTR) device. The goal of this operation is to provide the rib cage and lungs more space and room to grow.

"Logan has been so sick his entire life, and his rib cage is severely deformed," said Erin Gould, Logan's mother.

The VEPTR device, which is curved to fit the back of the chest and spine, is inserted vertically against the spine to help keep the chest wall expanded. The device also helps to straighten the spine and make it grow in a more normal way. As the child grows, the device can be made longer by performing a simple outpatient procedure.

"In addition to getting the VEPTR device implanted, my patients also receive a multidisciplinary

approach to make sure they are well cared for before, during, and after their stay in the hospital," says Woo.

"He now has the chance to live a normal life," said Erin. "His quality of life will be so much better, and I am so thankful for that."

—BY SARA CHANNING



Orthopaedic surgeon Raymund Woo talks with two-year-old Logan Gould and mom Erin Gould after surgery.

Gordon Hospital Receives Top CPOE Evaluation

Last year, Gordon Hospital, Calhoun, Ga., launched its computerized provider order entry system (CPOE), an electronic prescribing system for all inpatients. CPOE is designed to drastically reduce medical errors and speed up patient care. Now, Gordon Hospital has achieved the highest possible score for the Leapfrog CPOE Evaluation Tool, the industry standard CPOE assessment tool.

CPOE systems are



Brent Box, M.D., chief hospitalist, works on the new CPOE implemented in 2009.

electronic prescribing systems that intercept errors when they most commonly occur — at the time medications are or-

dered. With CPOE, physicians enter orders into a computer rather than on paper. Orders are integrated with patient information, including laboratory and prescription data. The order is then automatically checked for potential errors or problems. Specific benefits of CPOE

include warning against the possibility of drug interaction, allergy or overdose; accurate information

that helps physicians; and drug-specific information that eliminates confusion among drug names that sound alike.

"The fact that Gordon Hospital received the overall score of 'fully implemented' for medication checking, the highest score obtainable, shows the commitment of our doctors and clinicians to patient safety and superior care," said Pete Weber, president and CEO of Gordon Hospital.

—BY KIM BRAZELL

Netzel Nominated for Prestigious Award



Jacob Netzel, 17, a member of the Fayetteville Church, has been named one of four finalists for the American Spirit Award, a national award from Boys' Life Magazine. The high school senior was nominated for his persistence in creating an ambitious, and difficult, Eagle Scout project. He designed, planned, raised funds, and generally waded through paperwork and red tape to provide the 3rd Special Forces Group (SFG) at Fort Bragg a memorial walkway.

The trail for Netzel began more than four years ago, April 2006. He was tossing around ideas for an Eagle Scout project at home. His father, Thomas Netzel, was the resource management officer for 3rd Special Forces Group, and he had a suggestion.

"My dad said his group didn't have a memorial to all the guys who had died in service," Jacob said. "And they couldn't do it within the group. It would take a lot of

work by someone to get it done.

"He told me to think long and hard before committing to it, because this was something that would be difficult but very special. A couple of weeks later, we sat down and I said, 'I want to do this.' "

There was another, more personal reason: a year earlier, Jacob's Scoutmaster had been killed while deployed with the 82nd Airborne in Afghanistan.

"That was on my mind, too," Jacob said. "It was important to me to do this, and

do it right."

He created a simple design that allowed each soldier to be remembered individually, yet none had prominence.

"Every one of them paid the same price," Jacob said. "They all deserve the same honor."

He raised the funds for the memorial himself, knocking on doors, sitting outside Walmart asking for donations, and contacting members of the group.

Along the way, the young Scout had to deal with just about everyone, including congressmen, a three-star general, and the Secretary of the Army to get approval. Then the project was delayed by national policy makers for months.

"If I didn't have it done by the time I was 18, it couldn't be my Eagle project," Jacob said. "But by that time, it didn't matter. I told my mom I was going to get this built.

"If you're going to do something meaningful, you've got to keep working."

After more than a year of lobbying, and the support of military and congressional officials, final approval came through last summer. Jacob and friends in Troop 40 prepared the site in October.

"My dad returned from Afghanistan at 1 a.m. the night before," Jacob said. "And we started at 6 a.m. to



Jacob Netzel, 17, is nominated for the American Spirit Award for his work on the 3rd Special Forces Group Memorial Walk on Fort Bragg.

avoid the heat. I remember mumbling about being sleepy, and dad said 'You're sleepy? I just flew halfway around the world!' "

Finally, this past December, more than 450 soldiers and family members applauded Netzel's landscaped memorial, complete with monuments honoring every 3rd SFG soldier who has been killed in combat since 1990. It cost more than \$40,000, all money raised by Netzel, and was built with volunteer labor.

The award finalists will travel to Washington, D.C., in late March for the final announcement. Netzel says there's no money involved for winning, "but it would look very nice on your college application."

Not that he needs any resume polishing. Netzel has already been accepted at North Carolina State, where he plans to major in engineering.



Lt. Gen. John F. Mulbolland Jr., commanding general of the US Army Special Operations Command, congratulates Jacob Netzel for a job well done.

Lay Evangelism Festival Goes to the Ozarks

Have you ever wanted to share your love for Christ and your knowledge about the Bible with others, but had no idea where to start?

Well, you can start at the Lay Evangelism Festival! With inspiring seminars on everything from making friends for Christ to presenting your own reaping series, the weekend will give you a jump start in your own personal evangelism.

ShareHim, a ministry of the Carolina Conference,



emy in Gentry, Ark. Featured speakers will be Duane McKey (right, top), vice president for evangelism at the Southwestern Union; Jim

Gilley (right, center), president of 3ABN; and Robert Folkenberg Sr. (right, bottom), ShareHim president.

“This is a fabulous opportunity to be inspired and catch a vision of how to better share your faith,” says McKey. “You’ll find that what once seemed impos-



sible is actually quite easy with the proper tools and the help of the Holy Spirit!”

Learn how you can attend for free at www.sharehim.org/LEF.

Health Weekend Held at Mt. Pisgah

On the heels of a very successful Senior Life Weekend, where more than 40 exhibitors from around the Asheville area came to present their materials at the Health Fair, the Mt. Pisgah Academy Church is planning another healthful weekend.

This time they saw the need to train people who wanted to have a part in health ministry techniques for using this important tool for outreach. They are inviting anyone interested to come — pastors, health professionals, church health ministry, community outreach leaders, and more.

Healthcare and healthy living are topics so prevalent in the news these days, and recently a lot of public attention has been given to Adventists and their

knowledge of health principles. With the “Blue Zones” of longevity, which included Adventists in Loma Linda, featured on Oprah and Dr. Oz, as

well as with the popularity of the new PBS documentary, *The Adventists*, it is an excellent time to capitalize on this attention to make a difference in people’s lives through better health.

The Health Ministry Weekend takes place April 9-10, 2011. The church has invited Katia Reinert, director of Adventist Health Ministries at the North American Division, to be their featured speaker. The mission of Adventist Health Ministries is to “encourage and enable Adventist church



leaders and members not only to experience a healthful abundant life, but also to share the divine principles for whole person

health with individuals in their communities and a world in need.” This goal exemplifies the purpose of the Health Ministry Weekend at Pisgah Church.

Visit www.mpasda.org for more information.

There is no better time to get involved in health ministry. Begin experiencing an abundant life today, while also making a positive impact in the lives others.

Katia Reinert, director of Adventist Health Ministries at the North American Division, will be the weekend speaker.

Bacons Celebrate 60th Anniversary



James and Mary Bacon celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 17, 2010. James is retired after spending 26 years in publishing work for the Southern Union. From 1954 to 1980, James worked as a literature evangelist, and then as an associate publishing secretary. Mary worked from time to time as a switchboard operator for several hospitals. The Bacons have two sons: James Richard and Daryl Gene; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Florida Hospital Church Serves Community

“The Sabbath was intended for four purposes: worship, fellowship, rest, and service,” explained Pastor Andy McDonald to his congregation at Florida Hospital Church in Orlando. “Seventh-day Adventists do really well with the first three purposes, but not so well with the fourth.”

This sermon was the catalyst for members and friends of Florida Hospital Church to look at the needs of their community and experience the service aspect of the Sabbath. During a month of event planning, participants signed up for a variety of service opportunities:

- Performing and distributing gifts for patients and staff at Florida Hospital.
- Volunteering at a 5K run benefitting Pediatric Cancer Foundation and a Central

Florida Hemophilia Foundation fund-raising walk.

- Composing letters to military personnel, and working on projects at Orlando Junior Academy and Apopka Hope Community Center.
- Collecting items for Central Florida Department of Family Services.
- Assisting with an Orlando Children’s Church event.
- Visiting home-bound church members.

After a rewarding morning of serving the community, more than 400 volunteers gathered at Hospital Church for a unique worship celebration and to share their experiences. “I don’t know if I touched any lives today, but one thing I know — they touched mine!” said one volunteer. Another stated,



Above: Doug and Naomi Foley volunteered at a fund-raising walk. Right: Pablo Bonetti and Lisette Medina served energy food in the form of bananas at a 5K run.



STANLEY POMIANOWSKI

“The joy of giving with unselfish, unconditional love has been an absolute blessing.”

A wide variety of stories were told, but the consistent theme was the desire to make this a regular event. Relationships

were made, lives were touched, and the ministry of Jesus was understood in a fresh new way.

—BY TAMI CINQUEMANI

Chet and Connie Martin Celebrate 70 Years of Marriage



Chet and Connie Martin celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary at Port Charlotte, Fla., Church at a surprise reception.

The Martins were born and raised in South Dakota. Connie recalls attending a one-room school and hurrying

home to help with the farm chores. They met in Vienna, S.D., and eventually found a Methodist minister to marry them when they eloped.

Meanwhile, Chet’s Adventist mother was praying for her son to recommit to Christ. The couple ended up at Madison College and Hospital in Tenn., and they were baptized soon after.

They spent the next 20 years at Oak Park Academy in Nevada, Iowa, where Chet managed the broom shop and then

began running the presses. After serving as food service director, Connie took a medical records librarian course and worked in that field.

The next 20 years were spent in the Washington, D.C. area with Chet working for Review and Herald Publishing Association and Connie scheduling work for five pathologists and secretaries at Washington Adventist Hospital.

After retirement, the Martins joined Port Charlotte Church in 1984. Both

were busy in Pathfinders. Chet was a deacon and helped in the sound booth, and Connie was an elder and chaired the church finance committee.

The Martins raised two daughters: Sharon, who lives in Sarasota, Fla., is a registered nurse; Kay, now deceased, was a dentist. They also have three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

—BY BARBARA HUFF

New Port Richey Committee of 100 Funds Projects



MARK SCHIEFER

The New Port Richey Church family heard their school children play the new two-octave set of tone chimes at their premiere performance on December 11. The chimes were one of two special projects approved for funding by the newly established Committee of 100.

New Port Richey, Fla., Adventist Christian Academy students recently performed a premier concert for church members on the two-octave set of tone chimes gifted to the school from the Committee of 100.

The Committee of 100 was established one year

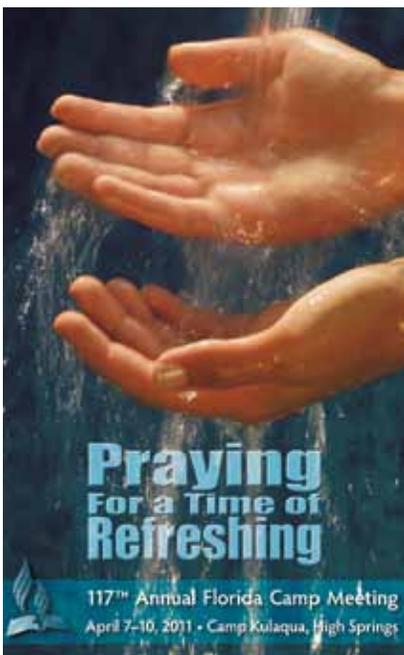
ago as an independent committee and is dedicated to the growth and outreach of the church, academy, and day care. Committee projects are supported by a donation of \$100 twice a year, and members also participate by voting approval for special projects,

recruiting new members, and attending spring and fall banquets. During their most recent banquet in November, the Board of Directors announced that the Committee of 100 had 55 members. The Committee welcomes church members and families of academy

and day care students to submit project proposals for consideration.

In addition to the purchase of the chimes for the academy, the Committee recently provided funding for 100 New King James Bibles for church use.

—BY LENNIE SCHIEFER



Florida Conference Prays for Time of Refreshing at 2011 Camp Meetings

Camp Kulaqua in High Springs, Fla., will once again be the venue for this year's *English-language Camp Meeting* and *Spanish-language Campesre Hispano*. Both events are free to attend. An online registration form is available to reserve accommodations or order meals for a nominal cost.

English-language Camp Meeting — April 7-10

Theme: Praying For a Time of Refreshing. Featured speaker: Henry Wright, senior pastor of Community Praise Center, Alexandria, Va. Sabbath worship speaker: Mike Cauley, Florida Conference president.

Spanish-language Campesre Hispano — April 14-17

Theme: Orando por el Tiempo del Refrigerio. Featured speaker: Guillermo García, senior pastor of Paramount Spanish Church, Bellflower, Calif. Details/registration: floridaconference.com/campmeeting.



Henry Wright



Mike Cauley



Guillermo García

—BY LEE BENNETT

Laptops Given to Shoal Creek

A few months ago church member Eva Fegarido entered Shoal Creek Adventist School in a Charter contest to win 50 laptop computers. Shoal Creek is a pre-K-8 elementary school with 54 students in the Atlanta, Ga., metro area. Fegarido had entered the contest in honor of her husband who passed last summer. He had been the school board chairman and passionately involved in keeping the school up to date and running smoothly.

Charter's contest would give 50 laptops to the two schools with the most on-line votes. For weeks Shoal Creek was in the number one spot in the voting. Then toward the end of the contest Shoal Creek's voting fell to second place, and each day it was anybody's guess who would be the final two schools.

Soon the contest ended, and it was clear that Shoal Creek Adventist School was not in the

top two. Everyone at the school was disappointed, but the school had thousands of votes from all over the world.

The little school that Joel Fegarido had cared so much for had its story all over the local Atlanta news, on the local radio, and on Facebook and Youtube. The interim board chair and the principal began talking about what the school could do to keep the computer needs met even if the school wasn't going to win the laptops.

After much discussion they came up with the number 10. The school had to have at least 10 computers to meet current needs. How that would happen was unknown. A week later the school received a call from Charter communications.

Charter officially confirmed that Shoal Creek had lost the contest, but that the little school with so many votes and such a

compelling story had become a company favorite. Many in the main office had been secretly hoping that Shoal Creek would win the votes needed to finish in the top two.

Amazingly, Charter had decided to honor Eva Fegarido's story, and would be sending 10 laptop computers to the school as soon as possible. The computers arrived at the beginning of December, and the 7th and 8th grades have been using them for the past month.

God knows your needs before you do, and sends what you need when you



Students at Shoal Creek Adventist School enjoy the new computers given from Charter.

need it. The school has been blessed with several other things since the Charter contest. Enrollment has gone up because of local interests, a donation was made so that the 7th and 8th grades could purchase Lego robotics equipment, and the school will soon have projectors and interactive whiteboards in each classroom.

—BY STEPHEN BRALLEY

Zachariases Celebrate 60th Anniversary

Calvin and Betty Lou Zacharias celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary



on November 4, 2010, at the home of Harold and Janet Kuebler.

Calvin was born in 1930 in Oklahoma, and later migrated to Indianapolis where he met Betty Lou. They were married at the South Side Church in 1950.

Calvin

became president of E-Z Packaging Graphics with branches in the midwest and south. He retired in February 2002, and they moved to Deer Lodge, Tenn.

Betty Lou was also born in 1930 in Indiana. She has been a fulltime mother and wife since their marriage in 1950. She has been active in the church, acting as head

deaconess, kindergarten/cradle roll leader, Sabbath School secretary, and other positions.

Calvin has served as an elder, school board chairman, and maintenance supervisor.

They continue to live in Deer Lodge, Tenn., and have six children: Teresa, Mickey, Timothy, James, Sherry, and Jimmy.

—BY BETTY CRANDALL

Audio Techs Go Live with Sound Basics

Around 75 local audio technicians attended Live Sound Basics to enhance their skills for sounding the message loud and clear without feedback or ringing microphones. The session was held January 30, 2011, at the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, and hosted by the Communication Department.

"This [training session] served as a way of educating them to fulfill a role in ministry that needs filling," said Brian Young, presenter and assistant communication director at the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

Nathan Zinner, assistant to the communication director for the Southern Union, co-instructed the session, and emphasized the significance of quality sound production.

"What we do is just as important as the person on the stage," Zinner said. "It's a very important ministry in the Church."

The goal was to educate participants about the basics behind ensuring church services and similar events aren't interrupted by audio distractions.

"We're wanting the service to flow smoothly and the message of the service to be paramount," Zinner said.

Young and Zinner worked together to break down the often-esoteric knowledge

about cords, speakers, microphones, soundboards, and system set-up.

Attendees traveled from as far away as Moultrie, Ga., and as nearby as Calhoun, Ga. Much of the interest stemmed from those who volunteer at their church.

"I have been elected as one of the [sound] team members, so I want to gain as much information about the proper way of doing it," said Robert Sigh, of the Newton County Church.

Some, like John Encisco of the Atlanta North Church, came because of personal interest.

"I do a lot of audio on my own," Encisco said. "We'll go to nursing homes and play, so I have my own [sound system] that I'll bring to help amplify what we're doing. [It's a] personal interest for personal evangelism I do with music and other things."

Zinner stressed that



Nathan Zinner, assistant to the communication director for the Southern Union, explains details from the sound board. The camera, operated by Brian Henning, and web streaming allowed online viewers to see items close up.



Brian Young, assistant communication director, teaches Live Sound Basics during the January workshop.

helping with sound is a great way to involve people and is open to all ages.

Micah Tanner, from the Fannin County Church, is a great example. Tanner is 10 years old and started helping his church run their sound system last year.

"I'm all into it," he said. "I like computers so I knew I'd love this. And I love to figure out stuff that's hard."

One purpose of the training session was for those who attended to take what they learned back home and share it. Corbin Pitman, pastor of the Brayton Church, assists with his church's sound operation, but he and a handful of mem-

bers attended specifically with others in mind.

"We have a sound system at our church that not many of our members are familiar with. We wanted to learn some basics about it so we can train others."

Online streaming on the Conference website was also available, and reports showed about 25 groups watched via this method.

Herman Bods, of the Greater Atlanta Church, works with his church's media department and watched from home.

"I learned more than I thought I would," Bods said. "It was very informative I found out a lot of things that would help us because we're having a lot of feedback. I'm going to go to church early on Friday and try to iron out that problem."

—BY BRITNI BRANNON
COMMUNICATION ASSISTANT

Conference Holds Annual Couples' Retreat



Special music was provided by Ambience from Huntsville, Ala.

"God blew all my misconceptions about my marriage out of the water. Last year's retreat impressed on me the need to change to be respectful of my spouse, and this year we are back because the Lord is not done with us, yet I am learning skills that I did not know before about being a gracious spouse. Our marriage was on the rocks, but now it is on 'THE ROCK.' Praise the Lord! The entire program was biblically-based and practical, and above all, we have been touched by the Lord ... mission accomplished."

This is some of the testimonial from one of the 25 couples who attended the fourth annual Gulf States Conference Couples' Retreat, October 1-3, 2010, at Embassy Suites in Montgomery, Ala. The Sabbath program

drew more than 100 participating couples, many returning but most attending for the

first time. They came from various Gulf States churches, and from Georgia as well to revitalize their marital relationships, and to learn how to make their homes "the happiest place on Earth." Couples this year ranged in age from 34 years old to 79, and years of marriage ranged from three months to 43 years.

From the registration and supper on Friday evening, through the Sabbath sessions to the closing comments on Sunday morning, the entire program reflected the careful planning of Anita Pembleton and her helpers, which set and maintained the high spiritual tone of the weekend's activities. Motivational speaker Joel Kibble effectively riveted everyone's attention on the subtle but powerful influence of pa-

rental example on the future marriage life of children in the home, and other leaders addressed the contributions of prayer and careful financial management to the happiness of marriage and family life. Participants were loud in praise for the bold spiritual emphasis of the entire retreat, and were almost unanimous in their wish for more time together, and that more couples had availed themselves of the opportunity to attend.

Echoing the thoughtful sentiments of many participants, one couple said, "This weekend retreat was a wonderful second honeymoon for us.

We never thought we needed to attend a marriage retreat, but this session was more than a seminar, it was a spiritual, motivational, and empowering retreat, and an opportunity to re-energize our love for God and for

each other This was truly a wonderful experience that is now memorably etched in our minds. All married couples should treat themselves to this retreat or to one just like it."

Pembleton and her team are planning a robust year for 2011. She announced that there will be a three-night Bahamas cruise on April 8-11, 2011. She has also added a singles retreat scheduled for August 26-28, 2011, and a couples retreat for October 7-9, 2011. Both retreats will be in Panama



Couples enjoyed participating in the Married Lovers' Game at the Luau.

City, Fla. For more information, check the Gulf States website www.gscsda.org or call 850-722-6042.

—BY NATHAN MOORE AND ANITA PEMBLETON

Billy Mitchell Recognized

At a recent ministers' meeting, Billy Mitchell was recognized for his years of service as a pastor in the Conference. Mitchell, with his wife, Patti, began pastoral ministry in the Vickburg, Miss., District in 2003. Later he was the pastor of the Oliver Branch, Miss.,



Leslie Louis (right), Conference executive secretary, presents Billy Mitchell with a plaque thanking him for his years of service.

District, and has currently been the pastor of the Floral Crest, Ala., District.

He served on the Gulf States Conference K-12 Board for two years, and has been on the Conference Executive Committee and Southern Union Ex-

ecutive Committee for the past five years. He also has gone on the Conference Teen Mission Trip for three years as the pastor. He is retiring because of medical reasons.

—BY REBECCA GRICE

Blue Angel Church Conducts Best Weigh Program

In November, 11 Pensacola, Fla., community participants completed a 10-week Best Weigh Program conducted by the Blue Angel Parkway Church, Pensacola, Fla. The participants lost an outstanding total of 127.2 pounds. And that is not all! Each participant kept their individualized workbook, complete with health information and biblical inspiration that will help them to sustain the momentum for achieving their weight loss goal. Additionally, they were offered personalized follow-up and maintenance online, as well as assistance and encouragement from the Best Weigh team.

Best Weigh is a faith-based weight management ministry created by physician Elvin Adams, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.P.M., and includes a spiritual component that separates it from other weight loss plans. Christian faith, prayer,

and caring partners/sponsors provide the foundation for permanent weight loss success as the participant learns new eating habits and healthful food choices that will not only reduce

the waistline, but also food budget. In fact, everyone in the group personalized the changes in their daily food choices and portions based on nutritional topics presented at each weekly meeting. The format of the sessions are designed to be enriching, through the spiritual component; educational, through the nutritional component presented by a medical



These participants lost 127.2 pounds in a 10-week Best Weigh Program conducted by the Blue Angels Parkway Church.

doctor; and individualized through plenty of participation by the “losers” in small groups.

The change in eating habits are only part of the success of this program. The most successful of the graduates started or increased walking as part of an exercise regimen that enhanced their metabolism and helped sustain their weight loss. The gradu-

ates also thought the weekly weigh-ins and small group discussions were helpful in tracking weight loss and providing positive support for other activities.

The church will start the next installment of the Blue Angel Parkway Best Weigh Program this spring. They will be advertising the dates in the local print media and on their Facebook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Pensacola-FL/Blue-Angel-Parkway-SDA/128229140550529>.

Conference Welcomes New Treasurer



Arturo Ledezma has accepted the call to serve the Lord as the treasurer for Gulf States Conference. His educational background includes a master's in business administration from Andrews University, preceded by a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Montemorelos University in Mexico. He worked for four

years as conference treasurer in the Baja California Conference in Tecate, Mexico.

Then his passion for Christian education led him to serve as vice president of finance for 10 years at two Adventist boarding academies, most recently Auburn Adventist Academy in Washington state.

Ledezma says, “I’m looking forward to meet-

ing with the constituents and joining the team of fellow administrators in seeking the Lord’s plan for this Conference. With God’s help, I am committed to follow His leading so He can use me as an instrument for His service to meet challenges and accomplish His mission in this territory.”

—BY REBECCA GRICE

Bernard Victor Bowen: 1917-2010

Bernard Bowen, CRNA, DSc, a man of integrity devoted to his family and community, died at the age of 93 on December 11, 2010. He was the first baby born at the Madison



Sanitarium, Madison, Tenn., on January 16, 1917. He was married in 1950 to Dollie Sykes of Madison, who preceded him in death.

Bowen graduated from Paradise Valley School of Nursing in National City,

Calif., in 1945, and in 1948 graduated from the Norwegian American Hospital School of Nurse Anesthesia in Chicago, Ill. In September 1950 he came to Madison Hospital and

became the chief anesthetist and director of the new School of Nurse Anesthesia, which is now known as Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia (MTSA). He retired as director in 1980, after training hundreds of

nurses in anesthesia.

In 1956, he graduated from the Madison College School of Nursing with a bachelor's degree in nursing. He received an honorary doctor of science degree from MTSA in October 1994. He was a lifetime member of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists and the Tennessee Association of Nurse Anesthetists, and recently received their Lifetime Achievement Award. He was president of the Tennessee Association of Nurse Anesthetists in 1970. After he retired, he and his wife, Dollie, travelled

the world for many years, studying anesthesia practices and providing anesthesia. He was an active member of the Madison Campus Church where he served as an elder.

He is survived by two daughters, Rita Bowen Walker (Jerry) of Alexander City, Ala., and Mary Davidson Sampley (David) of Monterey, Tenn.; four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on December 20, 2010, at the Madison Campus Church, Madison, Tenn.

—BY JIM CULPEPPER

Highland Manor Now The Bridge at Highland

Highland Manor Now The Highland Manor Nursing Home on the campus of Highland Academy has become The Bridge at Highland. But, the change is more than just in the name. On December 1, 2010, Serenity Healthcare, a division of Signature Healthcare, assumed management of the facility which provides skilled long-term care and rehabilitation services to residents, and will focus on the special needs of those needing long-term care for Alzheimer's, dementia, and other cognitive disorders.

Somewhere between 60 and 70 percent of people in these facilities have diagnoses of Alzheimer's, dementia, or related mental health illness, according to Doug Cox, CEO of Serenity. A section of the building

will focus on the diseases of the aged. The rest of the building will continue to function as it always has — a long-term care facility.

"We still do rehab," says Cox. "We are absolutely focused and driven on those things. We have a great rehab department — physical, speech, and occupational therapy."

Paul Kenyon is the new administrator at The Bridge at Highland. Kenyon has worked for Adventist Living Centers and for Adventist Health System. There is also a full-time chaplain with a master of divinity degree from Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich., who will be on site five days a week, which is a special thing for the residents. The chaplain will serve as the



liaison between the academy and The Bridge.

The new management is investing nearly \$1,000,000 in renovations. "We are putting in new walk-in coolers for the kitchen, new windows, all new flooring in the common areas and the hallways," says Cox.

There will be approximately 20 job openings for students, where there have been only three or four jobs in the recent past. Signature Healthcare is also bringing a furniture factory to the

campus which will be operational by August 2011. SHC Furniture manufactures quality furniture for nursing homes. This industry should be employing up to another 20 students. Signature is bringing in a construction company which will employ about five students in the office.

"We are pretty excited about the increase in work opportunities for students," says Becky Patrick, Highland Academy principal. "Making getting an education at an Adventist boarding academy more affordable is a challenge faced by many of our schools. We are thankful for these opportunities that will make Adventist education more affordable at Highland Academy."

—BY MARVIN LOWMAN

MTSA Gets New President

Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia (MTSA) has named Kenneth L. Schwab, Ed.D., as president. Schwab has served as interim president since May 2010, and will be the third person to lead the school in that role.

"We are grateful that Dr. Schwab will join the MTSA family as our next president," said Steven R. Dickerson, M.D., chairman of MTSA's Board of Trust-

ees, in a news release. "In the five months as interim president, Dr. Schwab has drawn from his unparalleled higher education experience to engage leadership at both the institutional and board level, which is essential for MTSA to excel. We wel-



come Dr. Schwab as he joins the storied 60-year history of one of the top anesthesia schools in the country."

Prior to MTSA, Schwab served as president emeritus and professor at Centenary College of Louisiana. He also was president and chief executive officer

of Centenary College for nearly two decades. Before joining Centenary College, Schwab held the positions of executive vice president for administration and executive assistant to the president for institutional planning at the University of South Carolina, where he also taught courses in education.

—BY JIM CLOSSER

Steve Green Concert Benefits God's Storehouse

Tim and Diane Joy, members of the Lawrenceburg, Tenn., Church, had attended many Steve Green concerts and had been blessed by the power of his music and testimony. "What if," they wondered, "we could get this internationally known, award-winning Christian artist to come to our city?"

Joy shared his dream with the church about inviting Steve Green to come and present a concert, offer free admission to the public, then take up a free will offering to go entirely to God's Storehouse, the local community services. To fund the concert, Tim offered to present it to the local businesses and churches and then let God do the rest.

Not until the night before the concert did they discover that members from among their Adventist church family had donated

enough to not only cover expenses beyond what local businesses had given, but also to provide a check of \$382 to God's Storehouse. Fellow church members volunteered in other ways too. Some offered to help with greeting, the sale of CD's, spotlighting, and even with loading and unloading equipment. Other members set about to provide a meal for Steve Green and the team that accompanied him. Still



Paul Ivey (left), Tim Joy, Steve Green, and Diane Joy



The Crockett Theater in Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

others chose to be part of a backup chorale for Steve Green, made up of musicians from the Lawrenceburg Church and also two local Baptist churches.

Some large Sunday-keeping churches canceled their Sunday evening services so their members could attend. Sunday evening, January 23, 2011, more than an hour before the concert, a line began forming outside Lawrenceburg's Crockett Theater. Some estimate that 700-800 people were

present. Numerous people grasped Tim Joy's hand and thanked him for providing this benefit concert.

Paul Ivey, director of Lawrenceburg's God's Storehouse, was speechless when he was presented the offering, totaling \$4,015, at the end of the concert. Later, while his wife waited for a Steve Green autograph, Ivey related stories of those he was privileged to help find housing, clothing, food, and jobs.

With a smile of satisfaction and a sigh of relief that it was over, Joy commented, "We are looking forward to deepening the friendships started with the Christian community." His wife nodded her agreement.

—BY LLOYD SCHOMBURG

Sumter Members Receive Army Award

The 2010 U.S. Army Military District of Washington Family of the Year Award was presented to Sgt. Quincy Black and his family at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C.

The award was presented by Major Gen. Karl R. Horst and Command Sgt. Major Michael W. Williams. Williams said, "The Black family's impressive volunteer efforts show a real dedication to improving the Army's well-being in the National Capital Region."

A criterion for the award requires families to show active volunteerism in their community, result-

ing in improved services for fellow service members.

Black's wife, Tesha, participates in the Andrews Air Force Base Airman's Attic. The Airmen's Attic is dedicated to easing the financial pressures on military families by giving its patrons free, quality goods, including clothing, furniture, appliances, and dishes. They provide an average of \$60,000 dollars per month in assistance, all of which comes from the community in the form of money or donated material.



Major Gen. Karl R. Horst, commander of the U.S. Army Military District of Washington (MDW), and Command Sgt. Major Michael W. Williams present Sgt. Quincy Black, daughter India, son Quincy, and wife Tesha with the MDW Family of the Year Award at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C., November 2010.

Black is stationed at Andrews Air Force Base, and serves as a Flight Stewart for the Secretary

of the Army and the Army Chief of Staff. He is also a member of Berea Church in Sumter, S.C.

Raleigh Members Celebrate Veterans Day

Gethsemane Church in Raleigh, N.C., celebrated Veterans Day on November 13, 2010. The program was the idea of the seniors' ministries department, led by View Henderson. The members hosted 27 seniors from the Berean Church, Charlotte, N.C., and Ephesus Church, Gastonia, N.C.

The day's program included Sabbath School, conducted by Joseph Jackson from Berean who was dressed in full military uniform.

Gethsemane member James Pearson performed the Call to Muster of local veterans in the congregation. It was amazing to see so many men in the church who had served in

the military.

One of the most interesting revelations of the day was learning that Stacy Fisher, RN, had served in the U.S. Army Reserve for 10 years.

A somber realization was that November 13 marked the 45th wed-



James Pearson (left), Shirley Spivey, and James Reid

ding anniversary of the late John Frederick Spivey Sr., and Shirley Spivey of Gethsemane. Sadly, John, an ordained deacon, passed on Saturday, October 9, 2010, approximately one month before the veterans program. Shirley Spivey, in her husband's

honor, participated in the Call to Muster, carrying a plaque with a photo of her husband and the United States Flag. John Spivey had served as a paratrooper during the Vietnam era in the United

States Armed Forces.

The sermon for the day was given by Major James L. Reid, U.S. Army Reserve retired, and National Service Organization Director (NSO) for the South Atlantic Conference. He shared that there are more than 7,000 Seventh-day Adventists serving in the military all over the world. Reid reiterated that in these final days, God needs all young folks on deck to carry the Gospel message forward.

The evening event consisted of a concert featuring talent from the participating churches, and a Vesper thought was given by Jean Lordeus.

—BY TAJUANA D. LORDEUS

Berean Galvanized to Reach Community

The Berean Church in Atlanta, Ga., continued its tradition of ministering to the homeless and disenfranchised through their Annual Community-wide Thanksgiving Dinner.

This effort was spearheaded by Berean's personal ministry and community service departments. Charles Cunningham, personal ministry leader, encouraged his staff to go beyond last year by increasing not only the number of persons they ministered to, but also the services that would be offered.



The volunteers enjoyed serving as much as the attendees enjoyed the meal prepared for the Thanksgiving dinner.

Carlton P. Byrd, D. Min., senior pastor, encouraged parishioners to share in this experience. More than 250 volunteers were composed of the pastoral staff, local elders,

community leaders, Conference officials, co-workers, and friends of Berean members.

The church's educational complex was converted into a multi-service facility. Within the first

hour of opening its doors, hundreds poured in to be a part of this experience.

More than 1,500 guests were able to experience a traditional Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings. Additionally, more than 200 medical screenings were conducted, along with 150 haircuts, 45 massages, and 24 facials. Countless articles of clothing and shoes were also distributed. All services were provided free to a grateful community.

—BY CYNTHIA NELSON

Ebenezer Dreamed of Community Service Christmas

At Ebenezer Church, Augusta, Ga., the community service leader, Zettie Lanham, and her assistant, Raymond Lanham, spread tidings of joy on Christmas Day.

Bags of food, each containing a hat/gloves set, personal hygiene items, and toys, were given away to area families in need.

Ebenezer community service department targeted a low-income community near the church. Many of the residents in the area were familiar with the church's outreach program, and are assisted on a weekly basis. "I truly

believe we are a light on a hill in this community, especially for these residents. Poverty and need never



Members of Ebenezer Church, Augusta, Ga., assisted those who came for the Christmas outreach program.

takes a holiday. We're here to serve as Christ did; so we go where and when there is a need," said Lanham.

The day before Christmas Eve, the community service members prepared meals and delivered them to senior citizens, the homeless, and homebound individuals. They also sponsored an annual Thanksgiving meal and delivered more than 100 dinners.

—BY BETTY ELLIS JAMES

3-D Approach to Evangelism Reenergizes

The Thonotosassa, Fla., Church recently wrapped up what used to be coined, “The Fall/Winter Week of Prayer,” a steady approach that was purposed to reenergize the membership, and enable soul winning. As in prior years, the theme of this winter’s evangelistic series focused on apocalyptic themes and end-time events.

This year’s theme, “The Jonah Dilemma,” shed new light on the story of the runaway prophet, focusing on apocalyptic themes, their parallel to end-time events, and the church member’s role in evangelizing the world.



The sanctuary and interior of the Thonotosassa Church were transformed into the city ports of Tarshish, Joppa, and Nineveh, complete with a seven-foot boat that served as the pulpit during the Jonah Dilemma evangelism series by C. Anslem Paul, pastor.

In order to help its members and their guests have a “3-D evangelistic experience,” the church’s pastor, C. Anslem Paul, communicated his vision to the church’s project manager, Alisha Edwards, and a core group of its members.

Their goal was to breathe new life into their approach to evangelism,

incorporating some of what the pastor learned as a teen working at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

In the end, the goal was to effectively transport the members, and more importantly, their guests, to 8th century B.C., and bring Jonah’s dilemma to life.

Even the young people of the church got involved, dressing in period costumes, as they passed out bulletins or helped guests.

At the conclusion of each evening’s service, visitors and members were encouraged to stay and mingle with one another, as the church members created ministry booths in the fellowship hall, which highlighted different minis-

tries within the church.

In the end, this new 3-D approach to evangelism energized the members, and brought a considerable number of visitors to Thonotosassa. Edwards documented “lessons learned” from this series.

Energized from the series, the pastor and members will be hosting quarterly evangelism series in 2011, and those lessons learned will be used to improve Thonotosassa’s approach to soul winning in these last days.

To find out more of the wonderful things happening at Thonotosassa, visit the Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/pages/T-Sassa-S-D-A-Church/129965483712336>.

—BY PAMELA GATES

North Orlando Hosts Heath Fair

“God, Your Health, and Eternity” was the theme of the Health Expo presented by the health department of the North Orlando Church on the weekend of October 9 and 10.

On Sabbath, October 9, the divine service guest speaker, Racquel Daley-Placide, M.D., presented a dynamic message where she emphasized the benefits of healthful living.

The afternoon program featured physicians discussing issues dealing with geriatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, and pediatrics.

On Sunday, October 10, a Health Fair was held in the Fellowship Hall.

At the nutrition booth, a dietician explained the Nutrition Pyramid, and distributed samples of fruits



A nurse conducts a health screening on a member of the community during the North Orlando Health Fair on October 10, 2010.

and vegetables. Vegetarian foods were also available for purchase at discount prices.

At the cancer booth, a nurse explained the available treatment options for several common cancers.

Visitors were also provided with information regarding hospice care (Vitas), water purification, safety measures, Shaken-baby Syndrome, chiropractics, Christian literature, wedding planning, and cardio-vascular issues.

Throughout the day, volunteer nurses performed free blood

pressure screenings and blood glucose checks. Pharmacists were present to answer questions relating to medications.

Lonna Gordon, M.D., explained how to prevent obesity in children, and a nurse practitioner checked the body mass index of the attendees.

Free massages, bottled water, books, and gifts were given to event attendees. The Health Expo proved to be an excellent way to share God’s love and healthful living with the community.

—BY GRACE MILLER

Prayer Meeting Held Just for Kids

Every Wednesday night at Mt. Pisgah Church in Miami Gardens, Fla., an innovative prayer meeting is going on — called Kids for Christ, “KFC.”

While adults are having their prayer meeting, children of all ages enjoy pizza, Bible stories, and crafts to give the children a mid-week boost.

Over a year ago, April Rolle, a busy mother of two small children, saw a need to create a spiritual event that would engage children, and set out to create KFC.

The children arrive at 6 p.m. and enjoy free pizza and juice while watching a Bible video.

Rolle has adopted the philosophy, “repetition

deepens the impression.” Classes start with a review of the previous week’s lesson.

Rolle then presents a new Bible story followed by a craft associated with that story. Quite often there’s a cooking class where the children make a treat like “Manna” cookies.

Rolle, along with her assistant, Darlene Webbe, have worked hard to develop a program that appeals to children from



April Rolle, creator of Kids For Christ, hands out materials to children during craft time.

toddler to early teens.

They are happy to see regular members bring their friends and relatives to visit KFC, some eventually becoming regulars!

The week before

Christmas, Rolle and her KFC team had the opportunity to bring into their Bible study a large group of children from a local group home. The children, ranging in age from two to 12, had a great time.

They not only made and decorated their own Christmas

cookies, they took home bags full of toys to put under their Christmas tree at the group home. Lots of volunteers made the event a great success.

—BY NANCY WELLS

Conference Youth Ministries Launches Scholarship

In this depressed financial market, the cost of higher education continues to escalate.

Many parents and students are finding it more and more difficult to obtain the funds needed to maintain the pursuit of a quality education.

Therefore, Southeastern’s youth ministries recently launched the “Dollars for Scholars” scholarship initiative.

The scholarship will provide students from all over the Conference with much needed assistance as a result of this initiative.

Ellen White states, “The churches in different

localities should feel that a solemn responsibility rests upon them to train youth and educate talent to engage in missionary work. When they see those in the church who give promise of making useful workers, but who are not able to support themselves in the school, they should assume the responsibility of sending them to one of our training schools. There are persons who would do good service in the Lord’s vineyard, but many are too poor to obtain without assistance the education that they require. The churches should feel it a privilege to take a part in defraying the

expenses of such,” Child Guidance, pages 313-314.

A total of eight scholarships have been awarded. Recipients were Loreanna Rich and Dylan Newton, Shiloh - Ocala, Fla.; Shanique Nicholas and Kimberly Kelly, Patmos Chapel - Winter Park, Fla.; Monique Norris, Mt. Zion - Kissimmee, Fla.; Kamilah Howell, Maranatha - Apopka, Fla.; Myriame Myrtill, Beersheba - Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and Antonio Lane, Berean - Brunswick, Ga.

Each applicant presented a strong application and wrote a powerful essay on the importance

of education. It is the goal of the youth department to award at least 50 scholarships annually.

In order to support and sustain this initiative, each church is asked to take an active role in this scholarship fund.

Each youth and sponsor will donate only one dollar per month through their local church.

Fifty percent of the contributions will go directly to young people from these congregations, and the remainder to students throughout the Conference from a participating church.

—BY CESAR ROBINSON

Southern Offers Degree in Early Childhood Education

In response to the Southern Union's need for early childhood educators, Southern Adventist University will begin offering an associate's degree in early childhood education this fall.

"The hope is that the graduates with an early childhood associate's

degree will be able to return to their local churches and work within these places," says Jeanette Stepanske, interim dean of the School of Education and Psychology.

A major benefit of this program is that it can turn into a four-year interdisciplinary

degree, if students wish to have a bachelor's degree. Online courses will also be available to those who are already working in early childhood facilities and need training opportunities.

"In early childhood programs," says Cheryl Des Jarlais, an associate

professor in the School of Education and Psychology and the coordinator of the new program, "we think about what the child's needs are as they develop mentally, physically, emotionally, and socially — and especially spiritually."

—BY CARRIE FRANCISCO

Star Stevens Demonstrates Love Through Service

Star Stevens first stepped foot on the campus of Southern Adventist University at age 4. Her father, then a pastor in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, would bring his family to camp meeting held on campus. She loved it and knew she wanted to end up there in the future.

Though Stevens wasn't able to attend Southern for college, today she is a resource secretary for the

School of Religion.

Stevens was recently awarded the President's Award for Customer Service Excellence, for which students and employees nominated her.

One student said, "Star Stevens spends her days listening to so many students and helping them with everything



Gordon Bietz, D. Min., recognized Star Stevens for her service at the university's employee Christmas brunch.

job assignments. She is always there for all the students, and I think that everyone who knows her adores her."

When it comes to being a customer servant, she says, "It's not hard when you have gracious customers like the students and people I work with."

—BY INGRID HERNANDEZ

from writing resumes to relationship problems, on top of completing all her

Southern Celebrates 60 Years of Accreditation

On December 7, 1950, after six years of working toward receiving full accreditation as a four-year college, Southern Adventist University — then Southern Missionary College — finally received accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Sixty years later, Southern is reflecting on its

accreditation accomplishment.

"The accreditation process has functioned over the years to strengthen and improve Southern's educational mission," says Robert Young, Ph.D., senior vice president of academic administration.



Floyd Rittenhouse, Ph.D., helped to bring Southern up to accreditation standards in 1950.

To gain full accreditation, Southern was inspired to reach a higher

academic standard.

"Accreditation meant that our students would be qualified to pursue graduate training," says Dennis Pettibone, Ph. D., History Department chair and author of *The Story of Southern College: A Century of Challenge*. "It opened doors of opportunity."

Those "doors of opportunity" were the driving force behind the push for the University to become accredited, led by Ambrose Suhrie, Ph.D., residential educational consultant.

"Many members of the Adventist Church thought it was heresy to become accredited," says Pettibone. "Suhrie, however, showed people the importance of intellectual achievement."

It was also the commitment of Floyd Rittenhouse, Ph.D., the academic dean, who brought the University up to the accreditation standards.

Rittenhouse and Suhrie's determination led Southern to celebrate 60 years of accreditation.

—BY JOHN SHOEMAKER

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Obituaries

AHLGREN, Mildred Digh, 93, born Dec. 21, 1916 in Rutherford County, NC, died Sept. 28, 2010. She was a member of the Gastonia, NC, Church.

ARNOLD, Dorothy (Dot), 85, born Feb. 13, 1925 in Memphis, TN, died March 28, 2010 in Nashville, TN. Dot was one of seven children raised by a single mom who joined the Adventist Church through revival meetings, and then cleaned the church to pay for her children to attend church school. William C. (Conn) Arnold was stationed at Millington Navy Base and visited the Memphis Church where he met Dot. Dot and Conn married on Feb. 18, 1945, and served in ministry together until his death in March 2007. They moved 25 times living in MI, NC, FL, AL, MS, KY, TN, and the General Conference. Dot was the perfect dean's wife loving and feeding the boys, and the perfect preacher's wife smiling all through the sermon and motioning when it was time to stop. She was nurturing, unselfish, kind, and loving to all. She was a member of the Hendersonville Church. She is survived by her daughter, Connie (Elbert) Jackson of Nashville, TN; son, William (Pam) C. Arnold Jr. of Loma Linda, CA; four grandchildren: Kelly and Kevin Jackson, and Wesley and Parker Arnold all of CA; one brother, T. A. Davis of PA; and 36 nieces and nephews.

BANDIOLA, Benjamin, 84, born on Oct. 11, 1926 in Valladolid, Negros Occidental, Philippines, died Dec. 27, 2010 in Orlando, FL. He was a member of the Collegedale, TN, Church, and served in numerous educational positions throughout his career: Dean of the School of Graduate Studies at Philippine Union College; a professor of education and psychology at Union College from 1969–84; professor and chair of the Department of Education and Psychology at Southern Adventists University from 1984–92; and adjunct psychology faculty at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga from 1992–2002. He was also a visiting lecturer at Mission College in Muak Lek, Thailand, and a lifetime member of the University of Iowa Alumni Association and the Philippine Fulbright Scholars Association. He was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters. He is survived by his wife, Anita Bandiola of Collegedale; five children: Vivien Ann Bandiola of Palm Springs, CA, Rene Arthur Bandiola of Reseda, CA, John Alden Bandiola of Lincoln, NE, Lillian Ruth Gibson of Lincoln, NE, and Ivan Oliver Bandiola of Salt Lake City, UT; 13 grandchildren; one great grandson; one brother, Eliseo Bandiola; three sisters: Elena Martinez, Pacita Timonera, and Eva Pueblo all of the Philippines; several nieces; and nephews. Funeral services were held Jan. 1, 2011 at the Collegedale Church. Interment was Jan. 2, at Collegedale Memorial Park.

BROWN III, Pastor John Merritt, 72, born April 5, 1938, died Jan. 30, 2011. Upon graduating from high school, he attended Fisk

University in Nashville, TN, and married his high school sweetheart, Carolyn Saunders. He was then called to serve in the Army and served his country well. He and Carolyn had five children. He helped to support his family as an artist/illustrator and freelance artist. He was commissioned to produce artwork for different publications and organizations including South Central Conference. His artwork can be found in the stained glass windows of several South Central churches, including Oakwood University Church, Huntsville, AL, and New Covenant Church, Memphis, TN. Dr. Carolyn Saunders Brown preceded him in death, and he later married Dr. Vivian Coon Raiford and became dad to her five children. The two also parented siblings Jasmine, Dallas, and Elexus Coon, who knew the Browns as "Uncle John and Aunt Vivian." After ministering as a lay pastor in the Nashville and Franklin, TN, areas including assisting in the establishment of the New Birth Church in Franklin, the Browns moved to Huntsville, AL, where John enrolled in Oakwood College (now Oakwood University) to study theology. After graduation, he was hired by South Central under the leadership of the late Elder Charles E. Dudley. He also served under Elders Joseph McCoy, Benjamin Browne, and Dana Edmond; and pastored congregations in Mississippi, Alabama, and Tennessee. He was multi-talented and was an accomplished soloist and guitarist; and in his senior years, he learned to sew and became a master tailor. Pathfinding was also a big part of his life, and worked with his wife Vivian in the Pathfinder clubs in South Central teaching art. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Vivian Coon Raiford; children/step-children: Johnel (Kathy), Preston (Linda), Lori (Joe), Victor (Dorice), Terrence (Karla), George (Laura) Raiford III, Anthony (Rita) Raiford, Angela Raiford, Kenton (Sharonda) Raiford, and Kenneth (Kiesha) Raiford; grandchildren: Christopher (Lisa), Cody, Kristen (Sam), Stacey (Wayne), Iliana, Dypree, Denisha, Justin, Jordan, Rebekah, Margaret, Anthony Jr., Anitra, Kenton, Michael, Drake, Angela, Kerry, Kamdam John; and great-grandchildren: Kayna, Sam, and Jasmine. Interment was at the Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery in Pegram, TN.

CAMPBELL, Blanche (Edge) Smith, 82, born Nov. 15, 1927 in Moore, SC, died Nov. 9, 2010 at Magnolia Manor in Spartanburg, SC. She was the loving wife of Marvin "MC" Campbell, and was first married to the late Eugene Smith. She had been a very faithful and active member of the Spartanburg Church, and worked many years as a nursing assistant. She is survived by her husband, Marvin; one son, Leo Smith and his wife Kathleen of Charlotte, NC; one daughter, Brenda Fulbright of Spartanburg; two sisters: Arbutus Trail of Woodruff, SC, and Grace Elvira Chesney of Inman, SC; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three step-children: Donna Schafer of Charleston, SC, Rosanne Thompson of Wichita, KS, and Glen Campbell of Denver,

NC; nine step-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by one sister, Naomi Anderson.

COBLE, Juanita Ganas, 91, died Nov. 30, 2010 at Satilla Care Center after an extended illness. She was a native of Berrien County, but she has lived most of her life in Waycross, GA. Before moving back to Waycross to take care of her mother and father, she was a school teacher employed by Southern Seminary Adventist School in Collegedale, TN. She is also the last living charter member of the Waycross Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Junior Coble; and two brothers: W. A. Ganas and Harry Ganas. She is survived by one brother, R. L. Ganas (Marian) of Waycross; two sisters-in-law, Ollie Mae Ganas and Dorothy Ganas of Waycross; several nieces; and nephews. A funeral service was held Dec. 3, 2010 at the Music Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery.

CORRECES, Dalisay L., 88, born Jan. 7, 1921 in the Philippines, died July 29, 2010 in Sebring, FL. She was a member of the Avon Park, FL, Church, and was a literature evangelist for 10 years. She is survived by her sons: Gilbert Correces of Toronto, Canada, Edward Correces of Avon Park, and Jerry Correces of Hagerstown, MD; one daughter, Dorie Roa of Lake Placid, FL; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. The service was conducted in Sebring, FL, by Pastor Raphael Fernandez. Interment was at Lakeview Memorial Gardens in Sebring.

CUNNINGHAM, Joy (Marilyn), 77, born May 31, 1933, died Sept. 16, 2010 at Winter Park, FL. She was a member of the Kress Memorial Church, Winter Park, FL, where the service was conducted by Pastor Eric Doran.

DAVIS, Stanley H., 83, born April 1, 1927 in Detroit, MI, died Nov. 1, 2010 in Deer Lodge, TN. He was a member of the Meister Memorial Church in Tennessee. He is survived by his wife, Lois E. LaDuc; three sons: Robert, Randy, and Rodney; and two grandchildren: Autumn and Ryan.

DORTCH, Marie W. Bowman, 69, born Nov. 24, 1940 in Barwick, GA, died July 14, 2010 in Pensacola, FL. She is survived by her husband, George A. Dortch of Chattanooga, TN; two children: Sherri M. Dortch Rouse of Langdon, NH, and Kevin A. Dortch of Long Beach, CA; and one sister, Barbara Bowman Brown of Atlanta, GA.

EMPSON, Fred A., 96, born Aug. 2, 1914 in Robertson County, TN; died Dec. 29, 2010 in Springfield, TN. He was a member of the Ridgetop, TN, Church. He was a retired craftsman of fine furniture and a farmer. His carpentry skills enhanced the Ridgetop Church sanctuary. His wife, Louella, infant son, Donald

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Wayne, and brother, Willie Brown preceded him in death. He is survived by his sister-in-law, Dorothy Wilkerson; and six nieces and nephews. Pastor Bob Korzyniowski conducted the funeral service.

ENRIGHT, Merrill L., 84, born April 17, 1926 in San Francisco, CA, died Aug. 28, 2010 in Ocala, FL. He was a member of the Hernando, FL, Church. He was a pastor and evangelist for 42 years. After retirement, he became a missionary to Moldova from 1994-1996. He had a beautiful singing voice and sang after each sermon. He loved the Lord with all his heart, and wanted to do all he could to bring others to the Lord. He is survived by his wife, Alberta; two sons: Dr. Paul and John of Arizona; one daughter, Merrilee McCain of Tennessee; seven grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

FLAQUEL, Joseph, 71, born March 28, 1939 in Cap-Haiti, died Nov. 2, 2010 in Avon Park, FL. He was a member of the Avon Park Church. He is survived by his wife, Elaine; two sons: Roger of Miami, FL, and Ronald of Fremont, MI; one daughter, Gilda Blaise of Coram, NY; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. The service was conducted at the Avon Park Church by Pastor Paul Boling. Internment was at the Bougainvillea Memorial Cemetery in Avon Park.

FUENTES, Sergio E., 84, born Aug. 8, 1926 in Pinar del Rio, Cuba, died Dec. 29, 2010 in Miami, FL. He was a member of the Avon Park, FL, Spanish Church for five years. He is survived by his wife, Marcela; one son, Smerdis of Hialeah, FL; one daughter, Eunice Dominguez of Avon Park; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Raúl Ruz of Hialeah. Interment was in Hialeah.

GENTON, Meredith R., 63, born March 18, 1947 in Orlando, FL, died Aug. 13, 2010 in Dade City, FL. She was a member of the East Pasco Church in Zephyrhills, FL, since Sept. 2004. She was a school teacher at Walker Memorial Jr. Academy, Avon Park, FL, and at Pasco Adventist Academy, Dade City, FL, for 32 years. Every year, Meredith would challenge her students to not only give their young hearts to God and invite Jesus to be their very best friend, but also to meet her at the Tree of Life in Heaven. At the memorial service, several former students said they fully intend to keep that promise. She is survived by her husband of 36 years, Marc; one son, Mathew of Zephyrhills; one daughter, Michelle Bullard of Greenville, SC; her mother, Miriam Sammer of Zephyrhills; one brother, Edwin Sammer; and one sister, Judith Henderson. Her brother Nobert preceded her in death. A memorial service was conducted by Pastor Haskell Williams at the East Pasco Church in Zephyrhills.

HENDERSON, Susan Lauren, 44, born March 17, 1966, in DeKalb County, GA, died

Jan. 6, 2011 in Coeur D'Alene, ID. She was an active and involved member of the Fannin County Church, holding various offices and most recently serving as the church ministries director. She is survived by her mother, Frances Henderson; two daughters: Jacquelyn and Erica Wood; two brothers, James and Johnny Henderson; one sister, Terri Simonds; one uncle, Jean Martin; one aunt, Jane Martin; several nieces; and nephews. A memorial service was held on Jan. 22, 2011 at the Fannin County Church in Morgantown, GA.

HOWELL, Vincent Merlin, 71, born July 21, 1939 in Hamilton, OH, died Dec. 5, 2010. He served his country in the Navy from 1958 to 1960 aboard the USS Randolph, CVA15. He attended the University of Dayton studying electrical engineering and quality control. He received his Quality Control Engineer Certification in 1979. He worked for AVCO Manufacturing Corp., from 1961 to 1974. He retired from ASCO Valve, Co., as Quality Control Manager in 1999. He was a member of the Aiken, SC, Church, where he served as head elder among other offices. He was the founder and station manager of their FM radio station, WASD. He held a commercial pilot's license, and was an accomplished aerobatics pilot. He is survived by his wife, Alice Peckinpugh Howell; one son, Brian Howell; one daughter, Angela Howell; one brother, Laurence Howell; one sister, Karen Bradford; and one sister-in-law, Patricia Callahan.

IWEY, James Delbert, 81, born Dec. 21, 1921 in Quitman, MS, died May 13, 2010 in Meridian, MS. He was a member of the Guntersville Church. He is survived by one son, James S. Ivey; two daughters: Elizabeth Ivey and Mo White; and one daughter-in-law, Dona Ivey.

JACKSON, Paul T., 95, born April 11, 1915 in Cedar Rapids, IA, died Dec. 28, 2010 in Hendersonville, TN. He was educated at Emmanuel Missionary College where he met his mate of 67 years, Elizabeth. He started practicing preaching at age 14 in the corn fields. He pastored churches in IN, NH, and PA. He was a Trust Officer for the LLU Foundation, Christian Record Braille Foundation, and founder of the Trust Department for Andrews University. He founded Shawnee Mission Medical Center in Kansas City, KS. His wife preceded him in death. He is survived by his son, Elbert (Connie) Jackson of Nashville, TN; and two grandchildren: Kelly and Kevin Jackson of CA. His memorial service was at the 3ABN Center with burial in IN.

JOHNSON, James Gregory "Greg," 57, born March 20, 1953 in Ashland, KY, died Oct. 5, 2010 in Huntsville, AL. He was a member of the Guntersville, AL, Church. He is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law: James and Deborah Johnson, and Jeremy and Lindsey Johnson; one daughter, Heidi Johnson; nine grandchildren; four brothers; three sisters-in-law; one sister; and brother-in-law.

LEVENS, Ethel V., 90, born March 14, 1920 in Fort Myers, FL, died June 18, 2010 in Middleburg, FL. She was a member of the Starke, FL, Church, where she served as social director for five years, communion services director for six years, and flower arranger for 15 years. She is survived by her husband, Floyd; and one grandchild.

LITCHFIELD, Sam, 75, born June 4, 1935 in Brooker, FL, died Nov. 29, 2010 in Gainesville, FL. He was a member of the Gainesville Church for 60 years. He is survived by his wife, Myrna; three sons: Charles and Jamie of Gainesville, and Joseph of Pembroke Pines, FL; one daughter, Tina Pruitt of Gainesville; and five grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastors Daniel Graham and Ken Coonley at Gainesville Church.

LUCAS, Charles Ray, 70, of Apison, TN, born Feb. 17, 1940, died Nov. 19, 2010. Husband of Marilyn, father of Bonnie (Chris) Freeland and David Lucas, and grandfather of Katie Freeland. A memorial service was held Nov. 27, 2010 in the Collegedale Church Sanctuary.

MAY, Luther A., 94, born May 11, 1916 in Guilford County, NC, died Dec. 31, 2010 in Madison, TN. He and his wife, Eunice, served the Lord together for more than 67 years. They met while working at the Florida Sanitarium, and married October 5, 1943 in Orlando, FL. He began his pastoral ministry in the Iowa Conference in 1965. The Mays accepted a call to work in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference in 1973. They retired from the pastoral ministry in January 2001. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Eunice Magoon May; three daughters: Sharrie May of Perry, GA, Bonnie (Lanny) Phillips of Madison, TN, and Judy (Bruce) Trigg of Powell, TN; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

MCAFEE, Mary Lee Rackley, 90, born Nov. 29, 1919 in Fannin County, GA, died Nov. 28, 2010 at Heritage Health Care in Blue Ridge, GA. She was a member of the Fannin County Church, and she and her late husband, James Collier (J.C.) McAfee, were owners of McAfee's Grocery Store. She was preceded in death by her brothers: William Zetler Rackley and John Calvin Rackley; and sisters: Lorraine Jones; Marcy Graves; and Hortense Satterfield. She is survived by one daughter, Donna Lee Neal of Blue Ridge; two grandchildren: Dennis Neal (Donna) of Maryville, TN, and Melinda Neal of Blue Ridge; great-grandchildren: Matthew and Christopher Neal, Stephanie and Jessee Deal, Joshua Neal, and Sarah Lee; and two great-grandchildren: Justin and Whitney Deal. Funeral services were held Nov. 30, 2010, at the Akins Funeral Home Chapel with Elder Robert Fancher officiating. Interment followed at Hemptown Cemetery.

POST, JoAnn, 68, of Collegedale, died Nov. 11, 2010.

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PICHETTE, Pauline C., 78, born Feb. 16, 1932 in Fall River, MA, and died Jan. 4, 2011 in Port Charlotte, FL. She was a member of the Port Charlotte Church for 17 years. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Raymond; three sons: Pastor Raymond (Yvonne) of New Market, VA, Pastor Thomas (Herlinda) of Eau Claire, WI, and John (Michelle) of Bradenton, FL; three daughters: Linda (Tom) Lechleitner of Allegan, MI, Louise (Rusty) Hauver of Myersville, MD, and Barbara (Wayne) Goffin of Port Charlotte; six brothers: George, Ray, Charles, Paul, John, and Donald LeBreux; three sisters: Lorraine, Jackie, and Jeannie; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Timothy Goff in Port Charlotte. Interment was in Sarasota, FL.

ROBBINS, Sylvia M., 67, born Dec. 19, 1942 in Puigary, Argentina, died Feb. 4, 2010 in Apopka, FL. She was a member of the Forest Lake Church, Apopka, FL for 33 years. She was a nurse for 33 years. She is survived by her husband, Cliff; son, Kevin Klein; daughters, Kathy Stamper and Deborah Pinto; sister, Esther Bailey; and six grandchildren. The service was conducted at the Forest Lake Church, Apopka, FL, by Pastor Noel Shanko. Interment was at the Highland Memory Gardens in Apopka.

ROBINSON, George, 99, born Dec. 11, 1911 in Conshohocken, PA, died Feb. 26, 2010 in Brownsville, TN. He was a member of the Dyersburg Church. He was a retired physical therapist. He is survived by two daughters: Linda Wright of Alameda, CA, and Nancy Sutherland of Brownsville; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

RUTT, Grace, 104, born March 30, 1906 in Bethlehem, PA, died Dec. 3, 2010 in Avon Park, FL. She was a member of the Avon Park Church. After moving to Florida in 2004, she volunteered her services at Florida Hospital Heartland Division in Sebring, keeping the serving deck clean two days a week. She is survived by one son, Victor Leidich of Middletown, NY; three daughters: Gloria Washo of Bethlehem, PA, Hannah Eppel of Avon Park, and Carol Frakash of Quakertown, PA; 16 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Paul Boling at Avon Park Church. Interment was at the Friedensville Cemetery, Friedensville, PA.

RUTZ, Juan, 73, born May 13, 1937 in Lares, Puerto Rico, died Oct. 29, 2010 in Avon Park, FL. He was a member of the Avon Park Spanish Church for 18 years. He is survived by his wife, Blanca; twin sons: Juan Luis, Miami, FL, and Juan Alberto, Puerto Rico; three daughters: Maribel Ruiz of Georgia, Ruth Lopez of California, and Blanca Trujillo of Tennessee; one sister, Juana Ruiz of Ooltewah, TN; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. The service was conducted at the Stephenson-

Nelson Funeral Home in Avon Park by Pastor Manuel Fernandez. Interment was at the Lakeview Memorial Gardens.

RYDER, Marjorie, 93, born June 8, 1917 in Newton, MA, died Nov. 26, 2010. She was a member of the Fannin County Church. She was the wife of the late Russell Ryder, and mother of five children. She spent time living in Orlando, FL, Fletcher, NC, and Mineral Bluff, GA, and was always an active member of her church, serving as a leader in community services programs. She enjoyed making and giving out crocheted afghans and kitchen towels, watching 3ABN, doing crossword puzzles, collecting lighthouses, retelling stories of her trips to Nova Scotia, and sharing her faith in Jesus' soon return. She was preceded in death by her oldest daughter, Barbara Babbitt Bayrouy, and her third child Nancy Mowry Munson. She is survived by two daughters: Linda Morton and Thelma (Robert) Rilea; one son, Wayne (Catherine) Russell Ryder; 13 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services were arranged by Finch-Cochran Funeral Home of McCaysville.

SCOTT III, Joseph, 62, born Aug. 15, 1948 in Jersey City, NJ, died Oct. 17, 2010. He joined the Marine Corp in 1967. After leaving Camp Pendleton, his tour of duty was mostly in Korean, Japan, and Viet Nam. He was a member of Riverside Chapel in Nashville, TN. He is survived by his wife, Bonita Dudley Scott; one son, Kevin Hatchett; one daughter, Stacey (Steven) Hall; his mother, Dorothy Reedus; one sister, Lolita (James) White; two brothers: Jonathan (Pam) Reedus and Anthony (Karen) Scott; one granddaughter, LaKeisha (Antoine) Nunn; three grandsons: Antwain Green, Garrett Hall, and Grant Hall; two great-grandchildren: Amari and Carrington Nunn; two brothers-in-law: Charles (Deborah) Dudley II, Albert (Nancy) Dudley Sr.; five nieces; four nephews; great nieces; great nephews; devoted cousins; caring neighbors; and friends.

SMITH, Shirley R., 76, born May 1934, in Providence, RI, died Nov. 7, 2010. She received her R.N. degree from the New England Sanatorium and a bachelor from Glendale in nursing education. She was a head nurse at Fletcher Hospital and the assistant director of nursing at Memorial Hospital in Manchester, KY. She and her husband retired from the latter and made their home in Mills River, NC. In her retirement years, she tutored at the Blue Ridge Literacy Council, worked with the Carolina Retirees Association Northwest, and annually headed the Red Cross blood drive at the Mills River Church, her home church. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Richard; one son, Richard B. Smith and his wife, Lori; and one granddaughter, Christina Smith.

SZOBONYA, Jozsef, 68, born Oct. 26, 1942

in Bogoyevo, Yugoslavia, died Oct. 29, 2010 in North Port, FL. He was a member of the Port Charlotte, FL, Church for 21 years. He was employed as a commercial electrician in southwest Florida. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Yolando; his mother, Ilona of Croatia; and one sister, Ilona (Drago) Sarcevic. The service was conducted by Pastor Timothy Goff of Port Charlotte. Interment was in Venice, FL.

THOMPSON, Dr. Lewis Chisholm, 84, born Jan. 18, 1926 in Breckenridge, TX, died Jan. 7, 2011 in Augusta, GA. After high school graduation he was drafted into the Army and served two years in World War II. After his discharge he enrolled in college and earned his bachelor, master, and doctoral degrees from Rice University in Houston, TX. Following five years of research, he went into teaching and served as a college physics professor for 30 years—beginning at the University of Georgia, Athens, GA; Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, CA; La Sierra University, Riverside, CA; and Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL. He married Orphie Mae McKee on May 28, 1955. To this union, two children were born. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Orphie; one son, Dr. Mark Thompson; one daughter, Dr. Charlotte (Billy) Houke; one granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Melanie and Zachary Pond; and one grandson, Alan Houke.

TORKELSON, Oscar, 90, born Oct. 16, 1920 in Everest, KS, died Nov. 4, 2010 in Greenbrier, TN. He was a member of the Ridgetop, TN, Church. He taught for 37 years in Adventist schools, most of them as principal, including the last two where he served Union Springs Academy in New York and Cedar Lake Academy in Michigan. He was ordained to the ministry in 1962. After graduating from Enterprise Academy in Kansas, he attended Union College in Lincoln, NE, spending four summers as a colporteur to help pay for his college education. He later earned a master degree in School Administration from the University of Minnesota, and a second master in Marriage and Family Counseling from Chapman University in California. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Laura Ann James Torkelson; one son, Jack and daughter-in-law Liz; one daughter and son-in-law: Karen Jill and Richard Harbour; five grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren. Pastors Richard Harbour and Jeremiah Smart conducted the funeral service.

TURANO, Wilma E., 96, born June 24, 1914, died Dec. 15, 2010 in Altamonte Springs, FL. She was a member of the Florida Living Church, Apopka, FL. She is survived by one step-daughter, Arlene (Mark) Buhler; one step-granddaughter; and one step-great-granddaughter. The service was conducted at the Dolphin Paradise Facility by Pastor Horace Walsh. Interment was in Valley Forge, PA.

VELBIS, Cenon, 70, born July 30, 1940 in the Philippines, died Sept. 6, 2010 in Kissimmee,

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FL. He was a member of the Avon Park, FL, Church. He was employed in the Adventist Health System for 28 years as a medical technician. He is survived by his wife, Carol; two sons: Erwin and David of Orlando, FL; two daughters: Esther Willard of Sebring, FL, and Arlene Rogers of Gallitin, TN; and seven grandchildren. The service was conducted in Sebring by Pastor Paul Boling. Interment was at Lakeview Memorial Gardens, Sebring, FL.

WELCH, Jean, 76, died Nov. 18, 2010 at her residence. A native of Albemarle, NC, she has been a resident of the Collegedale area for the past nine years. A member of the Collegedale Church, she was retired from nursing as an RN, and was the wife of the late Donald W. Welch. She is survived by her daughter, Lisa Gano (Ken) of Cleveland, TN; and one son, Don (Kathy) Welch of Zephyrhills, FL; four grandchildren: Meaghan, Matthew, Katelyn, and Wesley; two sisters: Rachael Bergherm of Pisgah, NC, and Sally Reynolds of College Place, WA. A memorial service was held Dec. 4, 2010 at the McDonald Road Church.

WELLMAN, Wallace, 96, born Jan. 14, 1914, died Oct. 9, 2010. He attended elementary school in Madison and Nashville, TN. He graduated from Graysville Academy, attended Southern Missionary College, and later received a theology degree from Washington Missionary College in 1941. Soon afterward he married Mildred Hust. The Wellmans pastored in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Iowa, and Wisconsin. He was forced to retire following a heart attack in 1974. The Wellmans settled in Bostic, NC, where they continued to serve in the Rutherfordton Church, which they both loved. Mildred preceded him in death in 2004. He is survived by two sons: Neal Wellman and Dennis Wellman; and one grandson, Matthew Wellman.

WILKINSON, Bertha, 98, born Dec. 17, 1911 in Monte Vista, CO, died May 28, 2010 in Orlando, FL. She was a member of the Kress Memorial Church, Winter Park, FL. She is survived by her son, Donald Wilkinson, Ninety-six, CO; one daughter, Carolyn Reese, Coudersport, PA; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. The service was conducted at the Woodlawn Cemetery Chapel by Pastor Emil Moldrik. Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery.

WILSON, Nyla June, 86, born July 18, 1934 in Marble Hill, MO, died Sept. 30, 2010 in Madison, TN. Nyla was a lifelong member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, most recently at Boulevard Church in Madison. In addition to her responsibilities as a loving wife and mother, she was an LVN nurse, successful business owner, and accomplished poet. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Elder G.C. Wilson; one daughter, Donna (Kent) Teichman of Cleburne, TX; son, Jim (Ellen) Wilson of Joshua, TX; son, Jerry (Grace) Wilson of Bishopville, MD; son, Jeff Wilson of Nashville, TN; one sister, Marge Martin of Richmond, VA; one brother,

Albert (Virginia) Isom of Ashville, NC; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; many nephews; and nieces. She was laid to rest at the Middle Tennessee Veterans Memorial Park.

WOLCOTT, Roy Andrew, 89, born March 11, 1921 in Bryan, OH, died Oct. 9, 2010 at his home in Lyles, TN. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Louise; three sons and their spouses: Dale and Nancy Wolcott of Palm Coast, FL, Alvin and Linda Wolcott of Lyles, TN, and Glenn and Roberta Wolcott of Rockville, MS; 14 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; many nieces; nephews; and other relatives.

WOLFE, Beulah H., 94, born March 10, 1916, died Aug. 26, 2010 in Dayton, MD. On Feb. 1, 1935, she married Robert Wilson Wolfe who was the love of her life, and to whom she was married for 73 years before he preceded her in death. She was a homemaker and raised her children in a Christian home. The couple moved to Horse Shoe, NC, and spent 34 years

there. She was a member of the Mills River, NC, Church, which she and her husband helped build. She is survived by two sons: Roger A. Wolfe and Larry E. Wolfe; one daughter, Kathleen D. Pinnick; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

WOODS, Thelma F., 96, born Oct. 15, 1913 in Mexico, ME, died Sept. 25, 2010 in Longwood, FL. She was a member of the Kress Memorial Church, Winter Park, FL, for 49 years. She was employed preparing special menus for Florida Hospital for 17 years. She is survived by two sons: Albert of Lovell, ME, and Chester of Ithaca, NY; two daughters: Margaret Simpson of Longwood, and Janet Keseler of Orlando, FL; one brother, Colis Blood of N. Jay, ME; two sisters: Elsie Andrews of Norway, ME, and Elta Weagley of Hagerstown, MD; nine grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Charles Arthur Woods in 1988.

Announcements

Southern Union Conferences/Churches Disabilities Ministries Emphasis Day – March 26. Details: Rosemary Graham, 404-792-0535, x503 or souniondism@gmail.com.

Valley Grande Adventist Academy Alumni Association – March 25-27. All former faculty, staff, and students for honor classes ending in 6 or 1 (2006, 2001, etc.) are invited to our annual Alumni Weekend. Details: www.vgaa.org or contact Suzanna Facundo: sfacundo@hotmail.com.

Union College Homecoming – April 7-10. Alumni, friends, and former faculty are invited. Honor classes: '41, '51, '56, '61, '71, '81, '86, '91, and '01. Details: contact the alumni office at 402-486-2503, 3800 South 48th Street, Lincoln, NE 68506 or alumni@ucollege.edu.

Memphis Junior Academy 100th Anniversary – April 8-10. Details: Search Facebook for MJA 100th Anniversary or call the school at 901-683-1061.

Lester Coon Adventist School / Apison Church 50th Anniversary Homecoming – April 9. Alumni, friends, former school staff are invited. Details: pastor@apisonchurch.org or 423-236-4214.

Oakwood University Class of 1981, 30th Reunion Alumni Weekend – April 22-24.

Details: facebook: Oakwood Reunion; Email: ouclassof1981@gmx.com.

La Sierra Academy Alumni Weekend – April 29, 30, and May 1. Honor classes '01, '96, '91, '86, '81, '71, '61, '51, and 50+ years. Details: LSA Alumni Office, 951 351-1445 x 244, isaalumni@lsak12.com.

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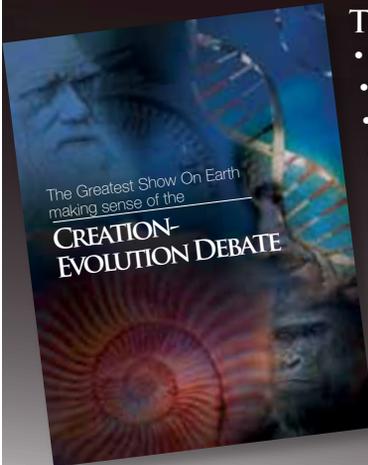
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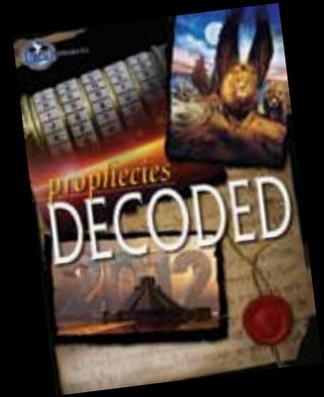
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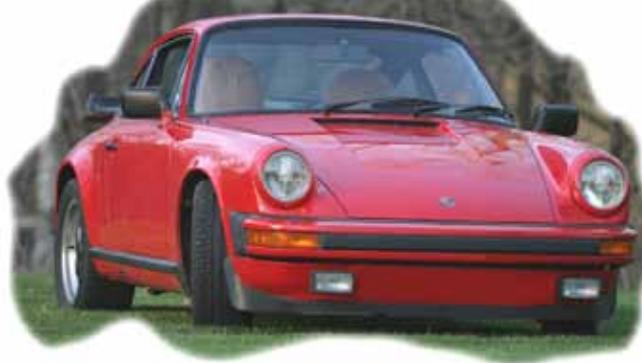
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Notice is hereby given that the 24th regular session of the South Central Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Oakwood University Church in Huntsville, Alabama, Sunday, May 1, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. The Organizing Committee will meet on Saturday night, April 30, 2011, at 8:00 p.m. This constituency session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and for transacting any other business that may properly come before the session. Each church in the conference is entitled to one (1) delegate for the church and one additional delegate for each 25 members or major fraction thereof. For the Organizing Committee, each church is entitled to one representative for the church and one additional representative for each full 500 members.

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Southern Union Day of Prayer and Fasting — April 1, 2011

Carolina

For details on these events, visit www.carolinasda.org.

Young Adult Retreat – March 11-13. Nosoca.

Community Service Comm. Mtg. – March 13. Charlotte.

Women's Spring Revival – March 20. Charlotte.

Pathfinder WorkBee – March 18-20. Nosoca.

Elders' Retreat – March 25, 26. Nosoca.

Hispanic Camp Meeting – April 1-3. Nosoca.

MPA Academy Days – April 3, 4. **Adventurer Fun Day** – April 8-10. Nosoca.

Hispanic Young Adult Retreat – April 15-17. Nosoca.

Women's Mini-Retreat – April 29-31. Bonclarken Retreat Center.

Florida

Complete calendar online – <http://www.floridaconference.com/calendar/>.

Florida Pathfinder events – <http://www.floridaconference.com/youth/> or call 407-644-5000 x127.

Florida Hospital DeLand Support Groups – Details available under the "Support Groups" link in the "Patients and Visitors" box at <http://www.fhdeland.org>.

Florida Adventist Book Center – Winter Park: 877-55-FLABC (877-553-5222). Miami: 305-805-9900. High Springs: 386-454-7956. Shop online: <http://www.floridaconference.com/abc/> or order by e-mail: FloridaABC@floridaconference.com.

Florida Adventist Bookmobile Schedule

March 26. St. Petersburg.

March 27. Clearwater, New Port Richey, Spring Hill, Brooksville, East Pasco in Zephyrhills.

June 4. Sunrise.

June 5. Plantation, Lauderhill, Temple Adventiste de Deerfield Beach. (Southeastern Conference: Mt. Olivet.)

June 11. Naples.

June 12. Fort Myers, Fort Myers Shores, Arcadia, Avon Park, Winter Haven.

June 18. Port Charlotte.

June 19. North Port, Venice-Nokomis, Sarasota, West Coast Christian Academy in Bradenton, Brandon, Tampa First.

June 25. Tallahassee.

June 26. Perry, Cross City, Ocala, Silver Springs Shores, Belleview, Lady Lake, Inverness.

July 9. West Palm Beach.

Annual Forest Lake Academy International Food Festival – March 20. FLA Gymnasium. Details: rjbrownlow@aol.com or 407-523-2030.

Forest Lake Academy Golf Tournament – March 28. RedTail Golf Club, Sorrento, FL. Details: osorioc@forestlake.org, <http://www.forestlakeacademy.org/>, or 407-772-3729.

Florida Conference Evangelism April 2-9. Melbourne. Rolando and Rebeca de los Ríos.

April 23-May 7. Sorrento Spanish. Rolando and Rebeca de los Ríos.

May 14-28. Longwood Spanish. Rolando and Rebeca de los Ríos.

Annual Florida Conference Camp Meetings – Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Main Auditorium meetings are scheduled to be available for watching online. Details/registration for accommodations and meals: <http://www.floridaconference.com/campmeeting/> or 407-644-5000.

April 7-10. English-language. Theme: Praying For a Time of Refreshing. Guest speaker: Henry Wright. Sabbath worship speaker: Mike Cauley.

April 14-17. Spanish-language. Lema: Orando por el Tiempo del Refrigerio. Orador invitado: Guillermo García.

Georgia-Cumberland

Hispanic Small Groups' Evangelism – March 12-19. Atlanta, GA.

Adventurer Family Fun Day – March 13. Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.

"God in Shoes" Outreach – March 17, 18. Chattanooga, TN.

Women/Teen Spring Retreat – March 18-20. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.

Hispanic Small Groups' Evangelism – March 19-26. Northern Region.

Health Rally – March 19. Cleveland, GA.

Pathfinder Precision Drill Team Day – March 20. Lee University, Cleveland, TN.

Elementary Band Festival – March 24, 25. Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, GA.

Hispanic Women's Retreat – March 25-27. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.

Health Rally – March 26. Blairsville, GA.

Prayer Ministries Day – March 26. Cumberland Heights Church, TN.

Youth/Young Adult Festival – March 26. Cartersville, GA.

Gulf States

Complete Calendar online – <http://www.gscsda.org>

Teen Invitational Backpacking – March 4-6.

Women's Ministries Leadership Weekend – March 11-13.

Elders'/Deacons' Training #3 – March 25-27. Camp Alamisco.

Couples Cruise – April 8-10.

Pathfinder Spring Fling for Mississippi, north/central Alabama – April 8-10.

Sabbath Schools that Make a Difference with Gary Swanson April 2. University Parkway Church, Pensacola, FL. For churches in the southern part of Conference.

April 9. Huntsville Central, Huntsville, AL. For churches in the northern part of Conference.

April 16. Community Church, Meridian, MS. For churches in central part of Conference.

Kentucky-Tennessee

Conference Association Board/Executive Committee

March 16. May 10. July 26.

Highland/Madison Academy Boards

March 17. May 12.

West Tennessee Festival of Faith – March 5. Memphis, TN.

Eastern Kentucky Camp Meeting – March 11, 12. Prestonsburg, KY.

Kentucky-Tennessee Music Festival – March 17-19. Highland Academy.

Family Prayer Conference – April 8, 9. Indian Creek Camp.

Pastors'/Elders' Conference – April 15-17. Indian Creek Camp.

Arnold Chapel Dedication – April 16. Indian Creek Camp.

Southern Adventist University

Symphony Orchestra Concert – March 13.

Two Men and A Piano: Bruce Ashton and Peter Cooper – March 15.

Museum Lecture Series – March 16.

PreviewSouthern – March 24-26.

Gym-Masters Home Show – March 26.

Gym-Masters Home Show Matinee – March 27.

Violin: Ayano Ninomiya – March 29.

Southeastern

Youth Ministries Bible Bowl Kickoff Game – March 5.

Patmos Chapel, Winter Park, FL.

Master Guide Weekend – March 11-13. Camp Hawthorne, Hawthorne, FL.

Workers' Meeting – March 21-23. Orlando, FL.

Elders'/Deacons'/Deaconesses Retreat – March 26. Lake Mary, FL.

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Sunset

	Mar. 4	Mar. 11	Mar. 18	Mar. 25	Apr. 1	Apr. 8
Atlanta, GA	6:38	6:43	6:49	6:54	6:59	8:05
Charleston, SC	6:21	6:26	6:31	6:36	6:41	7:46
Charlotte, NC	6:23	6:29	6:35	6:40	6:46	7:52
Collegedale, TN	6:40	6:46	6:51	6:57	7:03	8:08
Huntsville, AL	5:46	5:52	5:58	6:03	6:09	7:14
Jackson, MS	6:02	6:07	6:12	6:17	6:22	7:27
Louisville, KY	6:41	6:48	6:54	7:01	7:07	8:14
Memphis, TN	5:59	6:05	6:11	6:17	6:22	7:28
Miami, FL	6:25	6:29	6:32	6:35	6:38	7:42
Montgomery, AL	5:46	5:51	5:56	6:01	6:06	7:11
Nashville, TN	5:46	5:52	5:58	6:04	6:10	7:16
Orlando, FL	6:28	6:33	6:37	6:40	6:44	7:48
Wilmington, NC	6:12	6:17	6:23	6:28	6:34	7:39

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