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REACH OUT
INVITATION
TO SHARE

Evangelistic Praying

In the Southern Union we are poised, in harmony with our strategic plan of inviting all our members to...

Intimacy with God,

Sharing Jesus,

and

Caring for the Church,

... to join in the priority of praying for the lost.

As soul-winners we quest to master the art of prayer. We cannot bring souls to God if we don't go to God ourselves. We, figuratively, get our weapons of war from the armory of sacred intimacy and communication with Christ. If we spend time alone with Jesus, we will catch His Spirit, fired with the flame that burned in His breast, and consumed His life. We will weep with the tears that fell upon Jerusalem when He saw it perishing. And, if we cannot speak as eloquently as He did, we can unleash the same power which, in Him, thrilled the hearts and awakened the consciences of people.

What Christian, in this great Union that God oversees, does not pray for the salvation of friends and loved ones who do not know the Lord? Yet we must have a broader outlook on that. Scripture supports the perspective that we should all pray for the lost in general.

The Bible gives several examples of prayer for those outside salvation. In Numbers 14:19, Moses prayed, "Pardon, I pray, the iniquity of this people according to the greatness of Thy loving-kindness, just as Thou also hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now." He cried out to God for the forgiveness of the sinning Israelites.

Samuel the prophet also prayed for Israel's salvation. In 1 Samuel 7:3-5, we read, "Then Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, If you return to the Lord with all your heart, remove the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you and direct your hearts to the Lord and serve Him alone; and He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines. So the sons of Israel removed the Baals and the Ashtaroth and served the Lord alone. Then Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpah, and I will pray for you."

The New Testament relates the testimony of Stephen. While being stoned to death, he prayed what amounted to a prayer for his executioners' salvation: "And they went on stoning Stephen as he called upon the Lord and said, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit? And falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, Lord, do not hold this sin against them! And having said this, he fell asleep," Acts 7:59-60.

The Southern Union is currently in the throes of a primary focus on evangelizing Memphis, Tennessee. There is also a secondary focus that's operative on evangelizing Tampa, Florida. Successful initiatives have already yielded men, women, and children for the kingdom of God. However, I invite you to join our Union in prayer for the tremendous plans for sharing Jesus in these geographical areas of our territory by Ralph Ringer within this issue of the *Southern Tidings*.

The central function of the Church on Earth is to reach the lost. Paul knew that the Ephesians would never do that as long as they maintained their selfish exclusivism. To carry out their mission in the world they had to realize the breadth of the Gospel call. And the first feature in understanding that is to come to grips with evangelistic praying.



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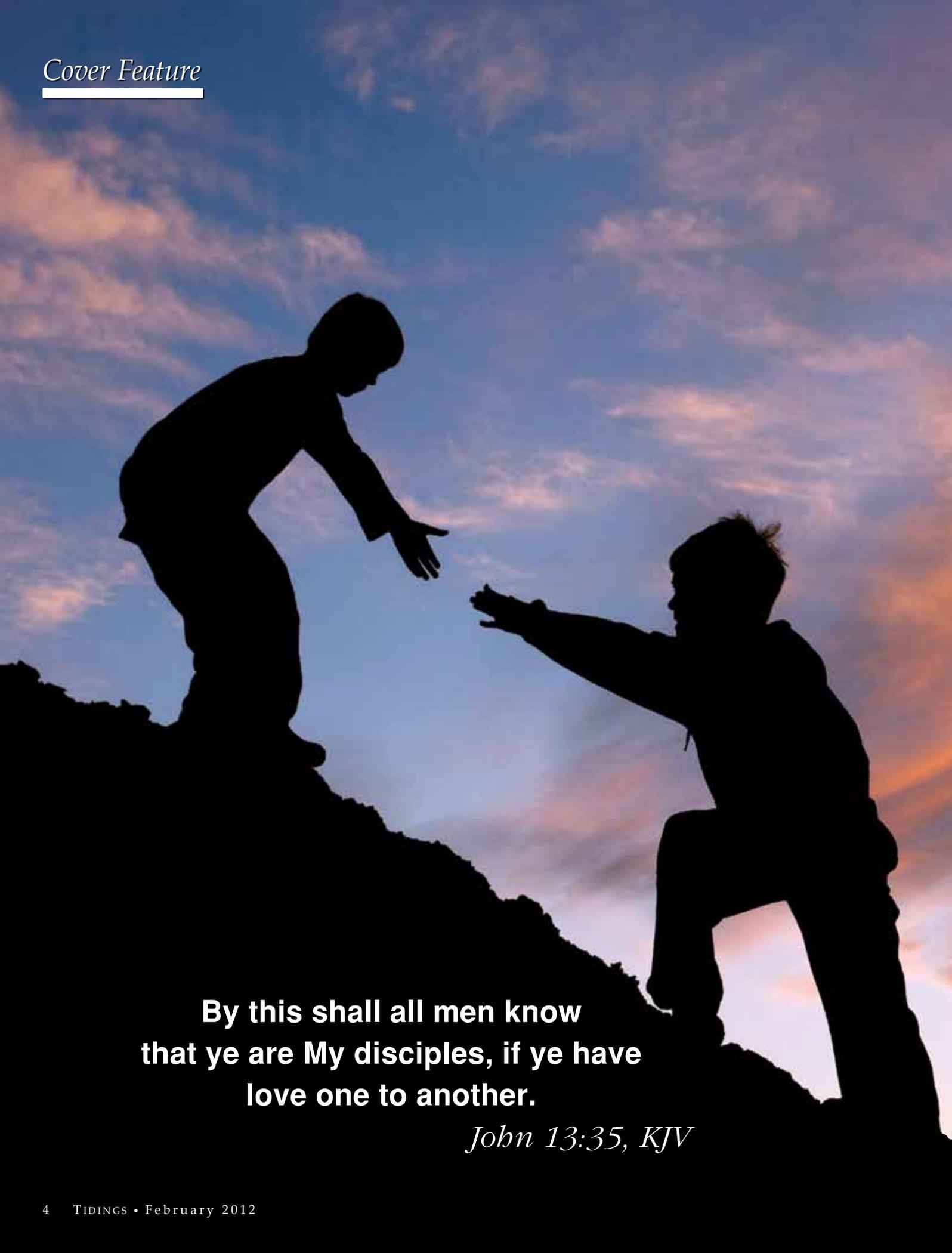


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The image shows two silhouetted figures on a rocky outcrop against a dramatic sunset sky. The figure on the left is leaning forward, reaching out with their right hand. The figure on the right is also leaning forward, reaching out with their left hand. Their hands are just inches apart, creating a sense of tension and connection. The sky is a mix of deep blues, purples, and oranges, with scattered clouds catching the low light of the sun.

**By this shall all men know
that ye are My disciples, if ye have
love one to another.**

John 13:35, KJV

Reach Out:

Share Jesus With a Friend

BY RALPH RINGER AND LAURIE RINGER, PH.D.

Last year was the 400th anniversary of the Authorized Version of the King James Bible. This version, while strange and distant to contemporary readers, marked a dramatic change in Christian practice. Reformer John Wycliffe had inspired the first full translation of the Bible in the last 20 years of the 14th century. By 1409, the Wycliffite and any other new English translation were declared illegal.



A ShareHim homeland training class was held at Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty, South Carolina.

Yet the Bible in English went from being banned to being royally endorsed, first under King Henry VIII (1539), and later under King James I (1611). In just more than 200 years, English Bibles had gone from contraband to mandatory. With the legalization of English Bibles, Christians of all levels were encouraged to learn of Christ through His written Word, and to share their learning experiences with others.

Four hundred years after the publication of the KJV, the Southern Union is encouraging its members to embody their Christian love in active discipling. The word disciple has Greek and Latin roots which mean pupil

(*maqthV*) or learner (*discipulus*), and the beauty of believers as learners mean that everyone can participate, whatever their knowledge level.

The Southern Union is overseeing a number of discipling initiatives for clergy and lay learners.

The Southern Union Southern

Adventist University Field School (SUSAUF) is discipling theology students in public evangelism. Students practice evangelistic sermons in the second semester, and then deliver them during a five-week field school. SUSAUF students also preach a revival series during spring break.

The Field School is organized around a central hub site where a seasoned evangelist speaks. The students attend one night each week, then employ their own preaching skills in four sermons each week at satellite locations. The students' discipling is enhanced through coursework covering preparation, advertising, visitation, preaching, calls, shepherding, and follow-up. Local pastors and church members enrich students' discipling practice.

This year, the SUSAUF will be held in the Memphis, Tennessee, area. Three conferences will participate: Kentucky-Tennessee, South Central, and Gulf States.

The Southern Union Church Growth/Evangelism Training De-



DAVID HARTMAN

Melvin Santos, Kentucky-Tennessee Conference pastor, implements discipleship training in his local church, and assists a group of pastors in implementing training in 10 other pilot churches throughout the Conference.

How to Make Eternal Friends in Just Five Steps

God can help you turn your relationship with your neighbor, co-worker, or relative into a saving relationship that can last for eternity.

Helpful Steps for Building Saving Relationships:

Step 1 – Write down the name of every non-Adventist you know.

Step 2 – Pray together. We know these people not by chance or accident. Pray, “Help me not to

be afraid. Give me an idea in some simple way for how to build a relationship with these people.

Step 3 – Write the name and address of that person at the top of a page.

Step 4 – Think about how you can get to know this person. As we build a relationship a friendship grows through that relationship.

Step 5 – Be sure to write down things that you did — rake leaves

with them, go out to eat... Be intentional.

Continue to love and pray for your friend(s). Commit the outcome to God. You will be blessed as you see how God turn acquaintances into saving relationships, and ultimately friendships that can last for eternity.

partment and the local conferences will be offering Elders' Certification training programs and ShareHim/Kingdom Friends programs.

Elders' Certification collaborates with local pastors to train and inspire elders in discipling their church

provides strategies for working with pastors, church leaders, and members. Sessions show how to assist or to lead out in services and other church meetings.

Visitation highlights the importance of personal visits and demonstrates thoughtful interpersonal engagement, whether the elder seeks to comfort or to evangelize. There is training in interacting with members, non-attending members, former members, and interests. Elder participants receive insights on visiting contacts in a variety of environments including the home, the hospital, and the nursing home.

Preaching trains elders to plan, construct,

and deliver Christ-centered biblical sermons to church congregations.

Personal Evangelism prepares elders to disciple through Bible studies, personal testimonies, and gospel presentations that teach Jesus and that inspire discipling.

ShareHim/Kingdom Friends (SH/KF) disciples lay members for friendship and public evangelism.

KF empowers members to teach Jesus in their daily lives and to transform everyday activities into opportunities for friendship evangelism. As members embrace teaching Christ through life experiences, they are encouraged to explore Christ through Scripture. Word-based discipling is fostered through Revelation Seminars and evangelistic meetings held at least twice each year.

SH cultivates lay evangelism by providing materials to interested conferences. Partner pastors, conference leaders, and union leaders can use SH materials to train their local members for evangelistic outreach.

While the Southern Union encourages active discipling through specific programs, it also welcomes church-level initiatives.

One example of church-level initiative is Nashville First Church. New members are taken through a two-phase, discipleship-training process. During Phase I they are assigned spiritual mentors from the leadership team which works with new members for three to six months. In addition to this individual instruction, new members also receive group instruction. The newly baptized are placed in church teams where new members learn discipling along with mature



Ralph Ringer (seated, center), Southern Union director of church growth/evangelism training, utilizes modern technology during the Elders' Certification class at Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty, South Carolina.

families. The program has four parts: (1) Administration/Responsibilities, (2) Visitation, (3) Preaching, and (4) Personal Evangelism.

Administration/Responsibilities facilitates understanding the call and its leadership responsibilities. Training



Jim Davidson, former Carolina Conference president and current Southern Union executive secretary, team-teaches during the ShareHim Boot Camp at the Carolina Conference Office, Charlotte, North Carolina.



FOR QUICK

Haskell Williams (left), Carolina Conference ministerial director/evangelism coordinator, team-teaches with Ralph Ringer (seated, right), Southern Union director of church growth and evangelism training, and Olin McGraw (seated, left), South Atlantic Conference ShareHim coordinator, during a ShareHim Boot Camp at the Carolina Conference Office, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Kentucky-Tennessee Conference.

The Nashville First Church, ShareHim/Kingdom Friends, Elder Certification, and the Southern Union Field School are examples of the Southern Union's discipling initiatives for clergy and lay learners.

After 400 years, it can be easy to take Bibles for granted, but all

members hold the key to discipling in their hands. Pastors, elders, deacons, and members are called to learn and to share.

Share a little; share a lot. Disciples are students of Christ. Anyone can share what they know about Him from their devotions, their study, and their experiences.

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members and interests. The teams are managed by appointed leaders.

The leaders, lay ministers of the church teams, implement the 6 P's strategy for discipling: (1) Prayer, (2) Person, (3) Phone, (4) Play, (5) Pen, and (6) PC.

New member discipling also cultivates community. All church team members are invited to attend a local home Bible fellowship, and this integrates the newly baptized into the church family through the development of interpersonal relationships.

In Phase II discipleship training process, all church members are taken through the four levels of discipleship: (1) Commitment to Jesus Christ; (2) Commitment to the Body of Christ; (3) Commitment to Ministry; and (4) Commitment to be a Lay Minister.

Level 1 deepens new members' relationship to Christ, while Level 2 anchors them to the mission, values, and teachings of the Church. This deepens fellowship and relationship with other members. Level 3 guides new disciples in discovering their personal missions in life through the use of their spiritual gifts. Level 4 equips new members for leadership training by empowering them to be lay ministers.

Melvin Santos, pastor, is not only implementing this discipleship training process in his local church, but he is also assisting a group of pastors in implementing the training process in 10 other pilot churches throughout

Resources to Improve Your Relationship with Jesus

Each One Reach One

By Dr. Walton Rose

Each One Reach One is a unique strategy designed with one purpose in mind — to help church members become more effective disciples of Jesus Christ. The goal of this book is to teach and train members to become more productive, fulfilled, and committed witnesses for Christ. Dr. Walton H. Rose covers six crucial lessons that will help church leaders empower members to make disciples for Christ: What is a Disciple?, The Cost of Discipleship, The Obedient Christian, Maturing in Christ, Witnessing in Christ, and Sharing the Gospel.

Leader's Guide #950000

Workbook #950001

Winning Ways to Witness DVD

By David Hartman

Adventists are faced with the predicament of fulfilling Christ's mission mandate with a taskforce that is largely reluctant to witness. The multidimensional approach introduced in *Winning Ways to Witness* better involves more members and attracts unbelievers. It will help you match the various witnessing styles with the faith stages of conversion for maximal evangelistic impact.

Catalog #416669

You Can Be A Soul Winner

By Gary Ford

If you would like to train your church's leaders in the keys to leading effective Bible studies, check out *You Can Be a Soul Winner*. You will learn how to draw near to people, explain difficult passages, and more. The DVD is ideal for pastors and elders to use for training church leaders in how to give Bible studies.

DVD Set #416973

Book #416971

Sharing Your Faith On a Public Campus

By Kirk King with Ron Pickell

This workbook is designed to help initiate conversations with people who do not believe in Jesus and ignite imaginations to develop creative, culturally relevant methods to communicate Christ's love. Learn about a biblically-based philosophy that will guide the process of sharing Jesus with postmoderns, how to share God's gift, the intersection of Christ and culture, and more.

Catalog #623969

Resources available at AdventSource at www.adventsource.org or 800-328-0525.



R. STEVEN NORMAN III

Pictured are some of the men who serve at First Church and are committed to keeping each other in church.

Keeping Men in Church

Ideas from One Rural Tennessee Church

BY R. STEVEN NORMAN III

First Church members, Springfield, Tennessee, recently honored three men who have been in and served the church for decades. The three men were Lewis W. Brewer, Charles Moore, and Frederick N. Crowe, elder.

Lewis W. Brewer, a charter member and deacon, was brought into the Adventist Church by the late T. H. Bullard, a physician who practiced medicine and preached the Gospel to his patients. Brewer had been a member for more than

60 years; he died November 2011.

Charlie Moore learned about the Sabbath while he was an inmate at Tennessee State Penitentiary from L. C. Haswell in 1967. After he was released, he asked Haswell, "Tell me where a church is and I will join it

and stay there.” He was referred to the Springfield First Church 26 miles away. He soon became a deacon and 44 years later, he and his wife,

Neda, are still members; though his health prevents him from attending on a regular basis. When asked why he has stayed, he replied “God told

me to stay.”

The third honoree was Frederick N. Crowe, who became the first African-American conference treasurer when the Lake Region Conference was established in 1945. Crowe, who refuses to tell his age, began attending the church 40 years ago while he was treasurer of the South Central Conference. After he retired, he and his wife continued to drive nearly 30 miles to church, are still promoting Sabbath School and every other facet of church ministry by their involvement and example.

While I sat in the audience, I noticed the number of men present and mused to myself, “How does this small rural church keep men?” I decided to ask around. An interview with James Traughber, local elder, and Marshall Johnson, former pastor, indicate that they struggle to keep men just like other churches, but yielded ideas that churches may find helpful.

James Traughber said, “When I joined the church most of the men were married, so if we helped keep the families strong we could keep the men. Now many men are single, so it is different. We are adapting to the changing demographics, but believe that strong families are still the key to strong men and strong churches. Here are some things we are doing.

Brother to Brother Ministry

Every man is his brother’s keeper. Brother to Brother is a group of men who are assigned another man in the congregation who will be his brother for one quarter. He is to call him at least once a week, pray with him, and do other things to build a supportive relationship.

Get Men Involved

Every man is encouraged to be involved in the church or any of its outreach ministries.

Build Connections

Connecting with boys, teens, and men in a variety of levels is important. Traughber says, “We try to spend time with people, not just



R. STEVEN NORMAN III

Fred N. Crowe (center), elder, was recognized as “Man of the Century” by the First Church members, for more than 70 years of service to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. With him are Lorenzo Shepherd (left), pastor; his wife, Dorothy Crowe; James Traughber; and Teryna Edwards.



R. STEVEN NORMAN III

Teryna Edwards (right) presents an award to Lewis W. Brewer, deacon and a charter member of First Church, Springfield, Tennessee, while his wife, Dorothy, and Lorenzo Shepherd, pastor, look on.

in church but away from church also. We bond with each other by working together, playing together, serving together, and fellowshiping together. Recently, I was asked to cut a tree down. I hired some of the young men of the church to help me just for the opportunity for us to bond together through work. Whatever it takes Pastor Norman!"

Marshall Johnson, pastor, came to Springfield right out of college and served as church elder for many years. A number of men attribute his influence as a major force in keeping them in church and helping them grow into mature Christians.

Johnson humbly gives credit to God, but reflects on some of the things God led him and the other men to do that have made a difference in the lives of the men of Springfield. He says, "We tried to lead by example. It is hard to lead if you yourself are not willing to practice the principle. Two, mentor on all levels. We attempted to mentor the entire church: pastor to leader, father to son (children), man to man. This process works exceptionally well in small congregations.

Three, take time to really fellowship. In smaller congregations you have to depend on each other, make the most of every occasion for fellowship. Acts 2:40-47 gives the example of the early Christian church; they ate together, they prayed together, they visited often, and celebrated the growth with the Lord as the center of everything they did."

Lewis W. Brewer, a charter member who joined the church in the late 1940's, reflects over his years, "Pastor Norman, when I joined the church I did not know how to read and had to make an X for my name. But every week a young lady would sit next to me in Sabbath School and teach me a new word. Soon I knew enough words to read the Sabbath School lesson, and even began to teach the Bible to some of my friends. I also helped them learn how to save money. And if they got in trouble with the law, I would talk to the judge and ask him to give them a chance. As a result, we all became strong members."

Teryna Edwards, organizer of the day, was failing in every way

when Marshall Johnson reached out to him at work. Johnson took him under his wings, studied the Bible with him, and soon led him to church. Edwards says, "I attended a men's rally and heard Pastor Adrian Rogers preach 'The me I see is the me I will be.' Pastor Rogers showed us from Ephesians 2 that God loves us, has saved us '... and made us alive together with Christ, has made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. . . . [and] we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.' When I saw that I was changed!"

Dennis Traughber, 37, and Cedric Traughber, 36, have been friends at church since childhood. Dennis says the thing that keeps him in church is, "The love of God. I was raised by faithful parents who were involved in church. Seeing their example gave me the desire to provide the same example for my children. There is nothing of lasting value outside of church. But it takes prayer because it is hard."

Cedric Traughber says, "For me, it is the positive example of fellow brothers in the church. I was baptized when I was 12 and went into the world for eight years. But I saw Dennis voluntarily go to church each Sabbath. I asked myself, why isn't he out here? I must be missing something. So I came back to church and have been here ever since."

When men see that God loves them, see their value and purpose in Christ, and sense that the Church feels the same way about them, they will grow and become strong, lasting members of His Church.



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Charles Moore (sitting), deacon, and his wife, Neda, were recognized for his leadership and service to First Church. Standing with them are James Traughber (left), Lorenzo Shepberd, pastor, and Teryna Edwards.

Florida Hospital Flagler is the First in the State to be Designated “Stage 7”

Florida Hospital Flagler, Palm Coast, Fla., has received Stage 7 designation on HIMSS Analytics Electronic Medical Records Adoption Model (EMRAM), which is used to track EMR progress at hospitals and health systems. As of December 2011, Florida Hospital Flagler is the first hospital in the state of Florida and one of only 66 facilities, or 1.1 percent, of the more than 5,000 U.S. hospitals in the HIMSS Analytics Database,



Florida Hospital Flagler registered nurse Shannon Daley pulls up a patient's medical record on a Workstation on Wheels (WOW). The hospital has been recognized as the first in the state of Florida to reach Stage 7 on the HIMSS Electronic Medical Records Adoption Model.

to be awarded the HIMSS Analytics Stage 7 Award.

Advantages to this highest level of technological advancement include

the ability to share patient information with other health care providers via a secure standardized summary record, and using a vast database of clinical information to improve care, patient safety, and outcomes.

“Adventist Health System has established one of the best examples of a health information exchange (HIE) our review team has seen. The system has numerous hospitals in several states that are part of this HIE that interfaces its ambulatory care sites with the hospitals,” said John P. Hoyt, FACHE,

FHIMSS, executive vice president, organizational services, HIMSS. “Adventist Health System is a data-driven organization, and Florida Hospital Flagler is using technology to improve patient care at all levels.”

“Adventist Health System, through Florida Hospital Flagler, is leading the way in electronic medical records adoption, thanks to our skilled physicians and staff,” said David Ottati, Florida Hospital Flagler CEO.

—BY LINDSAY REW

New Video “Goggles” Help Young Patients Relax During MRI Exams

Imagine being able to watch your favorite movie during an MRI. This is now a reality for patients at Florida Hospital for Children, Orlando, Fla., with the new Cinemavision MRI video from Resonance Technology. These innovative goggles, accompanied with MRI safe headphones, immerse patients in a movie of their choice and ultimately help children remain calm during the noisy MRI scan. This will allow technicians to obtain better imaging results without the use of sedation or anesthesia.

“Our hope is that this technology will decrease

the number of instances where we have to give our young patients sedatives,” said Laura J. Varich, M.D., medical director of pediatric radiology at Florida Hospital for Children. “We know that hospital visits can be frightening to some children, so we want to do our best to put them at ease and give them the best experience possible during their time in the hospital.”

The MRI goggles produce a video image similar to what a person would experience from a five-foot display set while standing 10 feet away. So the image



will appear as if it is being projected from a distance to prevent any feelings of claustrophobia. Additionally, the MRI technician can communicate via a microphone with the child and also project a video image of him in the goggles so the

child can see who is talking.

“During the short time we have been using the MRI goggles, we have seen a reduction in the

number of children who need to be sedated during procedures,” said Varich. “This means less recovery time for patients after the procedure, so they can go home sooner.”

—BY SARA CHANNING

Veterans Find Second Careers in Healthcare



Dennis Lytle was nervous about returning to school after 25 years, but excited, very excited. After serving in the U.S. Military, he was ready to put his protective instincts into action another way: through medicine.

Lytle is one of nearly a hundred veterans at Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences who have found healthcare a perfect fit for a new profession. With the skills they've developed in the military — the ability to assess situations, work well under pressure, and apply first aid to a variety of injuries — veterans have a natural advantage when training

for careers in healthcare.

“We have experience,” Lytle says. “And a lot of things healthcare professionals have to do — things that may bother other people — don't bother us.”

Their added perspective also adds motivation.

“When you're deployed you see a lot of things,” Lytle says. “And I think it gives a lot of us veterans the sense that we want to spend our lives helping people when we get out of the military.”

Florida Hospital College does all it can to help vets interested in pursuing a career in healthcare. As a Yellow Ribbon

Program participant, the College offers post-9/11 vets financial aid to cover the extra cost incurred by choosing a private institution. The school also has an informal network of student veterans who lend each other support with classes and the challenges that sometimes come with returning to school.

“Just the presence of other vets and their emails is encouraging,” says Stefanie Fierman, veteran and freshman nursing major. “When I have a problem I turn to them before anyone else. Those who have already been through the process can usually point me in the right direction.”

As another resource, the College has recently created a new section on its website, fhchs.edu/veterans, to help veterans through the sometimes-tricky process of filling out paperwork and applying for benefits.

“My advice to veterans thinking of going back to college?” Lytle says. “Just do it. Once you get your feet wet, it will be fine.”

—BY RAINEY PARK

Pastors Attend Evangelism Council



RON QUICK

Carolina pastor-evangelist, along with lay-evangelists, recently attended the Southern Union Evangelism Council. This annual event, held in Daytona Beach, Fla., the first week of December, introduces the newest and best resources available to individuals for evangelism. Evangelists John Bradshaw, speaker/director of *It Is Written*, was this year's featured presenter.

This evangelism event offers full-time evangelists, pastors, and lay persons

the opportunity to interact with vendors who produce evangelistic supplies and media. Attendees are given 'mic time' to share successful techniques that they've experienced. Pastors who have developed new outreach strategies or video packages can share how to implement these methods.

Through the years, pastors from the Carolina Conference have shown a consistent interest in the Evangelism Council. In these belt-tightening times, their desire to learn, be

equipped, and be inspired has led to economizing. In an effort to save funds, pastors carpooled and shared rooms. Even the trip to and from the Council provided occasion

to discuss how better to reach the world for Christ.

One of the exhibitors at the event was Carolina's own from the Charlotte-Sharon Church. Ellie Green and David Graham, pastor, showcased their latest video tool for evangelism — Bible Breakthrough. The program features pastors Minner Labrador and David Graham, with head elder Ellie Green, sharing the major truths of the Three Angels' Messages via an informal discussion. These 20 videos are packed in broadcast quality DVD's. Anyone who visited their booth was invited to sign up to receive a copy of these messages.

—BY RON QUICK



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Carolina Pastor Authors New E-Book

Marvin Hunt, retired pastor in the Carolina Conference, has used the tradition of storytelling to present Seventh-day Adventist beliefs in his new e-book. *Your Amazing Ancestors: Those Brilliant People between Adam and Noah* is a modern story about a young

Seventh-day Adventist newspaper editor who uses his unique situation to share his beliefs.

The e-book, written to appeal to young people (and young at heart), is designed to carry the reader along and acquaint them with Adventist beliefs in

a totally non-threatening manner. The story is based on Biblical descriptions and modern findings on the generations between Adam and Noah.

The main character uncovers a serious government scandal. Dealing with political arm-twisting and

copied with life after a personal tragedy, the embattled editor is labeled a cultist fanatic in a last-ditch effort to silence his voice.

To use this soul-winning tool, simply direct people to www.BibleHistory.com. It is also available at the Amazon Kindle Store.

It Is Written Partners with Carolina for Evangelism

Starting with a request from Charlotte-Sharon pastor, Minner Labrador — “to do something big in Charlotte,” then Carolina Conference President, Jim Davidson, suggested that the Carolina Conference contact the new speaker/director of It Is Written, John Bradshaw.

The call fell on welcoming ears and Haskell Williams, Conference evangelism coordinator, soon found himself in a personal phone conversation with Bradshaw. A commitment was made to explore the possibilities, and ideas were laid out.

They include a field school for evangelism involving students from the SALT (Soul-Winning and Leadership Training) program at Southern Adventist University, sowing events around Charlotte and a large-scale evangelism campaign in the fall of 2013 presented by John Bradshaw. Teeny Finley has been asked to do a training event for lay people who wish to be involved.

On November 30 and December 1, 2011, John Bradshaw, Yves Monier (IIW evangelism coordinator), and Victor Pires (IIW treasurer) sat down with



Haskell Williams (left), Carolina evangelism coordinator, and John Bradshaw, speaker/director of It Is Written, meet with Charlotte-area pastors.

pastors and church leaders in the greater Charlotte area. Meeting venues, personnel requirements, steps of preparation, and finances were discussed.

The hope is to see significant Kingdom growth in the Queen City area, and a renewed vigor

for evangelism in the surrounding churches. The Carolina Conference and It Is Written are anxious to involve the many churches and members to reach the entire population of metro Charlotte and beyond. A planning meeting has been scheduled for March 26 to set specific goals and assignments.

—BY HASKELL WILLIAMS



BECKY CARPENTER

Manuel Vela Ordained to Pastoral Ministry



RON QUICK

Manuel Vela was set aside to the Gospel ministry in the sacred act of ordination on December 3, 2011, at his church in Lincolnton, N.C. Manny, as his church members call him, and his wife, Domitila, posed for their official photograph with Kenneth Coonley, former Carolina Conference president. Standing with them were Haskell Williams, Conference

ministerial director (left); Gary Moyer, Conference secretary; and Richard Russell, Conference treasurer. Coonley presented the Sabbath service. This was Vela's last Sabbath in the Licolnton/Shelby district. The Vela's will be moving to their new assignment in Spartanburg, S.C., where he will be the associate pastor.

—BY RON QUICK

Former Quartet Members Celebrate Wedding Anniversaries



Stewart and Martina Crook

Four young men met at Collegedale Academy, Collegedale, Tenn., more than 60 years ago and formed a quartet. Sherman Cross sang second tenor, Stewart Crook was baritone, Obed Graham sang bass, and Craig Asher held down the first tenor position.

During their academy years, Sherman and his

girlfriend, Patricia Blevins, and Stewart and his girlfriend, Martina Martin, became friends. After graduation, the two couples planned August weddings with Stewart standing as Sherman's best man. Six days later, Sherman was a groomsman for Stewart. Both couples celebrated 60 years of marriage this past August.



Sherman and Patricia Cross

Sherman and Pat married August 13, 1951, in Lynn Wood Hall Chapel on the campus of Southern Missionary College, now Southern Adventist University.

Sherman studied business, and then spent 28 years in hospital work and 17 years at McKee Baking Company, Collegedale, Tenn. Pat has worked as a cosmetologist for 35 years, and continues in this profession today in Zephyrhills, Fla., where they are retired. The Crosses have three daughters and four grandsons.

Stewart and Martina were married August 19, 1951, in St. Petersburg, Fla., Church.

Stewart studied music and taught at several Adventist academies and Southern College (now Southern Adventist University). Later, job positions found him wearing varied

hats, including dean of men, youth leader, pastor, and trust services director.

He received his Trust Services Certification from the North American Division in 1986 and spent 10 years at the Southern Union Conference in Decatur, Ga., before retiring from full-time denominational work in 1997.

In retirement, he served full time in planned giving at Georgia State University and St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital before coming to Florida Conference, where he works part time in the Department of Planned Giving and Trust Services. Martina's work career was primarily spent in the bookkeeping and accounting field.

The Crooks have three daughters, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

—BY MARTIN BUTLER



Collegedale Academy's Harmonaires Quartet, circa 1948; Craig Asher (left), first tenor; Sherman Cross, second tenor; Stewart Crook (sitting at piano), baritone; and Obed Graham, bass. (Yes, that is Obed Graham, Florida Conference president from 1990-1997.)

Fort Lauderdale Church Holds Health Fair



JEFFREY THOMPSON

Pauline Douglas, R.N., who tended to blood donations during the health fair, is pictured with her husband, church elder Don Douglas.

“Wholeness and health has been an emphasis at Fort Lauderdale Church since the 1920’s when it began on Andrews Avenue,” said Sergeant Alphonso Bonaby of the Broward Sheriff’s Office in his congratulatory remarks.

Bonaby officially opened the 16th annual Healthy Lifestyle — Longer Life health event sponsored by Fort Lauderdale Church in partnership with Stranahan High School, and held on the school’s campus.

Most of this year’s

attendees took advantage of available free medical screenings. More than 40 providers displayed booths at the fair.

Pauline Douglas, R.N., coordinated the program with Derk Green, Everard Roofe, and a group of volunteers. “Nurse Douglas and her team must be commended for their herculean effort,” said Jeffrey Thompson, Fort Lauderdale pastor.

Jennifer Hamilton, Stranahan High School athletic director, was recognized for the pivotal role she played in making the

health fair a reality. The fair was co-sponsored by Broward Health, Broward Health County Health Department, and several area businesses.

—BY JEFFREY THOMPSON



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Volunteers Robin Davis (left) and Schenelle Morrison distributed food samples to health fair guests.

East Pasco Adventist Academy Students Pack Christmas Boxes

Students and staff from East Pasco Adventist Academy (EPAA), Dade City, Fla., packed more than 40 gift-filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. This is the



LISA ZIEGELE

East Pasco Adventist Academy students packed more than 40 Christmas boxes for children in war-torn and developing nations.

first year the school has participated in the interna-

tional outreach program of Samaritan’s Purse that provides children in war-torn and developing nations with gift boxes at Christmastime.

Boxes were packed with items often taken for granted by students in North America — basic toiletries like soap and toothpaste, school supplies, small toys, and candy. Students were

able to track the destination country of their boxes and find information on the work Operation Christmas Child is doing in those countries.

“I hope the kids who received the gifts we packed will know they are special,” says EPAA seventh-grader Jada Theodore. “I’m glad that we could be a part of making other kids’ Christmases memorable.”

—BY LISA ZIEGELE

Life-Saving AED Donated to Dalton Church



VIVIAN RAITZ

“We no longer stress trying to get the unconscious person’s response or pulse first thing, as this may use up valuable time. We now advise going immediately to compressions,” stated Robert (Bobby) Rhodes, certified American Heart Association trainer.

The training event

for the newly donated AED (Automated External Defibrillator) was Sunday, December 4, 2011, at the Dalton, Ga., Church. Bryan Cheever was the coordinator. Several interested officers/church members were also present.

Rhodes explained that a defibrillator is a portable electronic device that au-

tomatically diagnoses the potentially life-threatening problems on an individual who appears to be unconscious. Two pads are placed on the patient’s chest, and the machine automatically applies electrical therapy which stops any arrhythmia or other heart irregularities, allowing the heart to re-establish an effective rhythm.

The procedure that was taught to the group: Upon finding someone who appears unconscious, have someone call 911 immediately. If you are alone, you place the call. Then begin rather rapid chest compressions immediately, 100 per minute. Have someone get the defibrillator from the wall (or you get it). Open

up the clothing quickly, apply the two pads to the chest bare, and follow the verbal instructions that come from the machine from start to finish.

“It’s not difficult for a layman to do this possible life-saving procedure,” states cardiologist Gary Olson, who donated the machine and also extra materials for use with children.

The church plans to install the AED on its wall between its attached church school and sanctuary.

“We are so blessed to have received this device as a generous donation from Dr. Olson,” states Greg Harper, pastor.

—BY VIVIAN RAITZ

LEGAL NOTICES

Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Session

Notice is hereby given that the 31st regular session of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene on Sunday, April 22, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at the Georgia Cumberland Academy Gymnasium, Calhoun, GA. The purpose of this session is to receive reports for the five-year period ending December 31, 2011, elect officers, departmental directors, and the Conference Executive Committee, revise or amend the constitution and bylaws, and to transact any such other business as may properly come before the delegates. Each church in the conference is entitled to one (1) delegate for the organization and one (1) delegate for each fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof.

Edward E. Wright, President
Paul S. Hoover, Secretary

Georgia-Cumberland Association of Seventh-day Adventists, Inc. and the Cumberland Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that the legal session of the Georgia-Cumberland Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, and the Cumberland Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, is called to meet on Sunday, April 22, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at the Georgia Cumberland Academy Gymnasium, Calhoun, GA. The purpose of this session is to transact such business as may properly come before the meeting and to revise or amend the constitution and bylaws. Delegates to the 31st regular session of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the delegates to the legal session of the Georgia-Cumberland Association of Seventh-day Adventists, Inc. and the Cumberland Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, Inc.

Edward E. Wright, President
S. Kurt Allen, Secretary/Treasurer

Super Heroes Honored at Retreat

For the third consecutive year, Grandview children's ministries hosted the Super Heroes Retreat. This outreach event took place on Sabbath, November 12, 2011, at Austell, Ga., Grandview Church. The Super Hero Retreat was born from the vision of nurturing servant leadership in our youth and children with the aim to ultimately point its participants to the Greatest Super Hero of all, the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Last year, the empha-



LIBBETH M. RUIZ

Members from the Austell, Ga., Grandview Church Adventurers honored super heroes by serving them lunch.

sis was preparedness. The events were blessed with the presence of experts and leaders in disaster

preparedness, Cobb County Fire Department, Pastor Sam of KIDS Quest, and a Cobb County district representative. The children learned a lot.

This year the emphasis was once again service. The event focused on being the hands and feet that Jesus can use to help others in very practical ways. The Adventurer and Pathfinder Clubs welcomed the special guest of honor — the Food Bank recipients from the community service program.

The youth and children warmly greeted

guests, served lunch, and put on a short program featuring the youth and children's choir.

When it was time for testimonies, one thing was said repeatedly by guests: "You don't know what someone is going through, but when you find people that care enough to put such a nice program together like this, it means a lot."

The day ended with a social, which was a treat to all the super heroes. This retreat was certainly another model of success for Grandview Church, its community service department, and the Adventurer and Pathfinder Clubs.

—BY LIBBETH M. RUIZ

East Atlanta Camp Meeting Offered Second Year

The weekend of October 7-8, 2011, brought the Auburn Church together for their second annual Camp Meeting at the Methodist Campground in Lawrenceville, Ga.

This campground reminded many of the experienced Adventists of the old fashioned Camp Meetings of yesteryear. The campground dates back to 1832, and has an all-natural rustic feel as you take shelter under the arbor, complete with wooden benches and sawdust ground covering where people sat to enjoy the sensational sounds of various musicians and a God-inspired speaker.

The Auburn Pathfinder Club took advantage of this weekend outdoor event, and brought their tents to make it a round-the-clock campout event, guaranteeing they wouldn't miss a second of the blessings.

The weekend was filled with great weather, inspirational music, and Bible-based preaching. John Baldwin got the event off to a great start on Friday evening as he delved deep into the Word and brought new insights about Creation, the theme for the weekend.

Sabbath was a full day, from the beginning



GARY RUSTAD

This camp ground was the setting for the East Atlanta Camp Meeting put together by the Auburn Church.

of Sabbath School where teachers used nature as their classroom to teach on the running theme of Creation. The worship service completed the morning, to be followed by a tasty haystack potluck and afternoon programs for the adults, Adventurers, and Pathfinders.

The eventful day wound down with musical performances by local musicians, and closed with an excellent southern gospel concert by the Emmaus Road Quartet.

—BY GARY RUSTAD

St. Elmo Church Members Witness Success

St. Elmo, Ala., Church members recently held a series of reaping meetings with Mel Eisele, Gulf States president, as the speaker. Thousands of flyers were sent to the surrounding areas, resulting in a total of 40 visitors attending at least one night of the series. About 12 of these attended consistently, with six making the decision to be baptized.

Each of these converts came from different backgrounds and lifestyles, and had equally moving stories. One had been taking Bible studies from a member. Another was befriended by church members and was



Each of these new converts had already become a part of the St. Elmo Church family before becoming an official member.

already attending frequently. Others were influenced by family and found fellowship at St. Elmo. Another was led to return home and reunite with the church they had left.

All had something in common. Each had been

in contact with the members for some time before making a decision for baptism. The members were following the example of the Greatest Evangelist, Jesus. They ministered to people's needs, and won their confidence just as He had. They witnessed to them in ways that let them know they were cared for, not just another membership statistic. Each of these individuals had actually become a part of the church family before becoming an official member.

Victor Vaughn, St. Elmo pastor, says, "If you're relying on bulk mail-outs,

the evangelist, and the 30-sermon crusade to do your soulwinning, you will have some success. But, the greatest success comes when we become like Jesus — eating, drinking, and spending time with people. Then when the evangelist comes, the harvest can be that much greater! I praise God that He has led many in the St. Elmo Church to live in such a way that others are drawn into fellowship before becoming members. This is truly living; it is 'evangeliving' like Jesus!"

—BY VICTOR VAUGHN

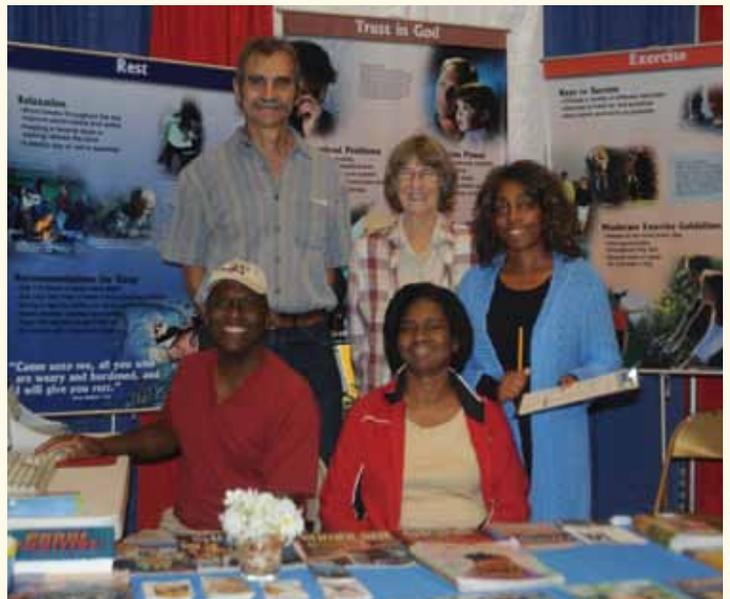
First Church Sponsors Booth at Alabama National Fair

More than 21 people from Montgomery, Ala., First Church, helped with the church's booth at the Alabama National Fair. They distributed 750 pieces of literature and answered hundreds of questions. The focus of the booth was Wellness and Creation Health. Several nurses worked at different times, checking blood pressures and helping with the health screening. Those screened were appreciative, and many promised to follow up on their health issues. Three hundred and fifty-two people signed up for the family Bible and books

on health that were given away. On School Day the Pathfinders, in uniform, handed out children's literature to the young people who came by the booth.

Linda Anderson, fair booth coordinator and director of the Gulf States Conference Adventist Book Center, reports that several people still come by the Book Center as a result of previous visits and health screenings at the fair booth in years past.

—BY REBECCA GRICE/
LINDA ANDERSON



Church members Jack Jackson (left, standing), Linda Anderson, Barbara Williams, and Milton and Cassandra Ganier (seated) enjoyed meeting and encouraging the people who visited their booth.

REBECCA GRICE

One Church is Home to 28 Nationalities

Birmingham First Church, Hoover, Ala., celebrated International Day on December 17, 2011, and honored 28 different nationalities in their congregation. The members were awed as a representative from each country came forward and placed their nation's flag in a holder near the platform. Some countries had as many as eight representatives. Pastor Karl Doermer's sermon was entitled, "All Nations, One Blood." He used Acts 17:24-28 for his Bible text.

The church gym was full later that evening when an International Christmas party was held. Thirteen tables were set-up with each representing a different country. The tables included food samples and holiday deco-

rations. The hosts wore their native attire. Attendees discovered what people in other countries eat, how they eat, how they dress, and why they dress the way they do. They also learned some of the customs of the countries represented.

Trudy Doermer, church secretary and pastor's wife, concludes, "Many people left with a better understanding of the different cultures in our world. I feel it has made our church become closer together, knowing we all



Pictured are some of Birmingham First Church members representing 28 different countries.

have differences, but that we all love the Lord the same way, and He us!

The International Day was such a success that another one is planned for this year, with more people involved.

The countries repre-

sented in the 400-member Birmingham First Church International Day included: Argentina, Botswana, Brazil, Burma, Canada, Columbia, Dominican Republic, England, Germany, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Martinique, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Panama, Singapore, South Korea, Saint

Lucia, Tanzania, Uganda, United States, Uruguay, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

—BY REBECCA GRICE/TRUDY DOERMER

Bass Academy Students Receive Microsoft IT Academy Certificates

Microsoft IT Academy certificates were presented to Bass Memorial Academy students on December 16, 2011. The students who received certificates were senior Samuel Poling and sophomore Ethan



Pictured are Gary Swinyar (left), Conference superintendent of education; Samuel Poling; Ethan Smith; Philip Wilhelm, Bass principal; and Brian Halley, Conference IT director.

Smith. Poling completed training on Microsoft Word, and Smith on Microsoft Outlook and server topology.

Their future plans are in the medical field, and they are taking classes that will help them to better use the software they will be working with throughout

their careers. As members of the IT Academy, they also can have the latest Microsoft software installed on their computers, a value of several hundred dollars. On hand to present the certificates was Gary Swinyar, Gulf States superintendent of education.

—BY BRIAN HALLEY

Conference Elects New Youth Director

On December 14, 2011, the Executive Committee of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference voted to invite Ken Wetmore to serve as the new youth director of the Conference.

Wetmore has served as the senior pastor of the Upper Columbia Academy Church for the last five years. He is a graduate of Fletcher Academy (1994) and Southern Adventist



University (1999), and is currently working on a master's degree in organizational leadership.

His previous work

experience includes being a student chaplain, youth pastor, counselor and boys' director at youth camp, assistant communication director of the Guam-Micronesia Mission, and communication director of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

Wetmore was dedicated by Eric B. Hare and was a distant cousin to *Your Story Hour's* Aunt Sue, so it's not surprising

he loves to hear stories and tell them. He has told stories as a public speaker, radio show host, television reporter and anchor, communication director, and pastor. Wetmore's favorite story-telling has been communicating the Good News through the Christ-centered teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

His wife, Rachelle, is an elementary school teacher, and they have a seven-year-old daughter and a six-year-old son.

—BY MARVIN LOWMAN

NET 2011 Touched Lives

Matt and Emily

Matt and Emily Hagley were living together outside of marriage, with two small children. Matt's life was consumed with drugs and spiraling out of control when one day he hit rock bottom. He overdosed, and consequently the Department of Children's Services ruled that he was no longer fit to live in his own home.

During this low point in his life, the NET 2011 *Prophecies Decoded* series started in his hometown. Matt and Emily attended every night. The Word of God penetrated their hearts and began to change their lives. They felt convicted to get married and baptized. So on the final day of the series, before a crowd of many witnesses, Matt and Emily stood in the baptistry together wearing white robes. After exchanging wedding vows, they were lowered

under the water to signify the beginning of a new life together with Jesus.

Becky

Daniel and Kristina own a piece of rental property. Every morning they ask God to use them to be a positive influence to their renters. During the years, they have had multiple conversations with their renters about spiritual things, and have invited them to church with little apparent success.

This past fall they invited Becky to attend the NET 2011 prophecy series at their church. They offered to pick her up and give her a ride. But, Becky kept finding excuses. Finally she conceded, "I don't really want to come, but I will because

you keep inviting me."

Once Becky started attending, she got hooked. At the conclusion of the meetings she was baptized. Standing with her in the baptistry was none other than her landlord, Daniel. Becky exclaimed before the tearful congregation, "Daniel has not only been my landlord; he's also been my friend who never gave up on me. What can I say "I'm home."



Following their exchange of vows, Matt and Emily were baptized by Mike McKenzie, pastor.

The NET 2011 live event, which was hosted by the Madison Campus Church, September 29-October 30, 2011, and down linked to 650 satellite sites across the United States and Canada, touched many lives. In the greater Nashville area alone, 102 individuals were baptized and an additional 25 made decisions from the 15 satellite downlink sites across

the Conference. About 3,500 individuals joined the Adventist Church across the North American Division as a result of the NET 2011 meetings.

Was the NET 2011 series worth all the time, energy and money? Just ask Matt, Emily, and Becky and they will answer with a resounding, "YES!"

—BY DAVID HARTMAN

Highland Academy Places Third in Brain Games

Five Highland Academy physics students and their teacher, Michael Patrick, attended the Brain Games event hosted by Southwestern Adventist University November 3-5, 2011, in Keene, Tex. Highland's group participated in a study of ballistics and projectile motion throughout history by building and launching a medieval trebuchet, modifying and shooting a potato cannon, and launching model rockets.

The students used their knowledge of physics to predict where projectiles



Ethan Thornton, Megan Jewell, Malachi Partlow, Austin Covrig, and Christy Langsdale stand with their trebuchet.

would land, and tried to hit targets based on those predictions when discharging the trebuchet and potato cannon. On Sabbath, stu-

dents extended their physics knowledge to a biblical activity where they tried to hit "Goliath," using woven slings they made in class

and brought to the event. Senior Malachi Partlow was one of only two students in the competition to hit the Goliath target. That evening, each school participated in the Mathematics Competition where Highland placed 3rd out of 18 participating schools, resulting in a \$500 scholarship to SWAU for each student and \$500 for the Highland Physics Department. The students had a great time applying what they learned in class and returned excited about the opportunity.

—BY BECKY PATRICK

One Sows, Another Reaps

Claudette Foster and her daughter, Adriane Harvey, had been listening to sermons by Doug Batchelor for a while and were convicted of the truth in those messages. Then they received a brochure announcing prophecy seminars to be presented by Douglas Na'a, pastor, at the Pewee Valley Church.

They phoned Na'a and stated their desire to attend. The only problem was that they lived quite a distance away and had no means of transportation. Na'a arranged transportation for every night that they were available to attend.



Douglas Na'a (left), pastor; Claudette Foster; Luis Ruiz, pastor; and Adriane Harvey

During this time, they also attended the Pewee Valley Church whenever possible, but also attended the South Louisville Church, which is within walking distance of their home.

They maintained their

conviction that what they heard was Bible truth but were also still attending their Sunday church.

In September 2011, Emanuel Baek of Amazing Facts presented a prophecy series at the Pewee Valley Church which Foster and Harvey attended. Following this series, and after working with Baek and Na'a, both made their decision to be baptized and become member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. They, with others in their family, had attended a Sunday-keeping church for a number of years, but once the decision was made to join

God's remnant people, they contacted the pastor of that church and explained their decision to follow Christ's leading all the way.

Due to the proximity to their home and the warmth with which they were received by Luis Ruiz, pastor, and the members of the South Louisville Church, they decided to be baptized into that fellowship. They were baptized by Ruiz on December 24, 2011. This was a high day for Foster and Harvey as well as the congregations of the Pewee Valley and South Louisville Churches.

—BY BONNIE KUPKA

Daniel and Revelation Seminar Reaps Baptisms in Whiteville

Lay evangelism linked with pastoral support brought in 10 souls for Christ in Whiteville, N.C. The two-week Daniel and Revelation Seminar sponsored by and held at Praise Tabernacle Church began August 21, 2011, with powerful preaching by Carlton Byrd, D.Min., Breath of Life Ministry speaker/director. He presented Jesus Christ as the “Key” to Daniel and Revelation. Attendance was high, and even in the face of Hurricane Irene’s landfall, 40 brave souls came out to hear God’s Word.

The seminar, which featured Richard Berry, M.D., as the presenter, not only covered the biblical study of Daniel and Revelation, but nightly medical screenings with free blood pressure checks, as well as health topics twice a week by



Richard Berry (left), M.D., Carlton Byrd, D.Min., and Stephan Davis, Praise Tabernacle pastor

Praise Tabernacle’s medical professionals. Community service leader Diane Suggs and assistant Stephanie Harvey with their team gave out baskets of food to those in need during

were also served after meetings, and Wednesday vegetarian cooking classes shared the spotlight and were well attended. Full dinners were served after chefs Charlene Berry, Leon



Baptismal candidates

the series. A local grocer donated \$700 worth of food for the event. Nutritional snacks

a booth showcasing the hazards of drug abuse, including live video and a uniformed Pathfinder

representative, was featured as well.

Because the Daniel and the Revelation Seminar was also in the Carolina Adventist Academy auditorium, there was a booth highlighting Adventist Christian education, and several new students were enrolled for the school year as a result of this feature.

Music was highly enjoyed by the audience as well, with the

praise team and seminar artist Syrita Mills singing praises to God. The series culminated in a high day on Sabbath, September 2, 2011, when 10 individuals were baptized into God’s remnant Church. Others continue to study in preparation for a future baptism. The whole membership of Praise Tabernacle, laity and pastoral, came together and the Spirit reaped. “Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest,” John 4:35.

—BY CHARLOTTE VERRETT, M.D.

Richard Berry, M.D., Completes Marathon in Hawaii

Richard Berry, M.D., 55, completed his first-ever marathon on December 11, 2011. He and his daughter, Kiana, ran 26.2 miles in the 39th Honolulu Marathon in Hawaii, while his wife, Charlene, made the decision to do the 10K walk. Berry and his daughter had

been training for this race for eight months. When asked what his time was in completing the race, he answered, "The marathon was won by Kenya's Nicholas Chelimo in two hours, 14 minutes, and 55 seconds. After winning, Mr. Chelimo flew back to his native country, an eight-hour flight, ate dinner, and then sat down, turned on his TV and watched us pass the finish line. That's how long we took."

A great part of the race was painful — Berry strained his left ankle after the six-mile marker and had to walk for the rest of the race.



Richard Berry, M.D., ran his first-ever marathon in Honolulu, Hawaii, with his daughter, Kiana.

He was in pain, but still focused on the task of completing the race.

Berry said he ran the

marathon for three reasons: 1) He had never run a marathon before, and although he looked for a marathon closer to home, he never could find a Honolulu Marathon in North or South Carolina; 2) to do something unique with his daughter who will be going to college soon; and 3) to use the opportunity as a fundraiser for

Carolina Adventist Academy, Whiteville, N.C.,

where he donates his time teaching biology. He has so far received numerous pledges for completing the marathon. All proceeds will go toward Christian education.

Berry says that there is a sermon in this experience of running a marathon. There were times during the race that they both thought of stopping and giving up. They prayed and decided that through God's help they would finish the race. In a similar manner, everyone is running a marathon. The end, or finish line, is the second coming of Jesus Christ. Although there is pain and you sometimes feel like giving up, you must hold on, pray, and move forward toward the promise.

—BY CHARLENE BERRY



The Berrys celebrated finishing the marathon in Hawaii with well-wishers at Carolina Adventist Academy, Whiteville, N.C.

Anniston Class Could Become Model for Civil Rights

Marvin Moten II is breaking ground teaching black history at the Anniston High School in Anniston, Alabama, and is featured in the article reprinted below. Moten is a member of the Pine Hill Church, Sylacauga, Alabama. He is the son of Marvin and Reajean Moten of Talladega, Alabama, and is a 2006 history graduate of Oakwood University, Huntsville, Alabama. Moten has completed a master's degree in administration and is in pursuit of a doctoral degree. He

was selected as Anniston's Teacher of the Year for 2010, and is a Talladega native who graduated from Talladega County Central High School. Reajean, his mother, states, "Marvin is very active and noted for his positive influence in the lives of his students. He is also very active in church, serving as the youth Sabbath School superintendent." Moten is married to the former Tiffany Smalls, and God has blessed this union with 2-year-old Madison. The following article is a tribute to Moten's work in his community, as a Christian in church, a ground-breaking non status quo teacher, and a family man. Reprinted with permission:

—BY REAJEAN MOTEN

ANNISTON — Michelle Craig is the project coordinator for the Birmingham



Marvin Moten (center, surrounded by students), a Talladega County Central High School graduate, teaches a black history class at Anniston High School. The class could become the state's main source of civil rights instruction at the high school level.

Cultural Alliance Partnership, a Birmingham Civil Rights Institute program. She teaches high school students how to lead tours of the institute's exhibits, including one on the 1961 Freedom Riders bus burning in Anniston.

When her would-be tour guides first arrive at the institute, she says, they rarely know anything about the bus burning.

But it's not just her students; it's most students.

"It says to me that we have to do a better job of incorporating all history into what's being taught," she said during a recent phone interview. "It's usually European history, not people of color."

It's a gap in the state's education offerings that was obvious and bothersome to Anniston High School history teacher Marvin Moten, so he decided to do something about it.

Moten, who was selected as Anniston's Teacher of the Year, is a Talladega native and graduated from Talladega County Central High School. He is the son of Marvin and Reajean Moten of Talladega.

This school year, Moten started a black history class at AHS [Anniston High School], and it could become the state's main source of civil rights instruction at the high school level.

The State Department of Education is considering plans to have Moten teach it in classrooms across the state digitally, according to Judy Bollinger, assistant coordinator for ACCESS, a division of the state Education Department.

"We thought it would be a great one to offer," she said in a phone interview from her office in Madison City. "Since we don't have anything offered like it, I think a lot of our schools — especially those that are predominantly African-American — would be interested in taking it."

As he considered what form the new history class should take, Moten said, he was certain he didn't want to take the traditional lecture-and-test route in teaching it. The first nine weeks focused on local history in Anniston and then moved to other points of interest, including Birmingham and Montgomery.

A lot of the instruc-

tion involves project-based learning. The students visit historical sites, interview historical figures and are required to create videos from those interviews, Moten said.

"Thankfully, a lot of these people are still alive — Rev. (N.Q.) Reynolds, Bob McClain, Sygrid Beard," he said. The students have to do interviews with somebody who was there during those historical events. "When we talked about integration of Anniston High School, we interviewed people who lived through it like (former Anniston Mayor) Chip Howell."

Moten said he never learned about the bus burning until he went to Huntsville's Oakwood University, a historically black college.

"They taught about the whole gamut," he said. "Not one stone was left unturned."

Asked how much African-American history was taught at Anniston High before his class, Moten said none.

It's about the same at most Alabama schools.

Aside from Anniston, the state Education Department's Bollinger said, she knew of no other high school class in Alabama dedicated solely to black history. It explains why knowledge of the Anniston bus burning is so scarce.

The purpose of the Freedom Rides was to challenge the Deep South's

segregation laws, which themselves were in violation of federal court rulings that had outlawed racial segregation in interstate travel.

On May 4, 1961, a group of black and white civil rights activists calling themselves Freedom Riders boarded a Greyhound bus in Washington, D.C., bound for New Orleans.

On Mother's Day, May 14, Ku Klux Klan members and a mob of white separatists attacked the bus at the Greyhound station in Anniston. They pounded the bus with baseball bats and metal pipes and they slashed the tires. The driver was able to pull away but was forced to stop again for new tires at a grocery store just west of Anniston on Old Birmingham Highway.

That's when the mob tossed a firebomb into the bus. The passengers were nearly burned alive, but all managed to escape the burning bus.

The violence continued as other Freedom Rider buses traveled into Birmingham, Montgomery, and Mississippi, but instead of being deterred, the Freedom Riders pressed on for months, bringing national attention to the South's racist policies.

Finally, in September 1961, U.S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy instructed the Interstate Commerce Commission to enforce the federal laws that had been passed six years earlier, allowing passengers to sit wherever they wanted on

buses and trains. "White" and "Colored" signs over water fountains, lunch counters, and bathrooms came down.

It's local history that made a difference nationally, but, even after 50 years, it's still not taught with any depth in public schools.

Dr. Linda Mitchell, assistant professor of secondary education-history at Jacksonville State University, said she grew up in Gadsden but didn't learn about the bus burning until she became a history major in college.

"It's not the history that people want to know," she said. "I think we tend to tell the parts of our local history that have a more favorable outcome for us, or that feature some people in our area favorably."

Craig, at the Civil Rights Institute, said she can't remember whether she was given school lessons on the bus burning, but said her mother participated in the civil rights movement and taught her children about the events of those days, including the bus burning.

While the schools shouldn't be absolved from teaching civil rights history, Craig said, it's also incumbent upon parents to teach their children.

"For people who lived through it, it's hard to talk about it. When they visit the museum, they can't wait to get out of here because those are times they don't want to remember," she said. "But it's something we have to get past

and start to talk about."

The students Craig trains to be museum docents are usually ninth-through 12th-graders. When they arrive at the museum, the stages of emotion have become almost predictable — from awe to anger to admiration.

"Their first reaction when they see the burned-out bus is fear," she said. "Then you see the anger, and they ask, 'Why would anyone do this to another person?'"

"Others say, 'Wow, these people actually continued on their mission, even though these terrible things were happening to them.'"

The question is: Why is such a significant event in local history not taught openly and routinely in local schools?

Craig said the answer is black and white: Many blacks avoid talking about those events because they were the victims of, or witnesses to, atrocities against their segment of humanity; and many whites would rather push the subject to the back burner because of white guilt.

"They say 'Why keep bringing it up,'" she said. "Would you say that to the Jews about the Holocaust?"

Mitchell, along with local organizers of the Freedom Riders Project, is working on a college-level civil rights curriculum to be made available to teachers throughout the state.

"I'm teaching teachers how to teach this history," she said. "Most textbooks

usually have just a little blurb about it."

Moten, the history teacher at AHS, taught the local portion of his new class this year from Anniston native Phil Noble's "Beyond the Burning Bus" because there's no textbook specifically for African-American history and because detailed instruction about the bus burning is not in the state-approved text for juniors and seniors.

"Just a photo," Moten said. "Out of 15 chapters, there's only one section dealing with segregation and civil rights history — from slavery to Reconstruction, one three-page section."

Moten said he started the African-American history class this year with the purpose of teaching about the bus burning and other events precisely because they're not fully represented in the state-approved textbook for upperclassmen, "The American Vision."

"Before this class, you taught to the graduation exam," he said. "The percentage of African-American history on the standardized test is maybe two percent, and that's being generous. If they're not going to ask about it, why teach on it?"

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—BY ANTHONY COOK
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Perrine Church Hosts Ushers Federation

Perrine Church, Miami, Fla., served as the host church for the south, north, and central Florida, and south Georgia Ushers' Federation, November 11-12, 2011. The weekend was an awesome experience for those who attended.

More than 150 ushers converged at Perrine on Friday night for the start of the session entitled "Keep Looking Up." A touch-

ing and inspiring message was presented by Selwyn Carrington, M.D. After the service, there was a "love feast" provided by women's ministries, headed by Doreen Outar.

After the roll call, several presentations were made to outstanding individuals who had made significant contributions to their church. The speaker for the hour was David Long, Southeastern Confer-

ence stewardship director. He urged the congregation to look to Jesus instead of complaining and finding fault. If you look up, God can deal with the situations that you cannot handle. He pointed out that Moses put the serpent in the wilderness so the Israelites would look up and live.

Long's question was, "Are you going to look up?" He cautioned those

attending should not get caught up with the cares of this world and get caught unawares. He advised all to keep their eyes on Heaven so they will be able to stand. He said when you look up you will be reminded that Jesus is coming soon. Many who attended was blessed and gained personal insight of how they can further serve the Lord.

—BY MILLICENT TAYLOR

Church Officers Called to be Great Leaders

More than 1,000 local church officers attended the ninth Southeastern Conference Leadership Summit, December 9-12, 2011, Lake Buena Vista, Fla. The bi-annual event is designed to provide local church leaders with leadership training that will enable them to effectively serve God. "The Leadership Summit provides essential leadership training for the local church officer," said Hubert Morel, Southeastern Conference president. "God has called every one of us to be great leaders for Him."

Roscoe Howard, Ph.D., vice president of mission and ministries for Adventist Health System, served



Roscoe Howard, Ph.D., Adventist Health vice president of mission and ministries

as the keynote speaker for the event. He inspired the leaders to lean on God and not themselves as they lead in their local churches.

Cory Jewell Jensen, M.S., co-director of the Center for Behavioral Intervention in Beaverton, Ore., conducted a controversial but essential workshop entitled "Sex Offenders in the Faith

Community, Child Safety, Church Policy and Risk Management." In her workshop she informed the leaders that the Church is a target for sex offenders, and provided them with strategies to prevent child abuse in their churches.

Notable presenters included R. Steven Norman III, Southern Union communication director; Joseph McCoy, executive director of the Adventist Regional Conference Retirement Plan; Robert Moore, Allegheny West Conference executive secretary; Gene Brewer, Ed.D., Southern Union Conference education development specialist; and Jason McCracken, M.B.A., director of LETC and associate chaplain at Oakwood University.

The event featured

more than 150 breakout sessions for 26 local church ministries. Several workshops were offered in French and Spanish to accommodate the Haitian and Hispanic leaders who attended. Event organizers were pleased with the number of leaders at the bi-annual event.

—BY ROBERT HENLEY

Leslie-Ann Braithwaite Receives the Claudia Mooney Award

During the symbolic ceremony at Oakwood University's 2011 graduation service for nursing graduates, Leslie-Ann Braithwaite, B.S.N, cum laude, received the prestigious Claudia Mooney Excellence in Nursing Award.

The Claudia Mooney Excellence in Nursing Award is given to a graduating senior who has demonstrated a commitment to academic excellence

and outstanding leadership from his/her sophomore year.

In her response to accepting the award, Braithwaite stated, "As I sat there listening to the criteria for the award, I whispered to my classmate that I wished they had told us about this in advance and I'm sure we would have worked harder. So you know I am surprised, truly honored, and humbled to be the re-

ipient of this award, and I share it with all my classmates who worked very hard for the past four years." She thanked her professors for the knowledge they imparted; her colleagues for their encouragement; her family, friends, and church for their constant love, prayers and support; and praised



her God — whom she said 'showed up and showed out' in numerous ways — giving Him all the praise for her accomplishments.

Braithwaite is an alumna of Miami Union Academy Class of 2007, and is a member of Bethel Church in Florida City, Fla.

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REGULAR SESSION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that the 10th regular session of the Southeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at the Mount Calvary Seventh-day Adventist Church, located at 4902 N. 40th Street, Tampa, Florida 33610, Sunday, May 20, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. The Organizing Committee will meet on Saturday night, May 19, 2011 at 8:15 p.m (Sunset). This constituency session is called for the purpose of electing officers and for transacting any other business as may properly come before the membership. Each church in the conference is entitled to one (1) delegate for the church and one additional delegate for each 50 members or major fraction thereof. For the Organizing Committee, each church is entitled to one (1) delegate for the church and one additional delegate for each 500 members or major fraction thereof.

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WSMC Helps Local Students Audition for NPR Music Program

Southern Adventist University's radio station, WSMC Classical 90.5, recently opened its doors to young musicians auditioning for the chance to share their talents with the world come April when popular NPR show *From the Top* with Host Christopher O'Riley makes a stop in Chattanooga. The show is sponsored by WSMC and Southern.

From the *Top* is the pre-eminent national showcase for young musicians, and features amazing performances and captivating personal stories. About a dozen children, mostly elementary and middle school students, made

appointments to stop by the radio station and record their audition tapes.

"We were thrilled about the chance to help them audition for a program heard by over 700,000 listeners," said

WSMC's general manager Scott Kornblum.

Roger Lantigua, an 11-year-old violinist, spent many years wishing for a violin for his birthday. When Roger was two, he would mimic violinists

heard on the stereo by gesturing with a baseball bat as his violin and a ruler as his bow. He finally got his own instrument when he turned six and has been practicing ever since.

Ethan Farnam, a nine-year-old pianist, has been playing since before he even started kindergarten and has been perfecting a single piece, Debussy's "Le Petit Nègre," for almost two of those years. He auditioned for *From the Top* last year, but didn't make the cut. Yet

for Ethan, rejection is no deterrent.

"My mom pushed me to keep practicing this piece, and I've slowly grown an affection for it," Ethan said. "I hope that will show through in my audition."

The April 26 *From the Top* performance is the highlight of WSMC's 50th anniversary celebration. The 100,000-watt radio station has been representing Southern to greater Chattanooga since 1961, and this event represents just one more opportunity to engage the community in a positive way.

"God has His hands on the station," Kornblum said. "Our opportunity to reach people is incredible!"

For additional information regarding *From the Top*, call 423-236-2905 or visit southern.edu/wsmc.

—BY CHARLES CAMMACK



Roger Lantigua practices outside the WSMC studio at Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, Tenn.

Southern Receives Grant from National Wellness Institute

The National Wellness Institute recently awarded Southern Adventist University's School of Physical Education, Health, and Wellness the first ever Academic Program Accreditation Grant, adding to the school's growing list of honors.

The National Wellness

institute (NWI) is the accrediting body for employee wellness degrees and the standard for excellence in the professional wellness world, said Phil Garver, dean of the School of Physical Education, Health, and Wellness. The \$1,000 grant will assist his team with the cost of applying

for accreditation for its undergraduate degrees from the NWI. Accreditation will, among other things, provide graduates a leg up when applying for jobs.

This is not the first time the department has received recognition from the NWI. In July 2011, the school received the Distin-

guished Academic Program Award. Garver is excited about both awards, but not surprised.

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—BY SHANA MICHALEK

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Southern Singles Ministries Alumni Reunion Potluck – March 31. Potluck at 1 p.m. and Vespers at Coolidge Park, Chattanooga, TN, at 6 p.m. For potluck location and details: avocadofiddler@gmail.com or 423-243-4001.

Oakwood University Alumni Homecoming Weekend – April 5-8. Alumni, friends, and supporters are invited to celebrate the 45th Alumni Weekend, including a 70's/80's Reunion Concert. Details: ouaahomecomingchair@gmail.com; or www.oakwoodalumni.org.

Union College Homecoming – April 5-8. Honor classes: 1942, '52, '57, '62, '72, '82, '87, '92, and '02. Special Unionaires reunion – celebrating 25 years under the direction of Dan Lynn. Details: contact the alumni office at 402-486-2503, 3800 South 48th Street, Lincoln, NE 68506 or alumni@ucollege.edu.

Kingsport, TN, Church 60th Anniversary – April 7. Address: 3025 Fort Henry Drive, Kingsport, TN. Details: 423-276-2004 or kingsportsda@yahoo.com.

Washington Adventist University Alumni Weekend – April 13-15. Honor classes: 1942, '52, '62, '72, '82, '87, '92, and '02. Details: www.wau.edu/alumni or call 301-891-4133.

La Sierra Academy Alumni Homecoming – April 27-29. Honor Classes 50+, 1962, '72, '82, '87, '92, '97, '02. Details: 951 351-1445 x244, email: Isaalumni@lsak12.com web site: www.lsak12.com/alumni.htm

"Ye Olde" Cedar Lake Academy Reunion – June 14-17. For alumni and warmly welcomed schoolmates of 1962 and earlier at Great Lakes Adventist Academy, Cedar Lake, MI. Honor classes: 1932, 1942, 1952, 1962. Details will be forthcoming by postal service. Also, you may contact GLAA Alumni Office at 989-427-5181 or visit www.GLAA.net for details.

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Events Calendar

Carolina

VBS Workshops

Feb. 19. Fayetteville.
Feb. 26. Mt. Pisgah Academy.

Crisis Care Training Workshops – Feb. 26, 27

(Individual Crisis Intervention).
Feb. 28, 29 (Group Crisis Intervention).
March 1 (Introduction to ACS Disaster Response and Special Issues in Adventist Crisis Care).
To register, contact Bob Self at rsself@carolinasda.com or call 828-279-2243.

MPA Mission Trip – March 1-11.

Divorce Recovery – March 2-4. NPR.

Pathfinders' Work Bee – March 16-18. NPR.

MPA Week of Prayer – March 19-23. MPA.

Elders' Retreat – March 23, 24. NPR.

Young Adult Retreat – March 30-April 1. NPR.

Elders' Certification Training
March 31-April 1. Arden.
April 7, 8. Arden

Florida

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

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

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Florida Adventist Bookmobile Schedule

Feb. 25. Naples.

Feb. 26. Fort Myers, Fort Myers Shores, Arcadia, Avon Park, Winter Haven.

March 3. West Palm Beach.

March 4. Midport, Port St. Lucie, Fort Pierce, Cocoa, Titusville. (Southeastern Conference: Palm Bay.)

March 10. Port Charlotte.

March 11. North Port, Sarasota, West Coast Christian Academy in Bradenton, Brandon, Tampa

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March 17. Maranatha in Miami Gardens.

March 18. Fort Lauderdale, Lauderhill, Ambassador in Lauderdale Lakes, Pompano Beach, Jupiter-Tequesta.

March 24. St. Petersburg.

March 25. Clearwater, New Port Richey, Spring Hill, Brooksville, East Pasco in Zephyrhills, Lakeland.

Men's Ministries Convention – March 9-11. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Details: <http://www.floridaconference.com/men/staff/billy-leveille/> or 386-454-1351.

Community Health Fair – March 11. Sunrise Church. Details: baileyjoy@gmail.com or 954-260-9951.

Retired Denominational Workers' Retreat – March 16-18. Pine Lake Retreat, Groveland. Speaker: Adventist Review Editor Bill Knott. Details: laura.gonzalez@floridaconference.com or 407-644-5000, x164.

Outdoor Education – Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Details: <http://www.campkulaqua.com/>, summercamp@campkulaqua.com, or 386-454-1351.

March 20-23.

March 27-30.

Vacation Bible School Workshops

Theme: Babylon, Daniel's Courage In Captivity. Details: rburrill@cfl.rr.com, rhoda.burrill@floridaconference.com, or 407-644-5000, x136.

March 24. Pine Lake Retreat, Groveland. 3-8 p.m.

March 31. Sawgrass Adventist School, Plantation. 3-8 p.m.

Forest Lake Academy Alumni Weekend Golf Tournament

– March 26. Redtail Golf Club, Sorrento. Details: lebrunc@forestlake.org or 407-772-3729.

Georgia-Cumberland

Hispanic Children Ministries Convention – Feb. 3, 4. Duluth School, Duluth, GA.

Conference Constituency Pre-session Meetings

Feb. 4. District 3. Georgia-Cumberland Academy Church, Calhoun, GA.

Feb. 18. District 2. Atlanta North Church, Atlanta, GA.

Feb. 25. District 6. Knoxville Church, Knoxville, TN.

Executive and Personnel Subcommittee Meetings – Feb. 8.

Children's Ministries Convention – Feb. 10-12. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.

Hispanic Lay Festival – Feb. 10-12. Toccoa, GA.

Revival and Reformation – Feb. 11. Speaker: Philip Samaan. Conference Office, Calhoun, GA.

Beyond Organic Gardening – Feb. 12. Collegedale Community Church, Collegedale, TN.

GCC Elementary Band/Strings Festival – Feb. 16, 17. Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, GA.

Prayer Conference – Feb. 17-20. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.

GODencounters Conference – Feb. 24, 25. Speaker: Sam Leonor. Atlanta, GA.

CONNECT/ACF Leadership Conference – Feb. 24-26. University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.

Far From Home Concert – Feb. 26. Collegedale Community Church, Collegedale, TN.

Online registration for all events available: www.registration.gccsda.com.

Gulf States

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

Teen Invitational Caving – Feb. 3-5.

Church Works – Feb. 17-19. Montgomery, AL.

Spring Break for Elementary Schools and Day Academies – March 5-9.

Prayer Ministries Summit –

March 9, 10.

Cross Examination – March 17. Huntsville, AL.

Women's Ministries Leadership Workshop – March 16-18.

Kentucky-Tennessee

Conference Association Board

March 13. May 15. July 17.

Conference Executive Committee

March 13. May 15. July 17.

Highland/Madison Academy Boards

March 15. March 22.

Board of Education – Feb. 9.

West Tennessee Festival of Faith – March 3. Memphis, TN.

Eastern Kentucky Camp Meeting – March 9, 10.

Prestonsburg, KY.

Music Festival – March 5-17. Highland Academy.

31st Regular Constituency Session – April 29. Madison Campus Church.

Southern Adventist University

Graduate School Open House – Feb. 9. Hulsey Wellness Center. Details: 423-236-2694.

Archaeology Lecture Series – Feb. 15. Lynn Wood Auditorium. Details: 423-236-2030.

Symphony Orchestra Concert – March 18. Student musicians perform a broad range of classical and sacred music. Collegedale Church, 7:30 p.m. Details: 423-236-2880.

Sunset

	Feb. 3	Feb. 10	Feb. 17	Feb. 24	Mar. 2	Mar. 9
Atlanta, GA	6:12	6:19	6:25	6:31	6:38	6:43
Charleston, SC	5:56	6:02	6:08	6:14	6:21	6:26
Charlotte, NC	5:55	6:02	6:09	6:16	6:23	6:29
Collegedale, TN	6:12	6:19	6:26	6:33	6:40	6:46
Huntsville, AL	5:19	5:26	5:33	5:39	5:46	5:52
Jackson, MS	5:37	5:44	5:50	5:56	6:02	6:07
Louisville, KY	6:10	6:18	6:25	6:33	6:41	6:48
Memphis, TN	5:32	5:39	5:46	5:52	5:59	6:05
Miami, FL	6:07	6:12	6:16	6:21	6:25	6:29
Montgomery, AL	5:22	5:28	5:34	5:40	5:46	5:51
Nashville, TN	5:17	5:25	5:32	5:39	5:46	5:52
Orlando, FL	6:08	6:13	6:18	6:23	6:28	6:33
Wilmington, NC	5:45	5:52	5:59	6:05	6:12	6:17

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Family Reunion Concert – **June 9**

Alaska Conference Camp Meeting – **June 9 - 16**

Mad About Marriage – **June 11 - 15**

Revive - Spanish Series – **June 11 - 15** • Revive – **June 9 - 16**

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