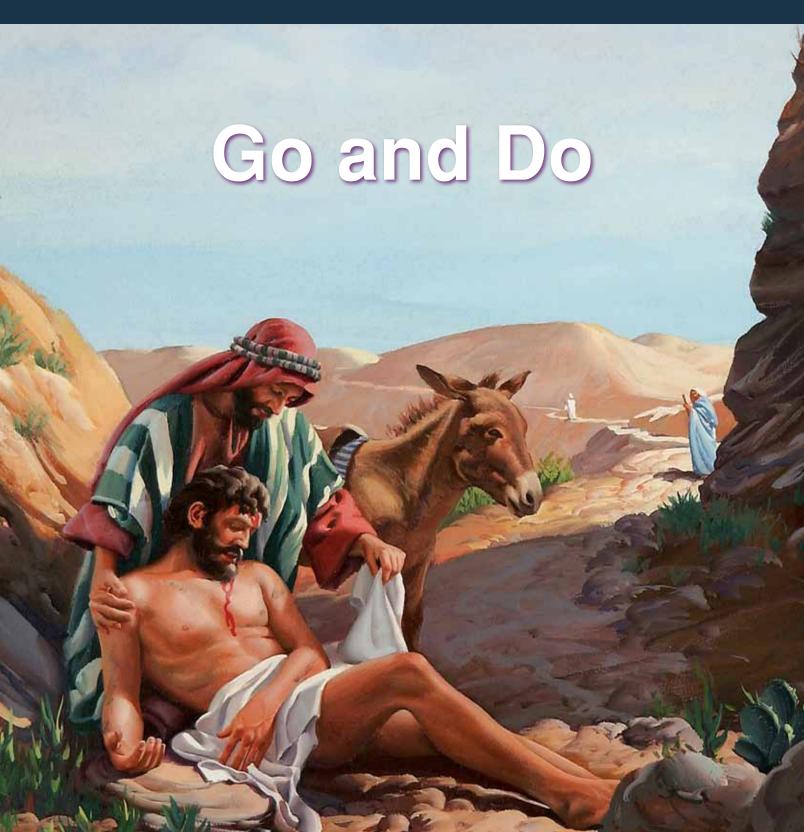
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Vantage Point

Youth Foundations Stand Strong

A life that is not built right in the beginning will not be fortified to its maximum potential. The most effective way of avoiding a meaningless, empty, and wasted lifetime is discovering a spiritual relationship in the formative years. That is Solomon's prescription for a fulfilling and productive life.

Solomon explored all the detours — wealth, power, education, government, partying, eating, sex, and indulgence. He examined every alternative. He tested them all in the laboratory of personal experience. He declares them all to be "vanity and vexation of spirit." When the chase is finished, the net result is nothing at all.

The world's greatest player says, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil," Ecclesiastes 12: 13, 14.

The elements of morals, reputation, manners, and present and future prospects of the youth of our nation are still with us today. They may be discussed, but they cannot be dismissed. There can be no reality without reverence and respect. We are dealing with the same human nature that Solomon reviewed.

Solomon chooses an important word: "remember." God and His commandments are not a social study. The Ten Commandments are more than traffic safety rules. Remember — "Thou shalt not steal?" Remember — "Honor thy father and thy mother." Make it a pattern of living.

"Remember thy Creator!" Bring to mind His Word. Fix habits of church attendance and Christian involvement. Treat every muscle, every organ, and every faculty of your body as instruments of righteousness.

I remember that one plus one equals two, and five times five equals 25. And, because I remember, I cannot be dishonest with figures. The mathematical computations I learned as a youth will not allow me to.

The knowledge of God must serve as a comparable foundation. Perhaps the early journey of a human being can begin with elementary school teachers tying the works of nature to God. My parents must associate the rules of the family with Him. The Congress and House of Representatives of my country strengthen my confidence in Him. I must learn that money, popularity, pride, and power are useless without His presence to establish value and relationship.

You cannot ignore it. Just like a boy's voice changes and hair appears on his chin, and girls stop playing with dolls — so the moment of accountability appears to every life. It is during this youth power segment of development that lifelong decisions are intended to be made. The next few words of this text are often pondered: "... while the evil days come not," Ecclesiastes 12:1. It is strange! We can hardly wait to be grown, away from home, and on our own

Many a soldier in Iraq is remembering. Yesterday, his or her only problem was how to borrow the car for the weekend date or what to wear for that date. Today, he or she faces ambush and an enemy that keeps coming. Yesterday, the only ache he or she knew was a hunger for mama's hot biscuits and baked sweet potato. Now, he or she knows the wounds and lacerations of war — the pain of break and amputation.

It all comes so suddenly — a world of death, desertion, disappointment, and disease. The perspective is never the same. Opinion is biased. Ideals are warped. Thoughts become cynical. Experience breeds bitterness. Hopes wither. We are introduced to loneliness and separation.

What can hold us? Youth is on your side. It provides a temporary respite — "while the evil days come not." That is the time to fortify yourself by building yourself.

To say that God has given us more time than is necessary would implicate His wisdom. To say He has given less would impeach His goodness. So use every moment for good at the earliest possible time. "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near," Isaiah 55:6.



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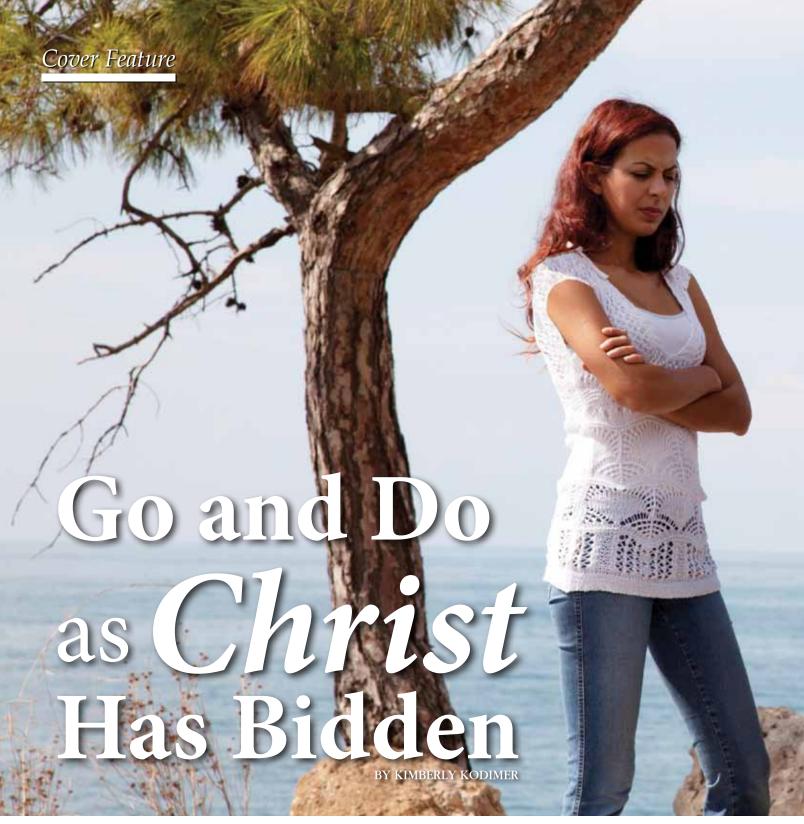
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In Luke chapter 10 we find the story of the Good Samaritan. It is a familiar narrative — a lone traveler is overcome by robbers, beaten and left lying on the side of the road to die. Three other travelers pass by at different intervals and see him lying there by the road. Reading down through the chronicle, we discover that there was only one who was willing to take

the time to stop and minister to the poor soul who was in dire need. Jesus is the one telling the story here in the gospel of Luke, and He concludes it with the words, "Go, and do thou likewise," Luke 10:37.

The conclusion of all the teachings of Jesus, and really the whole Bible for that matter, could be summarized in three short words, "Go and

do." No Christian is excused from this commission. Sometimes, however, we don't know what we personally can do for Christ's kingdom. Many make excuses, "I am just a common laborer. I could not possibly quit my job and become a full-time evangelist or Bible worker." But, Christ didn't make any exceptions. He didn't say, "This is for everyone who doesn't have any other



obligations." The commission is the same no matter what position you hold in life. Does this mean all should quit their jobs and become full-time evangelists? Of course not!

Consider the story of the Good Samaritan again. He was just a common layperson responding to an opportunity to minister right where he was; and Christ said, "Go, and do thou likewise." The purpose of ASI is to help one do just that.

Adventist-laymen's Services & Industries, commonly referred to as ASI, links the laity and lay organizations with the Church, moving them forward toward the same goal — evangelizing the world. It seeks to inspire, challenge, and nurture Seventh-day Adventist laypersons involved in

professions, industries, education, and services to take to heart the motto — "Sharing Christ in the Marketplace."

The organization was established in 1947, right here in the Southern Union. It grew out of Madison College, a Seventh-day Adventist self-supporting institution established in 1904 near Nashville, Tennessee, with the first ASI president being one of

Madison's founders, E.A. Sutherland.

From its small beginnings in the Southern Union, ASI has spread to all parts of the world. Today, ASI National is where membership is held, and all nine unions in the North American Division have ASI chapters, as does Europe, Inter-America, and Africa. Members are benefited with networking opportunities, possible funding for special projects, exposure to a wide variety of other ministries, and inspiration and encouragement in God's Work.



Each year, the various chapters hold their own regional Conferences, with the purpose of keeping alive the flame kindled each August at the International Convention where attendance reaches into the thousands. This year's main ASI Convention will be held August 8-11 in Cincinnati, Ohio, as people come from all over to network and see how they, too, can "Go and do." The regional ASI Conference for the Southern Union is held in April of each year, in Dalton, Georgia.

"ASI is an active organization," says Calvin Thrash, president of ASI Southern Union. "It is not just for entertainment. It's all about evangelism." In this spirit, ASI annually funds various ministry projects through the special offerings collected at its Conventions and Conferences. During the Southern Union's recent spring Conference, Frank Fournier, president of ASI National said, "ASI is in the business of doing God's projects." This year, ASI National will sponsor at least 36 projects.

Considered by some as the pace

setter, the Southern Union chapter annually funds their own list of projects. Haiti Helpers, Network 7 Media Center, VIDA International, and ASI Spotlight are among those listed for 2012.

Haiti Helpers

A growing ministry since 2006, Haiti Helpers has organized mission trips to Haiti two to three times per year, and has provided medical clinics, Vacation Bible Schools, feeding programs, and projects for widows in

this broken country. Recently, they began work in a little mountain village where 125 children cannot go to school because they have no money for uniforms, shoes, or tuition. The organization provides one meal a day to these children, and for many, it is the only meal they eat.

Imagine yourself as a helpless little child. You have lost your parents and have been left alone in this world — poor, homeless, heartbroken, and

unloved. You are taken in by someone, but instead of being clothed and lovingly cared for, you are treated as a slave with no rights. While working in this little mountain village, Haiti Helpers learned about such children who are called restavics. They are entitled to nothing — no food, no bed, no clothes — but are expected to perform chores for the family.

Deciding that something had to be done to provide a safe place for these children, Haiti Helpers set out to build an orphanage. When a building was finally erected, they gathered in their first few children. Among them were some from a family whose mother had died in the cholera epidemic and whose father was an alcoholic. Many nights, when it wasn't safe to go home, they would sleep on the side of the road. These, along with four restavics, became the first occupants of the new orphanage. As money becomes available, Haiti Helpers plan to build additional buildings so that more of these precious child-slaves can have a safe haven.



Network 7 Media Center

Each year the ASI Southern Union Conference is recorded and streamed live, enabling hundreds who cannot attend the meetings to receive some of the motivation and blessings. Network 7 Media Center voluntarily performs this service, and, while the director, Christopher Beason, has done a lot of work for ASI through the years, he is still inspired about it. "We are excited to be involved with ASI. The Southern Union Conference is a big item on our calendar each year," remarked Beason.

Network 7 is currently talking to two other chapters about taking the show on the road. According to Beason, "What is happening in the Southern Union is going to grow and expand to other union chapters within the North American Division." Donations this year will go toward acquiring much needed equipment.

"I am especially excited about our relationship with Network 7. It's obvious that ASI Southern Union takes spreading the Gospel via technology very seriously," commented Calvin Thrash.

VIDA International

José Suazo was raised in an evangelical Christian home with parents

who had his life planned out, but God had other ideas and a work for him to do. As providence would direct, a



Seventh-day Adventist academy that is also a member of ASI took their students on a mission trip to Honduras and ended up staying at a campsite owned by José's aunt. She was so impressed with the young people that she decided to send her daughter to their school. José also ended up at the academy, and while there, he became a Seventh-day Adventist. After returning to Honduras, he told his family about his dream to establish a missionary training center. In 2007, his father, being impressed that this was the right course, donated a guava plantation to the work. Today, people come from all over to take the 10-month training program offered at VIDA.

A kindergarten, elementary school, and lifestyle center have also been established. One woman who came to the lifestyle center had just had cancer surgery. She was so weak she couldn't walk, and was wheeled into the center in a wheelbarrow. After going through the lifestyle program at VIDA, her diabetes came under control and she lost weight, finally leaving the building walking by herself. VIDA International's current need is for new buildings to better perform their work.

ASI Spotlight

The Members in Action or MIA segments are a special feature of all ASI events, and are said to be the heartbeat of ASI. MIA segments consist of short interviews involving



Calvin Thrash, ASI Southern Union president



numerous ministries and business owners who tell how they are sharing Christ in the marketplace.

About five years ago Network 7 and ASI Southern Union began talking, and the question was asked, "Why don't we share the MIA's so more people can see them and become inspired?" Further exploration revealed that a number of media organizations were also interested in highlighting these interviews. Although these features are still in the developmental stage, the plan is to build three to four MIA interviews at a time into a 30-minute program, and make them available for broadcast across Adventist networks. Thrash

concluded, "I anticipate that we will have so many stories to share with people that it will be an ongoing thing."

"ASI is not about simply entertaining people," said Thrash. "We want people to see these programs as a call to action. These mission stories are from normal people — people like you — who can also be empowered to do God's Work in whatever area they are involved." Thrash continued, "As they see these mission stories and identify with the people sharing them, they might be led to say, 'You know, I could do that, too!' We hope that people will catch the spirit of ASI and get involved."

Conclusion

ASI has been the inspiration and conception of many lay ministries, using business people to accomplish evangelistic outreach. If you have a business, and want to do more for the Lord, if you want to answer the call, "Go and do," get involved with ASI. The opportunity to share Christ in your individual marketplace extends to each member of the Church, and ASI is filled with energetic and motivated laypeople, eager to use their talents and contacts to bring souls to Christ and hasten His coming. Will you answer the call?

For information on how to join ASI or for a list of upcoming Conferences, please visit www.asiministries. org. •

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UNITED FOR EVANGELISM

BY REBECCA GRICE

Anticipation reigned as hundreds of people convened at Mobile, Alabama, Civic Center on March 31, 2012, to hear Mark Finley's final sermon for an evangelistic meeting series that had begun several weeks earlier.

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Mark Finley commends the Mobile area pastors for their hard work and dedication to evangelism.

The service began. Charles Haugabrooks sang, Earnestine Finley gave a presentation, and Mark Finley preached. People sat with their baptismal robes on, while others waited patiently in line with their pastor. When the sermon ended, the baptismal pool was ready, and so were the 64 individuals who had made a decision to give their hearts to the Lord and to join His remnant Church.

Forty-four had already been baptized, for this was more than just one major evangelistic series; this was the culmination of an 18-month evangelism thrust that had involved nine churches in the Mobile area. These

churches represented congregations and pastors from the Gulf States and South Central conferences.

The plan for these meetings began in the mind of Cody Road Church members when their church received

> a gift of funds to be used for evangelism. Gary Tracy, pastor, says, "We decided from the beginning that we wanted all Adventist churches involved in this effort."

> Pastors in the area were contacted and the preparation began. Prayer groups met to pray for the outpouring of God's Spirit. Elders from all the churches met together for prayer. There was a joint meeting where members met at Emanuel Church in Mobile for a prayer meeting — they prayed

for harmony and for God's Spirit to be poured out on the community.

In all the churches, lay Bible workers were trained to give Bible studies. Thousands of pieces of literature were passed out.

Six weeks before Finley's meetings began, the churches conducted Daniel seminars which were held at the same time in 14 different parts of Mobile. On February 13, 2012, Earnestine Finley, held a cooking school at Cody Road Church two nights each week for two weeks. At the same time, Mark Finley held an archeology seminar for four nights at the Ashbury Hotel.

People in the area began talk-

ing about the events taking place that were sponsored by the Adventist Church. Johnny Mosquera, Gulf States evangelist, was invited to a men's prayer meeting that had 200 men in attendance.

Mark Finley's evangelistic meetings began on February 24 with an average attendance of 750–850 each night. Two-thirds of those attending were guests. Mosquera says, "The Holy Spirit was moving in a mighty way. When Mark Finley gave the first altar call, more than 300 came forward."

Tracy states, "The effect this has had on our members is incredible. It has helped to bring about revival."

Many of the people in the Mobile area were unacquainted with the Adventist Church. Tracy concludes, "It has been amazing to see how God has brought to many the conviction that the teachings of Jesus, found in the Bible, are true and therefore should be followed. Our hearts were thrilled when we saw the joy with which people accepted God's last day message."

The evangelism momentum will continue. All the churches in the area have more baptisms planned, and Mosquera is already planning to conduct a series of meetings each year starting this coming August.

Safe from the Storm Under His Wings

Bessie Allen survived one of Alabama's recent tornadoes and gives God the glory for saving her life. She is a member of Harvest Church in Harvest, Alabama. The Harvest community is still recovering from last year's deadly April tornadoes. Allen and her students were spared, and safe in the arms of God at the school she started years ago, Bessie Allen Preparatory School, which is a privately-owned school and self-supporting ministry. The school offers with its education curriculum Seventh-day Adventist Christian principles, and is located on Charley Patterson Road near New Market, Alabama.

The following article was published in The Huntsville Times on March 6, 2012.

"Bessie Allen, 90, glad she made it to school."

NEW MARKET - It wasn't exactly an answer to prayer, but when the lights started flickering Friday morning during Aaron Bennett's Bible class test, he said he was hoping they would go out to buy him a little more study time.

The reprieve he sought, however, came dramatically.

"It was raining hard, pouring," Bennett said Monday. He is a 10th grader at Bessie Allen Preparatory School, a Seventh-day Adventist school on Charley Patterson Road near New Market. "We could see debris swirling all around the school. We were right in the middle of the tornado."

Teachers moved the 35 students as fast as they could to shelter: some under a wide desk, others into a storage closet.

And they prayed.

"We were on our knees, praying that God would keep us, protect us," said teacher Jillian Toney. She, school founder Bessie Allen, and Principal MarVella Allen-Burton inspected the damage on Monday.

"We could hear the storm scream-

ing and howling around us, the trees cracking," Toney said.

Toney reminded the panicked students of the verse they had practiced for their handwriting lesson that morning: "God is our refuge."

"I'm just so amazed what God is able to do," Allen-Burton said, exchanging hugs with the teachers and students Monday. "God kept them safe."

Allen-Burton had been away Friday because of a funeral in another state. She had called on her mother, who gives her age as "nearing 90," to substitute for her.

Bessie Allen, who founded the school in 1954, says she has retired from teaching but she ends up at the school many days. Being there on Friday may have saved her life.

Her home, which is across the yard from the four-classroom school house, is damaged beyond repair. The ceiling and part of the wall is gone from her din-

ing room, and a 2-by-4 beam stabbed through the wall of a bedroom.

A college student who had been watching one of the teacher's toddlers in the house, grabbed the child and ran for the bathroom, where they were safe. A family from down the road, attempting to get to a storm shelter across the road, found the door blocked by fallen trees. They huddled together outside against the fallen tree, the father using his body like a human shield to protect his family.

After the storm passed, the students and teachers found them and brought them into the school to treat their scrapes.

"We have a testimony," Toney said, shaking her head and looking at the devastation in the woods and along the road just beyond the school. On the property itself, a trailer on the other side of Allen's home vanished. Allen-Burton's home, which is also on the campus, was damaged, and a storage shed is upside down.

But, the school and its adjacent



Being at the School on Friday may have saved Bessie Allen's life. Her home, which is across the yard from the four-classroom schoolhouse, is damaged beyond repair.

MICHAEL MERCIER, THE

Medical Ministries Building were untouched.

"No one even got a splinter," Bessie Allen said.

"The Bible talks about God being like a hen," Toney said. "I felt that the Lord did that for us - gathered us under his wings."

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No instruction manual, no stetho scope, no gloves. Not even a knife to cut the umbilical cord! How was I supposed to deliver a baby in the middle of the jungle with no prior experience? I was a green-as-grass nursing graduate on an overnight trip, and I was unprepared.

We had spent a lovely Sabbath with the church in Kensuli, a Palawano tribal village on the Philippine island of Palawan, and were packing to leave when the local traditional birthing attendant (TBA) asked Amy, Kara, and me to come see a woman who was in labor. I was excited as

felt her abdomen. It was firm and contracted, so we sat back to wait.

Then Amy noticed a movement under the blanket covering the woman's knees and investigated. "Alanna! There's a baby under here!" she shouted. Indeed there was. A big, gooey baby boy was lying on the bamboo slats. Apparently I had misunderstood. The woman had given birth two hours ago. I rubbed the baby's chest and was rewarded with a cry. At least his lungs were strong, but he felt cold. He was still attached to the umbilical cord because the placenta had not yet been

mon here, but I had never studied treatments. I sent one of the children to get Kiana and her phone to call Mrs. George in the states for guidance. While waiting, we coached the mother to push, massaged the uterus, and tugged very gently on the cord during contractions.

The TBA suggested we pray for the mother, and the mother agreed. We prayed God would put His healing power on her womb, and she would deliver the placenta without complications. Kiana arrived with her phone, and I called Mrs. George. I prayed the one bar of battery and

the one bar of signal would last. A few moments later, Amy yelled from the hut that the placenta was out. I left Mrs. George hanging mid-sentence and ran to check. It was all there — no missing pieces and no bleeding. Thank you, God!

I bathed the pink, squirming

baby, swaddled him in a blanket, burrito-fashion, and presented him to his mother. According to custom, she will not feed him for two days and will wait a few weeks to name him in case he doesn't survive, but I was happy. The old women called us Mepunda y, which means skilled, but we told them it was God who had worked and to thank Him instead.

Alanna Zackrison served as a student missionary with Adventist Frontiers Ministries.





we trekked through the jungle. This was the type of adventure I had come here for! Then the realization hit me that I had never delivered a baby, and I had no supplies but hand sanitizer. Our radio was broken, and Chris, our physician assistant, was more than an hour's hike away. I had a season of frantic prayer.

It seem like the entire village was packed into the hut. I understood the woman had been in labor only two hours, but she looked exhausted. I checked her pulse and breathing and delivered. There is a belief here that a newborn shouldn't be touched or the cord cut until the placenta is delivered. Unaware of this belief at the time, I asked for a knife and string, but of course none appeared. We appealed to the baby's father, and he finally went out and cut a piece of sharp bamboo. Nervously tying and severing the cord, I gave the baby to Kara to wrap and warm.

Turning my attention to the exhausted mother, I didn't know what to do. Retained placentas are com-



Learner Missionary

The term student missionary (SM) implies taking time off from your own education and goals to spend a year serving God before you finish college, but that doesn't begin to describe what actually takes place.

My SM year was an once-in-alifetime internship in the science of salvation. I had a chance to shadow Greg Timmins, an expert missionary who for years had been pouring his soul into building up a strong foundation for a future well-instructed, well-adjusted body of Great-River Christians. If he picked up a board, I was on the other end. If he was stuck, I was digging. If he needed to find out what was at the bottom of a well, I was swimming. When we were arrested at a conservative Muslim Camp Meeting, I was smiling, listening, and learning. When we were at an important meeting negotiating the hierarchy of the Cambodian public school system, Greg said, "Let me handle this," and I was glad to.

Though I am on my own now here in Cambodia, I still consider myself a learner missionary. The Great River People is an oral, semi-transient culture of tightly guarded communities. They are converts to Islam but still practice shamanism when they need hands-on spiritual power. Greg taught me that this is called syncretism: when new beliefs are external decorations, and spiritual motivations and worldview remain the same. Greg and his wife, Molly, wrote a culture study of this people group as a toolkit to avoid the pitfalls of syncretism as people come to Christ.

Learning from the Timmins family turned my modest little bundle of Western ideas about evangelism inside out and began to broaden my vision of what complete Christian culture for believers here will look like. We wrestled with questions like how to keep people from falling away once they have knowledge of salvation, and how to measure growth on the long road that will eventually lead to baptisms. Greg and Molly's patience rubbed off on me. From wishing it could all be done at once, I was brought to the point of being willing for growth to be in God's time and in His way.

I took over Greg's baptismal studies with Navee, who will soon be the first baptized Adventist of his people group. We have to drive to a secluded spot to open our Bibles, or we could bring down the wrath of his family and village. He has no idea about other people in the world who believe like him — the Pathfinder camporees and churches full of people singing, praying, and adoring Jesus. Someday, I hope he will understand more about the body of Christ he is joining.

While studying business at Southern Adventist University, I had several exciting job offers. First there was Aflac with a big crowd of hopefuls around their booth at the job fair. A diamond store nearly begged me to join their sales team, and a tax assessor from Mississippi tried to set me up as a business manager. Instead, I am in Cambodia. Last night, I was sitting on the floor reading the creation story to a grandma who had never seen a Bible before. I chose to let God direct my education, and He made me a student missionary — a learner missionary. Thanks, Pastor Greg. Thanks, Molly. Thanks, Hannah and Caleb. I miss you guys.

Josh Hooker served as a student missionary with Adventist Frontiers Ministries.



The Gordon Hospital Mission team, accompanied by translators and helpers, take a break for a photo opportunity on the mountain bike to the village of Tampena.

Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ to all they serve is the mission of Gordon Hospital in Calhoun, Georgia. But, a group of employees, family, and friends recently extended that mission beyond the hospital walls — all the way to the Republic of Haiti.

The Gordon Hospital Mission
Team took their medical knowledge,
relief supplies, and mission to serve to
the poverty-stricken and earthquakeravaged Caribbean country. The team
of 12 was made up of Brenda and
Michael Cooper, organizers of the trip
through their organization Haiti Helpers; Robert and Sandra Holland and
their granddaughter Courtney Blalock;
Max Parrot, M.D., chief medical officer
for Gordon Hospital, and his daughter, Meredith Parrott; Angie Shawgo,

R.N. at Gordon Hospital, and her daughter, Alyssa Shawgo; Amy Jordon, chief nursing officer for Gordon Hospital, and her neighbor, Mallory Brown; and Dave Smith, Gordon Hospital chaplain.

During the day, large tubs of medicines were loaded onto trucks headed to clinic sites housed in simple Adventist church buildings. Trucks and motorcycles on rutted dirt roads could only get physicians, nurses, and other volunteers within four miles of one chosen village clinic site.

"No physician had ever come to care for the medical needs of that village before our trip! The countryside gave up its residents for miles around as Haitians of all ages and maladies crowded in to receive medicines and always a parting prayer blessing," Smith explained.

When the missionary team returned, the group had renewed life perspectives and appreciation for items often taken for granted.

"Treating patients living in these conditions reminded me of why I went to medical school in the first place," said Max Parrott, M.D., chief medical officer for Gordon Hospital. "It was a very rewarding, yet humbling experience."

The hospital missionaries are sharing their testimonies with individuals and through daily chapel services at Gordon Hospital in hope of garnering support and interest for next year's trip.

"It takes all of us working to-

gether to make a trip of this magnitude happen," Jordon added. "We are so thankful to everyone who helped us raise money and supplies. Lives were changed, not only through the medical services provided, but most importantly through the Bible School and church services that our group provided to the people of some of the most remote areas of Haiti."



Dave Smith (center), Gordon Hospital chaplain, prays with a patient via a translator in the medical clinic in Ranquitte.



Amy Jordon, chief nursing officer at Gordon Hospital, enjoys a special moment with a sweet baby in the Haitian village of Tampena.



Many of the summit's events will take place in Southern's Hulsey Wellness Center

Imagine beginning your morning with an exhilarating run through award-winning wooded trails, or eating fresh organic foods for lunch, or even enjoying relaxing chair massages after listening to professionals inspire you toward a holistic lifestyle. That is exactly what guests at Southern Adventist University's "Empowered by Wellness" gathering will experience June 10 and 11.

The summit, held on the campus of Southern, will feature presentations, stimulating activities, practical workshops, and opportunities to network with academic, church, healthcare, and corporate wellness leaders. The program includes a range of speakers who are experts in the topics of nutrition, mental health, purposeful living, workplace wellness, and more.

"[The presenters] have all inspired me personally and professionally," said Phil Garver, dean of the School of Physical Education, Health and Wellness. "Most of them have been on our campus before as speakers for our Employee Wellness Program."

Summit instructors include Ryan Picarella, manager of corporate wellness at BlueCross BlueShield; Carl A. Hammerschlag, M.D., psychiatrist and recognized author; Sandy Queen, international wellness motivator and presenter; David Gobble, Ph.D., aging specialist; and Des Cummings Jr., Ph.D., president of the Florida Hospital Foundation. Featured presenters include Mike Huckabee, former gover-

nor of Arkansas and host of "Huckabee" on the Fox News Channel, and Neil Nedley, M.D., author and medical director of the Nedley Depression Recovery Program.

Huckabee, who ran for president in the 2008 election, will put politics aside and focus on the story of how he lost 110 pounds and completed four marathons after being diagnosed with Type II Diabetes. Garver and Leslie Evenson, Wellness Institute director, have both been inspired by the results of his dramatic lifestyle changes.

"Several years ago, I read a book Huckabee wrote about his health journey," Evenson said. "I'm looking forward to hearing him speak about that same topic in person."

Beyond the health talks, "Empowered by Wellness" also includes presenters Zonya Foco and David Roth. Foco, who brought her "DIET FREE" lifestyle program to Southern last September, is a renowned nutritionist who will keep guests active between sessions with different moving and stretching exercises. Roth, a singer and songwriter from Massachusetts, is sharing some of the music he's performed at the National Wellness Conference.

"Music therapy plays an important role in the balance of our lives," said Sharon Robberson, Southern's Conference Services and Events director. "Learning to relax often involves a variety of methods, and music is an excellent way to make that happen." Garver was inspired to host "Empowered by Wellness" after attending a wellness conference in Wisconsin every summer for 28 years. He said he wanted to make that kind of experience available to the people in the Chattanooga area and beyond. The significant difference, though, is that the mission of Southern's summit is to share Christ-centered wellness.

"We have a culture of wellness on our campus that is unique and positive," Garver said. "God has continued to bless us on this journey, so why not share it?"

Those who register for the summit can expect the opportunity to network and socialize with others who are interested in not only enhancing their own lives, but also the lives of those around them — physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually.

"God has opened some amazing doors during the process of planning this event, so I am anticipating amazing results," Garver said.

Tickets are available online and include three pricing options: All-Inclusive, Mike Huckabee only, or Neil Nedley only. To order tickets or view the summit's complete program, visit southern.edu/wellnesssummit. If you have additional questions, contact Sharon Robberson at 423-236-2555.

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Jewish-Adventist Ministries Flourish at Fletcher

Paula Taylor Saunders, congregational leader for the Shalom Learning Center, in Fletcher, N.C., presents Ruth Miller with her certificate after receiving the Bat Mitzvah ceremony. Miller is a long-time Adventist with Jewish roots. She is a member of both the Fletcher church and Temple B'nai Zion. Clinton Saunders, associate leader, looks on.



Shalom Learning Center is an educational and outreach institution of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. The Center exists for two primary purposes: to teach Christians Hebraic roots of their faith and to also build bridges of understanding and friendship between the Adventist and Jewish communities.

The Temple B'nai Zion congregation has Jews, Jewish-Adventists, Seventh-day Adventists, mixed couples, andmembers of other denominations.

"The time has come when the Jewish people are to be given light. The Lord wants us to encourage and sustain men who will labor in right lines for this people — there will be as many Jews who come to the faith in a day as were on the day of Pentecost." Manuscript 66, May 25, 1905.

Throughout North
America there are 15
Jewish-Adventist congregations. These centers teach
Adventist theology with
Jewish ceremony. Ralph
Ringer, director of church
growth/evangelism training
for the Southern Union, is
also the director of JewishAdventist Ministries for the
North American Division.

-BY RON QUICK

Statesville Church Members Burn Mortgage

What a great feeling it was for the members of the Statesville, N.C., Church to see their church mortgage go up in flames!

Those in attendance on that special Sabbath, April 21, 2012, were full of praise to God for His blessings. Loren Worley, head elder, led out in the ceremony and shared some of the church's history.It began in the 1910's with the Pine Grove School on Uefola Road on the outskirts of Statesville. The church was built adjacent to it after a few years. When that church building burned down in the 1950's, some of the members purchased a Presbyterian church on Front Street closer to the

center of town. In 1984, the church moved to its current location on East Broad Street, where they built what is now the fellowship hall, kitchen, and some classrooms. A decade later they were ready to add on the sanctuary, which is now available to them

debt-free.

They plan to use their church as God's beacon of hope in Statesville.

-BY BECKY CARPENTER



Assisting with the mortgage burning are Martha Gilleland (left); Pat Moore; Randy Miller; Ken Blake, former pastor; Ken Gilleland; Rick Russell, Conference treasurer; Denton Moore, church treasurer; and Loren Worley, head elder.

Pisgah Manor Health Care Center Breaks Ground



Leslie Louis, Carolina Conference president, presented timely remarks at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new 67,000-square-foot nursing and rehabilitation facility.

Pisgah Valley Retirement Community broke ground for their new 67,000-square-foot nursing and rehabilitation facility, Pisgah Manor Health Care Center on Tuesday, May 1, 2012. The groundbreaking ceremony took place at the construction site adjacent to Pisgah Villa Assisted Liv-

ing Center, 102 Holcombe Cove Road in Candler. N.C.

For almost four decades, Pisgah Valley has been providing excellent care and services to the residents of western North Carolina. As a ministry of the Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Pisgah Valley, a licensed Continuing Care Retirement Community, has set a high

standard for quality of life and quality of care for their residents since 1975.

Looking at the demands of the "baby-boomer" and the future of senior living, the Pisgah Valley board of directors made the decision to rebuild the 37-year-old, 118-bed Pisgah Manor facility.

This \$7 million complex is being constructed in a "modified neighborhood" design that will be less institutional and more resident-friendly. The facility will remain at its current licensed bed capacity of 118, but the new facility will have 72 private rooms, which is 61 percent of their capacity. Another great feature is that all resident rooms will have private showers. The new design will have eight individual dining/living room spaces, each with a fireplace and an entrance to an interior courtyard with a covered pavilion. The Therapy Department will also be

> expanded and will include a separate outpatient entrance.

Pisgah Valley is excited to be moving forward in a direction that will enable them to continue in their historical tradition of quality care, but now in a more upscale environment that will meet the needs of the community for years to come.

-BY RON QUICK



Breaking ground for the new nursing and rehabilitation facility are Kenneth Coonley, Carolina past president; Leslie Louis, Carolina president; Amy Jackson and O'Neal MCall, ambassadors for the Chamber of Commerce; Richard Russell, Carolina treasurer; Gary Moyer, Carolina executive secretary; and David Kidder, president and chief executive officer of Carolina Adventist Retirement Systems, Inc.

New Tennis Courts Become Reality at Forest Lake Academy

A long-awaited dream for friends of Forest Lake Academy (FLA) in Apopka came true March 1, 2012, when they attended ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremonies for new tennis courts. Among those present were key individuals who played a significant part in making the dream a reality by their support, expectations, and spirit.

Coach Rodney Fulbright, FLA athletic director, presented a history of the courts which were a dream of his since 1979. By this time next year, Coach Fulbright anticipates varsity tennis will be among the sports programs offered to students.

Another person making the dream happen was Cindy Latiak, whose visions of tennis courts trace back to the days when her children were academy students. Now, she envisions a community of Adventists gathering to play the sport, learning how to work together, developing sportsmanship, and, overall, enjoying a fun and healthy pastime.

Tamara Ritterskamp, FLA coach, was pres-

ent when the project was first discussed, and she is excited to get students involved in tennis. Seeing the courts now completed, she looks forward to teaching a new sport in the physical education curriculum.

Patty Manoucheri is among those who helped



Cindy Latiak (left), Tamara Ritterskamp, Patti Manoucheri, and Rodney Fulbright expressed their enthusiasm for the new tennis courts at ribbon-cutting ceremonies.

create FLA varsity sports. She envisions memberships for the courts with community folks enjoying them as well. "It's awesome now that the courts are here," she comments. "Just the reality of it! This is where people discover their talent."

Forest Lake Academy's

new tennis courts are only a glimpse of recent renovations on the campus. Expansion of the Alumni House to accommodate the Distance Learning Program has begun. Just last school year, the gym received a new roof. The swimming pool is currently being refurbished,

and, thanks to Brandon Forbes and Richard Carr, Class of 2012, the outdoor basketball courts have received a facelift.

Great things are happening at Forest Lake Academy and, God willing, the best is yet to come!

-BY DANIELA MONZON

Okeechobee Members Host Kids' Cooking Class

Okeechobee, Fla., Church members are conducting a Kids In the Kitchen cooking class on the first Tuesday of each month for students eight years and older. The hands-on class helps students enjoy culinary experiences in food preparation, presentation,



Laney Cheshire (left), Julie Garcia, and Kay Gonzalez, supervised by Carolyn Douglas, gain hands-on experience in a cooking class created especially for children at Okeechobee Church.

and taste-test-ing.

Students are learning how to prepare healthy foods they love to cook and eat. They are also learning how to read labels, select good produce, set a proper table, have good manners, plan

menus, use measurement equivalents, make healthy food choices, and practice kitchen safety. The students are supervised by adults, keeping safety as a top priority.

"The class is free," reports Rafael Fernandez, pastor, "as this is a church ministry and community outreach opportunity."

-BY RAFAEL FERNANDEZ

Sunrise Church Witnesses Miracles

The Rise Again Evangelistic Outreach conducted at Sunrise, Fla., Church by Roy Gordon, retired pastor and youth leader, had a tremendous impact on church members and the Sunrise community.

Meetings were held nightly for three weeks from Sunday to Wednesday with two sessions on Sabbath. Monday nights were specifically for young people as they were reminded to hold on to God even through the difficult times.

On the last Wednes-



With raised hands, candidates at the closing Saturday baptism indicated acceptance of Jesus as their Savior.

day evening, something miraculous happened as Gordon presented his message, "The Close of Probation." Prior to the meeting,

there was a scheduled baptism for one confirmed candidate. At the close of the sermon, Gordon made an appeal, and five men

requested baptism.

When the meetings concluded on Saturday, another baptism was held with eight more indiviuals won for the kingdom of God. Those witnessing the baptisms were reminded, "... likewise joy shall be in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth," Luke 15:7.

A special music program brought the day to an end with Sunrise members praising and rejoicing in the Lord.

-BY DEBRA WHILBY

Adventurer Coordinators Receive NAD Award

Lisa and Brad Gary, Florida Conference Adventurer state administrators, recently received the North American Division (NAD) Excellence in Ministry Award. They were officially introduced as volunteer NAD coordinators for Adventurers on April 5, 2010, and have previously served on the NAD Adventurer Committee/Advisory for more than a decade.

The Garvs started working with Melbourne Adventurers in the fall of 1993. Because of their leadership, they were asked a short time later to serve as East Area directors for Florida Conference Adventurers and Pathfind-

ers. They have served as state administrators for Florida Conference Adventurers for more than 12 years.

Pedro Perez, Conference youth ministries director, says, "It is exciting to learn of this Excellence in Ministry Award for two deserving individuals."

-BY PEDRO PEREZ



James Black (right), North American Division youth and young adult ministries director, presents the Excellence in Ministry Award to Florida Conference Adventurer state administrators Lisa and Brad Gary at the Adventist World Headquarters in Silver Spring, Md.

Georgia-Cumberland News

Constituency Elects Officers for Next Five Years

The Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists held its 31st Constituency Session on Sunday, April 22, 2012, at Georgia-Cumberland Academy in Calhoun, Ga.

Elected officers:

•Ed Wright, president

• Paul Hoover, vice president for administration, secretary

• Kurt Allen, vice president for finance, treasurer

 Harold Cunningham, vice president for pastoral ministries & discipleship

• Kevin Kossick, vice



Ron Smith, D.Min., Ph.D., Southern Union president, and his wife, Yolanda, welcome the newly re-elected Georgia-Cumberland Conference officers.

president for education

• Jerry Fore, general vice president

The newest member of the elected officers is Kevin Kossick. Kossick joined the Georgia-Cumberland Conference education team as a regional education director in 2009 to continue his personal and professional mission of reflecting Christ's character to a misguided world, while



Several people attended the prayer session offered before the Constituency Session Meeting on April 22, 2012, at the Georgia-Cumberland Academy Church. Mark Piotrowski, Georgia-Cumberland prayer ministries coordinator, led the event.

developing workforce-ready Seventh-day Adventist servant leaders for this life and eternity. Possessing an associate degree, bachelor's degree, and master's, he has served as an elementary classroom educator and principal, junior academy teacher and administrator, high school instructor and principal, adjunct college professor, executive

director for Junior Achievement, and as a director of Corporate Services for the Baker College System. He and his wife, Gwen, enjoy being parents to their three adult sons: Troy, Kyle, and Garrett.

Kossick replaces Cynthia Gettys, who served the Conference for eight years as vice president for education. Gettys began with the Conference in 2001 as associate superintendent for education, and became vice president for education in 2003. She also worked at the side of her pastor-husband, Don, for more than 43 years.

The Georgia-Cumberland Conference serves 161 churches, 40 schools, and 36,442 members.

-BY TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER

Georgia-Cumberland News

Apison Members Offer Car Ministry for Single Moms





Each single mom received a free 5x7 photo, as well as having her car serviced by members of the Apison, Tenn., Church.

The Apison, Tenn., Church evangelism team had a dream for 2012 to follow Christ's way of reaching people intentionally in the community. "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me,'" Ministry of Healing, 143.

For a year and a half, the team went door to door doing a survey to discover the interests and needs of the community. Then they developed a plan to offer the programs that were indicated, such as "Financial Peace University" and "Love and Respect Marriage Seminar." Friendships were formed and Bible studies

started. One young couple was baptized; two more couples are studying regularly. And, this year, they are doing a quarterly postcard mailing with a Bible promise, a message of hope, and a list of upcoming events. The cards are being delivered to each of the 1,470 homes and post office boxes in the Apison area.

The church provided a free oil and filter change for 30 single moms in the community on April 1. The day's schedule also included a practical lesson on car care. "Matt the Mechanic" (Matt Manzari), a student pastor at the church, gave a tutorial on what to do if you have a flat tire or your car breaks down along the road. One man checked the tire pressure on the women's cars and added air when needed, while

another cleaned their windshields.

While their cars were worked on, the women were pampered in the church. One station was for a photo shoot for a free 5x7 picture; another was for a five-minute chair massage with soothing music. Women's ministries provided a hospitality room where the women could visit, enjoy some refreshments, and share their prayer requests. The health ministries team had a choice of several Lifestyle magazines the women could take with them, invited them to sign up for free cooking classes and a single moms' support group, and provided each with a small loaf of homemade bread. Finally, all the guests received a velour blanket, and an option to take a "Final Crisis" and/

or "Cosmic Conflict" DVD. Their visit culminated in them being given a folder with an encouraging letter from the pastor and many gift certificates for goods and services from businesses in the community.

Twenty-five church members received the blessing of participating, and 30 businesses gave generous donations exceeding \$11,500. Massengill Tire donated 30 free oil and filter changes.

The grateful women wrote a note of thanks on the letterhead that listed all the businesses that had made their day so special.

-BY JOHN HOLLEY

Gulf States News

Cody Road Members Host Natural Lifestyle Cooking Seminar

"I've been a member of the same church for 30 years, and I have NEVER met such wonderful, friendly people as I have met here." This is one of the many positive comments recently heard by members of the Cody Road Church in Mobile, Ala., when they hosted a Natural Lifestyle Cooking Seminar taught by Ernestine (Teenie) and Mark Finley.

The Finleys have been conducting vegetarian cooking classes for more than 35 years. Each evening hepresented the scientific evidence for reducing the risks of cancer, heart disease, and other deadly diseases. She demonstrated how to prepare foods while talking about the benefits of eating healthy meals and the importance of a balanced diet. They both emphasized how much diet can affect a person's mind and outlook toward life.

Behind the scenes, individuals volunteered their time to put up posters, to be greeters, to register attendees, to help prepare the food samples, to set-up, to direct traffic, and to decorate each evening. A large group of young people helped as servers each evening.

The cooking school coordinators planned for 75



During the seminar, the Finleys emphasized how diet can affect a person's mind and outlook toward life.

people, and were amazed

when 130-200 people attended. Teenie Finley worked with helpers for several days before each presentation to plan and prepare for the upcoming meeting. Many times recipes were doubled or tripled as 100's of samples were prepared. The highlight of each evening was the display table that Teenie Finley put together with fresh fruits and vegetables, and food that was prepared for the demonstration each evening. It was truly a

As the advertising went out, there was a lot of talk about the cooking school in the community. One woman told a staff member how her husband wouldn't leave

feast for the eyes!

her alone until she promised to attend the cooking school with him. They were there faithfully every night, and were delighted with everything they heard and tasted.

God's timing is perfect as witnessed by a young couple who had been on an extended fast. They were searching for a healthier way to eat, but didn't know where to look. The young

woman was invited by her mother-in-law to attend the cooking school. She was so excited about what she learned that she went home and got her husband God's family.

People came night after night, comments such as "This is wonderful! Do you eat this way, too?" "Do your church members all eat this way? Is this part of your religion?" "What are the spiritual aspects of eating this way?" "Wow! I have got to go home and bake some bread. I never knew it was this easy."

Several of the participants commented, "We didn't expect more than one or two samples, but with the number and wonderful variety of foods we got to taste, "It makes it much more likely that we will try making these recipes at home." Each participant received a copy of Teenie Finley's totally vegetarian, full-color cookbook with 150 recipes, plus lessons

covering the scientific aspects for each evening's class.

When the cooking school was coming to an end, invitations were extended to attend the archaeology seminar Mark Finley, and Michael G. Hasel, Ph.D., presented. Several of the cooking school participants came to the seminar and were amazed by the things they learned. "This really

helped the Bible come alive for me...you're going to make a church member out of me, yet."

-BY KIMBERLY CARR



A large group of young people helped to serve the tasty samples to as many as 200 individuals each evening.

to come back and meet the Finleys. They attended the evangelistic series, studied the Bible with the Finleys, and were baptized into

University Church Member Passes Testimony Baton

Noting that she was "well out of her comfort zone," Jill Hudson shared her 40-year personal spiritual journey with fellow members of University Parkway Church in Pensacola, Fla., on April 14, 2012. Although fearful of being in front of an audience, she was convicted she needed to share her personal testimony as a means of reaching out to others when she, along with some 300 other Gulf States members, attended the North American Division-sponsored Church Works and Church Planning Session, February 2012, in Montgomery, Ala. "We came back and started discussing and planning ways to share Christ and His endtimes message, as well as form ministry groups in our church," she said.

Hudson had been bashful as a child, and her bashfulness continued into her college days when she found that alcohol and cigarettes made it easier for her to fit in. Thinking a campus life event was a party, she attended only to learn that it was part of the Campus Crusade for Christ Outreach Ministry. When a couple of girls befriended her and asked if she wanted to accept Christ, she told them she wasn't ready yet.

Later that year, she attended a Billy Graham Crusade in Dallas, Tex. It was there, on her 21st birthday, that she gave her life to Christ. The changes were immediate: a new excitement for the things of God; and conviction about the drinking, smoking, and cursing. The Bible became food for a starving soul. "I couldn't get enough of it," she says.

Trying to find ways to grow in her faith, she got involved with charis-



Jill Hudson

matic Catholics, but eventually drifted away from that group. Still searching, she met her husband and tried to minister to him. They were married for 24 years, and had four children before he died of pancreatic cancer in February 2002.

After her husband's death, she explored different denominations trying to find the truth. "I especially had questions about the book of Revelation," she explains. One morning she began reflecting on the

spiritual condition of her children. In desperation, she cried out to God.

One week later she received a flyer entitled "Unlocking Revelation." She attended that first night where she met the speaker who turned out to be Mel Eisele, Gulf States president. She convinced two of her girls to join her for one of the meetings; it happened to be on baptism. Ultimately, Hudson and two of her daughters were baptized.

After a teary conclusion, she passed a "baton," containing rolled up blank testimony forms for writing a testimony to another church member, who volunteered to give his personal testimony next. The Church Works team meet on Tuesday nights to plan ways to reach out to fellow church members and the community.

-BY GLENDA HASS

Conference Hires New Executive Secretary

Dave Livermore is Gulf States Conference new executive secretary. He comes from the Upper Columbia Conference, where he has served as the personal ministries director since 2007.

Livermore grew up in a railroad family. So when high school graduation came, he hired out on the Soo Line Railroad. Little did he know that 10 years later everything in his life would change when he found Christ as his personal Savior in the caboose.



Dave Livermore

Livermore was called from the railroad and left

for Andrews University in 1985, graduating in 1987. He has a bachelor's degree from Andrews University, and a master's from Andrews Theological Seminary, Berrien Springs, Mich.

He began his pastoral ministry in Wisconsin, Hawaii, and then in 1993 began serving as a pastor in the Oregon Conference in the Longview district, where he stayed for 13-plus years. He moved from the Longview district after he accepted a call to be the personal ministries direc-

tor for the Upper Columbia Conference.

His passion is evangelism and church health. He believes that the best days for the Seventh-day Adventist Church are ahead.

He has been married to his wife, Teresa, for 41 years; they have two daughters, Krista and Trisha, who have blessed them with five granddaughters.

-BY REBECCA GRICE

Kentucky-Tennessee News

Delegates Affirm Conference Leadership

On April 29, 2012, 541 delegates convened at the Madison Campus Church for the 31st Regular Session of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. Dan Jackson, president of the North American Division, opened the session with a devotional message.



Steve Haley, joined by his wife, Malinda, accepts the invitation of the delegates to serve as president of the Conference for another five years.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Ron Smith, D.Min., Ph.D., president of the Southern Union, nominated Steve Haley to serve as president of the Conference for the next five years. Delegates readily affirmed the committee's choice. Douglas Hilliard was re-elected as Conference treasurer. Hilliard has served as treasurer since 1989.

Marvin Lowman, who has served as the executive secretary since July 1997, announced his retirement effective June 1. Steve Rose was elected to serve in that role. Rose is an area ministerial director in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. He and his wife, Doreen, will be returning to the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference where he grew up and also served as a pas-

tor from 1989 to 1999.

All other department directors and associates were re-elected as follows: Tim Barker (publishing associate), Larry Boughman (education), Armando De-Leon (Hispanic ministries), David Hartman (ministerial), Dan Herwick (publishing director), Brett Martin (Nourish Christian Marketplace assistant manager), Gail McKenzie (women's ministries), Aaron McNulty (assistant treasurer), Barrett Mikkelsen (information technology), Lin Powell (planned giving), Doug Thompson (Nourish Christian Marketplace manager), Ken Wetmore (youth), John Willeford (publishing associate), and Pam Williams (education associate).

It was reported that, during the last five years, more than 2,100 individuals joined the Church by baptism or profession of faith. The Conference's membership at the close of 2011 was 13,942 — a growth of nearly eight percent during the past five years.

-BY MARVIN LOWMAN

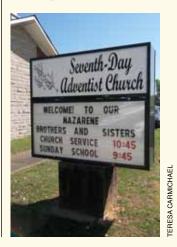


Marvin Lowman, with his wife, Donette, announces his retirement after nearly 15 years as executive secretary of the Conference.

Glasgow Church Members Are Good Neighbors

Copious amounts of rain resulted in major flooding in much of Kentucky and Tennessee, on Sunday, May 2, 2010. The Glasgow Church basement suffered greatly in the deluge. Carpet was ruined. Sheetrock had to be replaced. The kitchen had to be redone. The damage resulted in mold and mildew issues that made the sanctuary unusable for a number of weeks.

Fortunately, God provided a place of worship by impressing both of the Nazarene congregations in town to offer their facilities without charge. Their generosity proved a great bless-



ing and taught a wonderful lesson of Christian charity.

Now, almost two years later, the church sign outside Glasgow Seventh-day Adventist Church welcomes its Nazarene brothers and sisters and gives the times of their Sunday School and worship services. The sign might cause raised eyebrows for some, but it seems very natural for this local congregation.

In February, arsonists smashed basement windows and doors and, using an accelerant, set fire

to the First Church of the Nazarenes. Those who had served as good neighbors were now in need of good neighbors themselves. After consulting with Terry Carmichael, pastor, Jim Pierce, head elder, approached the Nazarene pastor to offer Glasgow Church for their services. Pierce speaks for the whole congregation when he says, "This isn't about payback. We just want to be good neighbors."

-BY TERESA CARMICHAEL

Kentucky-Tennessee News

DNAP Progress Moving Forward

The Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia located in Madison, Tenn., continues to make progress toward the addition of the new doctor of nurse anesthesia practice (DNAP) degree, with plans to have the program in place as early as 2013. "We must complete the application to the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS COC) seeking a level change (from masters to doctoral level) as the first step in the process," says the MTSA vice president/ dean/program administrator, Mary Elizabeth "Ikey" DeVasher ('69/'94) CRNA,

PhD, APN. "This application was filed the second week of April 2012."

Following approval from SACSCOC, MTSA must then seek approval from the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Programs (COA). The entire process for both accrediting bodies to consider and approve will be a minimum of nine months.

"MTSA's model for adding the DNAP will begin with a limited number of student slots per cohort," says DeVasher. "We will begin with 12 doctoral students the first year, then add capacity as demand dictates."



Mary DeVasher

The program is designed to be delivered online and with intense face-to-face instruction. The degree can be completed in one year with fulltime

study, ending with the completion of the students' scholarly capstone project. Students will be required to go to the MTSA campus the first week of each quarter for the classroom intensives.

"We are grateful to members of our MTSA team that have contributed to the volume of work that must be exerted to accomplish these application submissions," said DeVasher. "We are excited to see MTSA demonstrate leadership and excellence as this advanced degree is pursued."

-BY JAMES CLOSSER

Korean Congregation Opens Church, Hearts

The worship service at the Louisville Korean Church was highlighted by the official welcome extended to its new members on Sabbath, March 24, 2012, who have recently arrived from Myanmar. Due to language challenges, these believers will worship separately from the Korean congregation, but will enjoy the benefit of having a place of worship on Sabbath. The journey of the Karen Adventists from Myanmar to America has been a long and perilous experience.

In 2005, the U.S. government officially granted refugee status to the Karen people of Myanmar who have been persecuted and driven from their villages along the Myanmar-Thailand border. Nearly 200,000 Karen people have been relocated to crowded unsanitary refugee camps in Thailand.



Three Karen youth were baptized by John Moon, pastor.

Myanmar and the Karen people are traditionally Buddhist; however, nearly 400,000 of a population of around seven million claim Christianity, and of that number, Seventh-day Adventists represent one of the largest Protestant denominations.

Myanmar is the old country of Burma where Eric B. Hare pioneered an

Adventist education and mission presence in the 1940's, and from his experiences wrote mission stories like *Clever Queen*.

In most cases, it takes years for a Karen refugee to move from their native village to the re-settlement camps, and eventually to the United States. They

usually arrive with no money, no readily marketable job skills, and, of course, completely unable to speak or understand English. They desperately need and greatly appreciate the support and friendship of their American Adventist family.

During the worship service, three Karen youth were baptized by John Moon, pastor of the Louisville Korean Church. Although Moon does not speak the Karen language, by patiently working with a translator during many weeks, he was able to study the Bible with them and introduce these young people to God's Church.

The Conference is very grateful for the generosity and mission focus of the Louisville Korean Church who recognized a mission project in their own community, and opened their church doors and their hearts to welcome the Karen refugees.

-BY STEVE HALEY

South Atlantic News

Atlanta-Berean Chariots Hold Fire Safety Day



Atlanta-Berean Chariots and firefighters

The Atlanta-Berean Chariots Adventurer Club held a fire safety day on Sunday, March 25, 2012. According to the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA), children under age 5 are

almost one and a half times as likely to die in a home fire as the average person (based on 2010-2011 experience data). The majority of Atlanta home fatal and non-fatal fire victims were



Adventurers tour the fire truck.

percent) fatal fire victims never wakes up before being injured.

"I think this is great exposure for the Adventurers to a critical area that just might save their lives some

day. Kudos and appreciation to you and your staff for going beyond the usual to provide this opportunity for Berean kids," said Fredrick Russell, Atlanta-Berean senior pastor.

Atlanta paramedic engine crew #38 teamed with community affairs to educate the club. Lt. Royce Turner and Sgt. Alan Grove instructed the club about the fire engine and its equipment. The children were then able to tour the fire truck. Firefighters Eric Cook and Brenten Small went over firefighter gear.

Firefighters are required to get dressed within two minutes. Cook gave a live demonstration with a record time of 1 minute, 24 seconds!

The Adventurers were given a talk about home safety by Ron Taylor, director of Emergency Medical Services for the city of College Park, Ga. They also had a chance to tour the house and practice evacuation procedures.

The Adventurers had a great time. Before the event, about 30 of the children visited their local fire stations. They were given a certificate and presented with the fire safety chip to proudly wear on their sashes.

> -BY SAMUEL F. CORT JR., M.D.



Taylor wears a fire bat.

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New Jerusalem Hosts Georgia Master Guide Day



Pictured are Mattie Redd (front row, left), Joyce Scurry, Joseph Johnson, Earnestine Lockett; Gwen Molley (back row, left), Lillie Pullum, Noreen Whitehead, Waymond Hackney, Antonio Peirera, Darryl Howard, Deborah Clark, and Maggie James.

The 27th Georgia Master Guide Day service was held March 24, 2012, at New Jerusalem Church



Master Guide attendees

in Douglasville, Ga. Darryl Howard, pastor, welcomed more than 80 Master Guide leaders from all over the states of Georgia and South Carolina. Guest speaker Robert Norwood, associate pastor of West End Church and fellow Master Guide, focused on the theme, "Unity, All on One Accord." —BY LILLIE M. PULLUM

Ephesus Member Makes His "Mark"

Mark Best, a proactive member of Ephesus Church, New Bern, N.C., and a native of Craven County, has spent his career helping men and women develop skills to improve their lives. Best has been named the 2011 North Carolina Staff Person of the Year. He serves as the director of Workforce Readiness at Craven Community College.

"I am so proud to represent Craven at the system's level," said Best. "I want to thank all of my colleagues here for their support and encouragement. It's a blessing from God, and I dedicate this honor to my parents, Stephen and Della Best." Mark formally accepted the award at the N.C. Community College System's "Excellence Event" on April 14, 2012, in Raleigh, N.C. The system award, which is sponsored by BB&T, carries with it a cash prize, a certificate, and a plaque. In addition, the Craven Community College Foundation will receive \$2,000.

Best is a 1974 graduate of West Craven High School. He earned a bachelor's degree from Fayetteville State University in 1978.

During his 25-year career with the college, he has been one of Craven's most recognizable public faces. He has spent countless hours in the commu-

nity spreading the word about the college, and the opportunities available for area residents.

As Craven's Workforce Readiness director, he works closely with men and women who are unemployed and underemployed. He schedules and manages short-term classes that are designed to teach participants basic computer skills, interviewing techniques, resume writing, and other skills.

Craven's president, Catherine Chew, said Best's years of dedication to the college and its mission made him a perfect choice for the honor. "I don't think there is anyone more deserving of the award than Mark Best," she said. "Mark has had such a positive impact on so many people's lives. It is a joy to see him receive this award."

Mark is the third employee from Craven Community College to receive a statewide honor from the N.C. Community College System.

-BY HAROLD GASKINS

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Belzoni Members Participate in World Catfish Festival



Belzoni members exhibit gift bags distributed at the festival.

Belzoni First Church participated in its first outreach effort during the 37th Annual World Catfish Festival in downtown Belzoni, Miss., known as the Catfish Capitol of the World, on April 14, 2012. This annual event regularly draws more than 20,000 people from across the world to

the town of about 2,500 residents. The festival takes up the entire downtown and includes a 5K run, live entertainment, and arts and crafts show. The World Catfish Festival has been included in the top 100 events in North America.

First Church members met on Friday evening to

stuff gift bags with specially labeled bottled water, Steps to Christ, Message magazines, and other literature. They set up a canopy down the street from the north gate adjacent to one of the parking areas, and spent the morning handing out 150 bags, as well as frozen pops for the

children. Several names were collected for prayer requests and Bible studies.

This was the first of many planned outreach events in the Belzoni and Isola,

Miss., area. First Church has voted to dedicate one Sabbath a month to engaging in service to the community. The members are excited about the new direction that the Holy Spirit is leading.

-BY EARL L. JONES JR.



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Oakwood University Church Experiences Pentecost in Huntsville

Breath of Life director and Oakwood University Church senior pastor, Carlton Byrd, D.Min., and team baptized 138 candidates in two Sabbath services at Oakwood University Church.

Just 366 days ago a three-hour killer tornado, driving rain-storm, and subsequent power outage immobilized Huntsville and north Alabama. Recently, a new 14-day evangelistic storm — dubbed "Spring

Revival 2012," held at Oakwood University Church, thunder-stormed greater Huntsville on April 28, 2012.

Armed with only his well-worn Holy Bible, Byrd, who turned 40 just three days before the April 14 kick-off, exhorted the four-times-a-week revival audiences with his trademark mantra: "Know what you believe," "Know why you believe it," and, "Know where you can find it."



Candidates excitedly await baptism.

MALLSTON

South Central News

While the adult attendees (many of whom admitted it was their first-ever visit to the Oakwood University campus and church) poured over and jotted down Old and New Testament Bible verses nightly to substantiate Byrd's teacher-preacher declarations ("Repetition deepens the impression," he reminded the congregants, unendingly), their

young children
were enrolled in a nightly
Vacation Bible School program — averaging 200 preteen attendees per revival
outing — and learned and
performed at the revival
finale such contemporized
ditties as, "Tweet this, my
BFF is Jesus!"

What many Sabbath morning divine worship service congregants remembered fondly in that standing-room-only church service was, upon Byrd's cue, the sanctuary's back double doors opened, ushering in the two-by-two promenade of white-robed candidates into their 12 reserved rows — welcomed by a five-minute congregational standing ovation with cheers and tears.

Following his brief sermon, "Why I am a Seventh-day Adventist



Byrd prepares to baptize the final two candidates: 6-year old Jason and an Orthodox Jew.

Christian," Byrd instructed well-wishers that seven candidates would be baptized simultaneously — "... because we're Seventh-day Adventist, amen?" — two in the permanent baptistery above the choir loft, and five in the rented, 20-foot pool located on the main floor.

During the 126 baptisms, one would notice 1) several entire and multiplemember family units, 2) significant numbers of wheel-chaired and otherwise handicapped persons lowered into the baptistries, and 3) an unusually large number of men and younger males joining the predominantly female church group.

The revival's evening finale featured the children's Vacation Bible School program, and Byrd's

invitation to the Oakwood Adventist Academy Spring Festival and Open House. "New members," Byrd said, "you need to see where your children need to go to school, and to continue this Bible-based learning and instruction" (Festival and Open House were scheduled for Sunday, April 29, 1-4 p.m., elementary school grounds). Additionally, eight more individuals were baptized.

Byrd prayed and dismissed the audience, but only for 30 seconds. He then apologized: "Saints, I've made a cardinal mistake. Forgive me. I ended this service, and failed to open the doors of the church with one last appeal for someone to give their heart to Jesus."

Sure enough, two more stepped forward, a

six-year-old lad named Jason, and an Orthodox Jewish woman — and they were church-vote approved and then baptized.

Finally, a congregant urged, "Pastor, let's do this again!"

Leaning heavily against
the rented
pool, the
water-logged,
baptism-wearied evange-

list perked up: "You don't know me yet! I typically do three revivals annually — spring, summer, and late fall." And then turning to his phalanx of Bible workers, he offered, "I'll see y'all ... tomorrow!"

In his nearly 18 years of pastoral leadership in the states of Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Texas, and Georgia, Byrd has constructed and renovated churches, and baptized more than 3,000 individuals.

-BY TIM ALLSTON

MUA Teacher Receives National Award

Amber Willis, math teacher at Miami Union Academy (MUA), was presented with a national award Saturday, May 12, 2012. Willis is among 10 teachers selected by the Alumni Awards Foundation (AAF) to receive a 2012 Excellence in Teaching Award. AAF is a nonprofit organization that supports Seventh-day Adventist schools in North America.

The award ceremony was held at Barry University, and included a medallion and \$2,000 gift sponsored by Oakwood University.

Willis never imagined working in an Adventist school. In fact, she had already signed on with the public school system when God called her to a small Adventist middle school in Atlanta, Ga. Ten years later, she is still teaching in the Adventist school system.

"I have learned that this job is more than teaching," Willis shared. "It's a ministry. I always say



that teaching is my talent, and the bonus is getting a chance to share God's love while doing it."

Willis said she is "mathematics' biggest cheerleader." She works hard to make learning a positive experience. Before and after school, she makes herself available for tutoring students who are struggling.

Each year, her students look forward to Pi Day on March 15. Students spend the entire day making literal pies and implementing the concept through other activities.

Willis used Fantasy Football to teach math concepts, which the students thoroughly enjoy. When her class won a \$1,000 prize, she used the winnings to purchase scientific calculators.

Renee Hodge, MUA's principal, said that Willis is a go-getter, and is always looking for ways to improve her class, the high school department, and the school at large. "Whatever she can lay her hands on, she shares it, from teaching strategy to fundraising.

Willis mentors other teachers and conducts workshops for her colleagues and students. In addition, she sponsors the junior class and yearbook project, and is a member of the academy recruitment team.

"I enjoy connecting the dots between math and Christianity," said Willis. "My reward comes from seeing the light bulb come on when a student has truly grasped a concept."

Nominated by principals, superintendents,

colleagues, and former students, 10 teachers will be celebrated across the nation for the impact they have had in their local Seventh-day Adventist schools.

AAF is a nonprofit organization working to improve Adventist K-12 education. It has awarded grants totaling more than \$2 million to Adventist schools and educators. Since its establishment in 1995, the organization has recognized 106 exceptional teachers with an Excellence in Teaching Award. In 2011, AAF refocused and created the Renaissance Network, an initiative that improves the level of excellence in Adventist schools by providing leadership expertise, vision, resources, and training. AAF aims to awaken the Adventist community to the full potential in Adventist education. Learn more at AlumniAwards.org.

-BY KALEIGH BENGE

All Nations Church Conducts Annual Health Festival

All Nations Church in North Miami, Fla., held its fifth Annual Community Health Festival on Sabbath, April 28, 2012. This year's theme was "Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds, Strong Communities," which placed an emphasis on healthy lifestyle and spiritual growth. The goal was to communicate the health message to the

community in a fresh, unique way.

All Nations began the day with an exuberant open-air worship service under a tent, which allowed the members to reach individuals who were walking by, sitting in their homes, or waiting for the bus.

There were several stations that were set up

under the tent that were based on the NEWSTART Lifestyle Guide. Visitors from the community were able to learn about healthy dietary practices and sample vegan dishes that were both delicious and nutritious, and receive free health screenings.

One hundred food baskets filled with fresh vegetable and other food items were distributed to the community. As a result of this spectacular event, several people signed up for Bible studies. "We have already begun to follow up with these people," said an All Nations member. "We pray that God will continue to bless our efforts."

-BY ANDRIA FRANCIS

Mount Calvary Celebrates Annual International Weekend

Mount Calvary Church members celebrated the cultural diversity of its congregation by conducting its annual International Weekend on April 28 and 29.

"As a people, we believe that individuals from every race, country, and social status in life are created in the image of God and have been endowed with unique talents, skills, and capabilities," said one church member. "International weekend is our most comprehensive display of this philosophy as we ensure that each of the 29 different countries represented within our congregation is featured and celebrated throughout the

weekend."

Hubert Morel Ir., Southeastern president, was the featured speaker for the divine worship service. It began with a parade of flags of nations as participants proudly represented their countries dressed in native garb. Participating Americans dressed in red, white, and blue ensembles reminiscent of an Olympic delegation.

The combined choirs of Mt. Calvary also dressed in national attire and led the worship experience with music. Featured songs included "Let's Just Praise



the Lord," sung in English, Spanish, and French; "Love in any Language," where choir members waved mini international flags as they sang. The praise team continued worship in song with a medley of gospel/ Caribbean music, including "I Got My Mind Made Up" and "I Want to Know If You Love My Jesus."

The International Weekend program provides a platform for individuals and groups to represent their culture, and share their various backgrounds and talents in a variety of forums.

The weekend concluded with a cultural concert and an International Food Fair. Concert artists included Kuumba Drummer and Dancers, Indian gospel sensation Padmaja Medidi, the Buchanan Family, and Native American flutist Mary Lois.

Twenty Ordained to Sacrifice and Serve

Maxwell Berkel, senior pastor of Mt. Zion Church in Kissimmee, Fla., Poinciana Church in Poinciana, Fla., and South Lake Church in Clermont, Fla., brought 20 elders and deacons together to participate in a unique ordination service on Sabbath, April 7, 2012.

One pastor described the service as the best of its kind he has had the privilege to attend.

Carlyle Bayne, retired pastor and departmental director for the Inter-American Division, addressed the ordinates on the topic "The High Calling of Leadership."

He described them

as "trophies to God," a "victory parade in honor of Christ." Deacons were called to advance the Gospel as Phillip and Stephen had. Both elders and deacons have Paul's example as the standard for Church leadership. "Of course, Jesus is our Greatest Exemplar," Bayne shared.

Harold Cameron, associate pastor, also challenged the

challenged the ordinands to "rise to the occasion because of the crises in the world today, and grasp the challenge of the moment with vigor and determination."

Elders ordained were Wayne Card, Lloyd Alexander, Cassette Davis, Jacqueline Hinds, Edeline Clarke, Cordell Samuel, and Junior Evans. Deacons ordained were Clinton Ramsonugh, Dickens Poulard, Lloyd Evans, Raymond Smith, Clifford Medder, Errol McCaw, Jefferson Greene, Buster C. Terry, Rodrigue Joseph,

Bakirh Minuty, Lloyd Patterson, Michael Laidley, and Andrale Loguerre.

Ancil Cordell spoke on behalf of the spouses, who were called to this dedicated platform, usually without preparation, but pledging to assist their spouses under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

-BY EDNA FRANCOIS



Oakwood **University**

Oakwood Professor Directs Adventist-Muslim Center



Keith Augustus Burton, Ph.D.

Keith Augustus Burton, Ph.D., a mild-mannered religious history professor who speaks in Jamaican-flavored cadences, has been assigned to set up camp in the minefield between Christians and Muslims.

As director of Oakwood University's new Center for Adventist-Muslim Relations, specifically, he is charged with helping Seventh-day Adventists understand and respect Muslims. He hopes also, when he can, to help Muslims understand and respect Adventists and Christians.

"We're just trying to diminish some of the negative thoughts and myths about Islam — and Christianity," Burton said. "There are myths on both sides that need to be dispelled."

To that end, the center has developed an online certification program for pastors and church leaders that began the end of February 2012. The instructors will include Adventist leaders and professors from Oakwood, the Church's world head-

quarters near Washington, D.C., and from other Adventists universities around the world.

Professors could include scholars, such as Tarsee Li, Ph.D., professor of ancient Middle East languages at Oakwood, who keeps his Arabic sharp by reading the Quran daily. Teachers for the course will also include pastors and missionaries who have built relationships with Muslim leaders in countries where Muslims are in the majority.

The course is designed to help ministers develop joint community programs with Muslims and build relationships.

Burton hopes that Oakwood's center will also become a meeting place for the Adventist church between Christians and American Muslims, many of whom are African-American. Oakwood is a historically Black institution.

"There are things ministers can do that help break down walls," Burton said. "For instance, in many places in the Muslim world, the term 'Christian' conjures the memories of the Crusades. Just calling yourself a 'follower of Christ' can keep doors from being closed."

Two of the aspects of the faiths he hopes to educate people about are the beliefs and history they have in common. The Quran mentions the Bible and people who are also in the Bible in hundreds of places. And Jesus himself, next to Muhammad, is regarded as a

prophet to be revered.

A documentary the center will sponsor, to be directed by Dave Person, host of WEUP Talk and a former editorial writer for The Huntsville Times and USA Today, will be putting together some of those commonalities.

In addition to the sacred histories, Adventists and Muslims, even more than most Christians, have many social aspects in common because of Adventist dietary restrictions and modesty guidelines.

"The center will never dismiss the foundational differences," Burton said. While he considers Muhammad to have written prophetic things, he himself would not class Muhammad as a prophet. And while the Quran mentions Jesus, Burton understands that Muslims could not agree with the Christian view that Jesus is one with God.

"But the theological specifics," Burton said, "shouldn't get in the way of celebrating ways that members of both faiths can build stronger communities and a more peaceful world."

"It's our hope that those who are members of the Abrahamic faiths will come to see that they have more in common than things that separate us," Burton said.

-BY KAY CAMPBELL, *THE*HUNTSVILLE TIMES

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Origins Exhibit Opens, Highlights Creation Science Worldview

Southern Adventist University had a desire to take the lead role in helping educate people on the scientific evidence behind creation. This daunting task has begun, of all places, in their very own hallways. The grand opening of the Origins Exhibit took place in the North Entrance corridor of Hickman Science center on April 15, 2012, the culmination of more than four years of planning and \$300,000 in donations.

The project has three phases. The first phase was to hire professors who had origins expertise. The second phase was to find a way to provide origins education for the student body outside of classes. But, even with a great plan in mind, faculty and staff were limited by a lack of available space to implement the ideas. Their solution?



The Mesozoic period display in the new Origins Exhibit features a full-size model of an Allosaurus.

Use the hallways themselves as an exhibit space, a self-guided walking tour that would be available to both students and the community.

With that problem solved, Keith Snyder, Biology Department chair, moved forward. He wrote to 20 prominent scientists in the origins field, and asked them what they felt was the strongest evidence supporting short-term

creation. Snyder wove their responses into narrative that, along with art director Ron Hight's guidance, brings the information to life. The exhibit features more than 25 displays, providing information on three areas: the cell, the geologic column, and intelligent design.

"We wanted the finished product to be professional, but not overpowering," Snyder said. "Our goal is not to tell people that their beliefs are wrong, but to provide scientific evidence that substantiates the Bible's account of Creation."

The third and final phase of the project will be to one day expand the exhibit into an institute that provides information for all who are looking to learn about the short-term Creation worldview.

The exhibit is funded completely by donations, and Christopher Carey, Southern's vice president for advancement, describes those financially supporting the project as a small but extremely dedicated group. For more information, visit southern. edu/faithandscience.

-BY CHARLES CAMMACK



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Southern's Radio Station Brings Live Music Show to Downtown Chattanooga



Southern Adventist University's WSMC Classical 90.5 FM recently brought From the Top, the preeminent showcase for young musicians heard weekly on NPR, to the Tivoli Theatre in downtown Chattanooga for a live taping before more than 1,000 music lovers. The considerable undertaking was a capstone event in celebration of WSMC's 50th anniversary.

From the Top began in 2000 and quickly became one of the fastest growing and most popular weekly classical music programs on public radio. Broadcast on nearly 250 stations nationwide, it has a weekly audience of more than 700,000 listeners.

The widely distributed show features amazing performances and personal stories of extraordinary young classical musicians from across the country. WSMC made every attempt possible to include local talent in this prestigious event, even going so far as to open up the radio station studios to help record audition tapes for hopeful applicants. WSMC staff was thrilled when From the Top announced that the Chattanooga performance would include three students from

eastern Tennessee.

The enthusiasm and energy of the talented young people involved with From the Top translated into multiple local outreach opportunities. Participants performed at Memorial Hospital's Cancer Institute, and provided an interactive educational experience at Dalewood Middle School in Chattanooga. A group of 30 student musicians from Southern also provided music during meals at the local community kitchen in honor of the station's anniversary event.

"I'm tremendously happy," said Scott Kornblum, general manager for WSMC. "Southern's messages of community involvement and commitment to music were both moved forward with this event."

The Tivoli Theatre performance will be broadcast on WSMC on June 12 at 10 a.m., and June 17 at 2 p.m. It can be heard online at those times by visiting wsmc.org.

New Grant Assists History Majors with Thesis Research

Floyd Greenleaf, retired vice president of academic affairs and former chair of Southern's History and Political Studies De-

partment, still remembers the day one of his students went the extra mile for a thesis paper. After discovering a location in North

Carolina that could be useful, the student took time off from work to drive there, conduct interviews, and gather information.

Greenleaf said recollections like those are what inspired him to initiate a research grant.

"I will never forget the

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look of enthusiasm and sheer joy on his face when that student stopped by my office to tell me about his experience," Greenleaf said. "He was willing to pay whatever it took, but not everybody can do that."

For more than 30 years, senior history majors at Southern have taken "Research Methods in History," a class that culminates in a baccalaureate thesis on the American

Civil War period. The new Floyd Greenleaf Undergraduate Research Grant will assist students that wish to visit out-of-state museums and archives to gain information for this paper, or to present their theses at professional conferences.

One such student is post-baccalaureate history major Jason Dedeker. While working on his thesis on the North's free labor movement, he had to be creative in searching for sources; documentation showing new research was due weekly.

"I would have loved to visit the Library of Congress," Jason said. "It simply doesn't get any better than that."

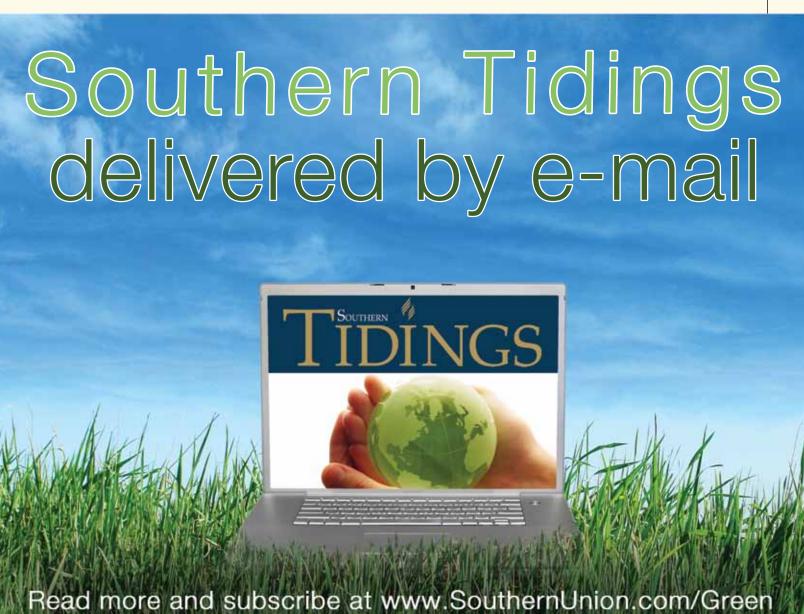
Once completely funded, the grant will also be available to help students travel to history conferences where they can develop a professional network to assist in job searches after

graduation.

Greenleaf, who now lives and works in Florida, is confident the grant will help history majors with short-term research, but the veteran educator has his hopes set on a broader and longer-lasting impact for students.

"I hope it helps light many fires of intellectual curiosity!"

-BY RAQUEL LEVY



Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences

Students Make Homes Safer for Older Adults

Bruce Mount, Eatonville mayor, says Florida Hospital College students made a "tremendous impact" on his community April 7, 2012, by increasing home safety for older adults.

In the course of one day, with the Winter Park Health



Foundation and Rebuilding Together Orlando, occupational therapy students installed grab bars and light fixtures, remodeled kitchens and bathrooms, painted rooms, and cleared landscapes at four homes.

"It's

one thing to hear

about safety and adaptive equipment, but it's another

to get out in the field and put into practice what we've been learning in class," says Shane Sapp, occupational therapy major.

Witnessing the smiles and, in some cases, tears when homeowners saw the changes deeply affected professors and students.

"It made me feel awesome to know I can help people, and I can't wait until one day when I can help even more," says Sarah Albin, first-year occupational therapy assistant major.

-BY RAINEY PARK

Anesthesia Students Develop Online Course

What started as a capstone project for two nurse anesthesia students has become a résumé-worthy accomplishment.

Inna Malkin and Gwen Locke, seniors at Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences, developed an online course that certified registered nurse anesthetists can take for continuing education credits. The

American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA) will publish their project, "Peripheral Nerve Injury and Positioning in the OR," this year.

Through it, anesthetists can learn more about how to prevent nerve injuries, the second greatest risk after death in patients who are undergoing anesthesia.

Kathy Wren, chair of

the Department of Nurse Anesthesia, says she's proud of her students for achieving a level of scholarship that many licensed anesthesiologists have yet to obtain. "This will give them a certain prestige in the nurse anesthesiology community and help when they apply for doctoral programs," Wren says.

But, the real motivation

for pursuing the project is much closer to the heart than the head, Malkin says. "I'm happy to make a difference for our patients."

Locke agrees. "It's very satisfying that this initial curiosity turned into a labor of love, and that the information can be disseminated to a wider community."

-BY RAINEY PARK

College Awards \$97,000 in Scholarships

Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences distributed more than \$97,000 in scholarship funds during the Scholarship Award Banquet, April 5, 2012. The credit will become effective on students' accounts fall 2012.

Josh Franko, senior biomedical sciences major and previous scholarship recipient, says it's difficult to describe how much he appreciated the gift. "The only thing you can do is prove it by completing your education, prove it by moving on to your field or profession."

During the banquet, donors and students have a chance to meet, often for the first time. "The students are always so promising and so impressive," says Jean Gould, who established a scholarship for nursing majors.

Ken Bradley, who with his wife established the Don and Helen Bradley Scholarship to honor his parents, says it "feels really, really good" to "share in the success of the person receiving the scholarship."

But, the biggest pay-off is yet to be seen.

"In essence, you're actually getting more for your money because you're not just helping one person," Franko says. "You're helping one person that helps so many patients."

-BY RAINEY PARK

Florida Hospital Flagler First in State to Provide Third Eye Colonoscopy

Florida Hospital Flagler is the only hospital in Florida to currently offer Third Eye® colonoscopy — a technique that has been shown to improve the detection of adenomas (pre-cancerous polyps) by up to 25 percent.

Used during colonoscopy procedures, the Third Eye Retroscope is a small imaging device that provides a backwards view of the colon simultaneously with the forward view of a standard colonoscope.

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Colorectal cancer is the

third leading cause of cancer death in both men and women in the U.S. According to the American Cancer Society, screening colonoscopies have the potential to prevent approximately 65 percent of colorectal cancer cases.

-BY LINDSAY REW

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Members' Sabbath School Resources - The New Members' Bible Study Guide has been prepared to assist in the task of making disciples. It is a valuable resource for assisting recently baptized members in understanding how to follow God's Word. All the fundamental beliefs of the Adventist Church are covered several times during the year, reinforcing basic doctrines. Other special features include stories from people who grappled with learning truth, a glossary of key Bible terms, and frequent "Adventese" sidebars to acquaint new members with terminology and culture unique to the Adventist community. The series can be started with a new members' class at any time and is not limited to the calendar year.

Ozark Adventist Academy Homecoming – June 8-10. All former faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend the weekend events. Plan to sing with the alumni choir, visit with classmates and friends, and enjoy the beautiful OAA campus. Details: 479-736-2221 #1109, or visit www.ozarkacademy. org.

"Ye Olde" Cedar Lake Academy Reunion – June 8-10. For alumni and warmly welcomed schoolmates of 1962 and earlier at Great Lakes Adventist Academy, Cedar Lake, MI. Honor classes: 1932, 1942, 1952, and 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.

Southern Singles Ministries – June 16. Ladies Treat the Guys for Fathers' Day Supper at 6 p.m., at Fireside Room at McDonald Road Church, McDonald/Chattanooga, TN; 8 p.m., Vespers, Business Meeting, Election and Installation of SSM officers for 2012-2013. Details: avocadofiddler@gmail.com or 423-243-4001.

Transforming Lives Through Libraries/Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians 2012 Conference – June 19-24. Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AllAS); Silang, Cavite, Philippines. Librarians and Information Professionals are invited to visit http://asdal.org for details, or contact Christy Scott at Christy.Scott@wallawalla.edu, 509-527-2153.

New York Conference Heritage Camp Meeting 150th Anniversary – June 22-30. Union Springs Academy. Enjoy special features by guest "pioneers," attend "barn meetings," renew your commitment to watch and be ready! Details: www.nyconf.org.

Madison College Alumni Association Homecoming – June 22-24. Honor classes: 1942, '47, '52, '57, and '62. Also invited are those who attended Madison Academy and the Anesthesia School. We will have activities and meals beginning Friday evening through Sunday morning at the Madison Academy Campus. Details: Henry Scoggins, president, 615-919-7767; or Jim Culpepper, secretary/treasurer, 615-415-1925.

Roan Mountain Church 50th Anniversary – July 28. Roan Mountain, TN. Details: 423-725-9929 or www.roanmountainsda.org.

Oak Park Academy Alumni Weekend – Sept. 28, 29. Gates Hall, Nevada, IA. Honor Classes: 1937, '42, '47, '52, '57, '62, '67, '72, '77. Details: Contact Mary Dassenko Schwantes at 636-527-0955 or email: maryschwantes@sbcglobal.

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LEGAL NOTICE FOR FLORIDA CONFERENCE CONSTITUENCY MEETING

October 7, 2012

Notice is hereby given that the 70th regular Constituency Meeting of the Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held on October 7, 2012, Sunday, at 10:00 a.m. in the Forest Lake Academy main auditorium, Apopka, Florida. This Constituency Meeting is called for the purpose of electing officers and Executive Committee members for the ensuing term and the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting. Each church in the Conference is entitled to one delegate, plus one additional delegate for each 75 members or major fraction thereof.

Delegates chosen to the Organizing Committee shall meet at the Regional Orientation/ Organization meetings listed below. One Organizing Committee delegate from each church, plus one additional delegate shall be chosen for each full 500 members.

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REGION	LOCATION D	ATE	TIME
EAST CENTRAL	KRESS MEMORIAL SDA	TUES. 7/31/2012	7:00 – 9:00 P.M.
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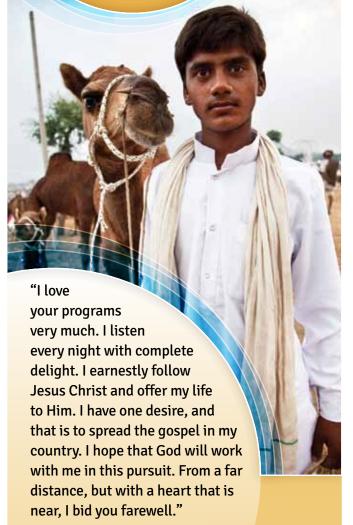
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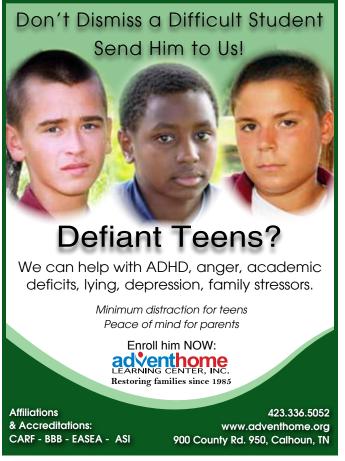
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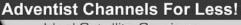
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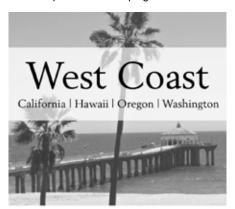


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call TEACHServices.com at 800-367-1844, x3, for a FREE manuscript review. [6, 7]

EIGHT NATURAL REMEDIES with James Johnson, M.D. Phone/fax 615-523-2136. Email education@jjohnsonmd.com. Online and correspondence courses for laypersons and professionals. www.healthcare-online-education. org/8remedies.html. [6]

SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY offers master's degrees in business, counseling, education, nursing, religion and social work. Flexibility is provided through online and on-campus programs. Financial aid may be available. For more information, call 423-236-2585 or visit www.southern.edu/graduatedegrees. [6]

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ANNOUNCEMENTS — see page 35.

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Events Calendar

Carolina

Family Camp – July 1-5. NPR. Tried and True Conference – July 7, 8. Charlotte.

Bike for Life "Riding by Faith" – July 22-28.

Sabbath School Workshop – Aug. 3-5. NPR.

Pathfinder/Adventurer Leadership – Aug. 24-26.

Hispanic Men's Retreat – Aug. 31-Sept. 3.

Hispanic Young Adult Retreat – Sept. 7-9. NPR.

Retiree Retreat – Sept. 16-20. NPR

ECCM North – Sept. 29. Greenville, NC.

ECCM South – Oct. 6. Summerville, SC.

Banner Elk Annual Homecoming – Oct. 20.

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 – Florida Hospital DeLand offers a variety of support groups such as attention deficit disorder, bereavement, brain injury, celiac disease, diabetes, sleep disorders, and more. Details are available under the "Support Groups" link in the "Patients and Visitors" box at http://www. fhdeland.org/

North Florida OU Alumni Chapter – Details: http:// www.oakwoodalumninfl.org/, oakwoodalumninfl@gmail.com, 888-719-7776, or 904-616-1896.

Florida Adventist Book Center – Winter Park: national toll-free number, 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

June 23. West Palm Beach. June 24. Midport, Port St. Lucie, Ft. Pierce, Cocoa, Titusville. (Southeastern Conference: Palm Bay.) June 30. Port Charlotte. July 1. North Port, Sarasota, West Coast Christian Academy in Bradenton, Brandon, Tampa First.

July 7. Maranatha in Miami Gardens.

July 8. Ft. Lauderdale, Ambassador in Lauderdale Lakes, Lauderhill, Pompano Beach, Jupiter-Tequesta.

July 14. St. Petersburg.

July 15. Clearwater, New Port Richey, Spring Hill, Brooksville, East Pasco in Zephyrhills, Lakeland. Winter Haven.

July 28. Sunrise.

July 29. Plantation, Lauderhill, Ambassador in Lauderdale Lakes. (Southeastern Conference: Mt. Olivet.)

Triangle Triathlon – July 15. Lake Joanna Park, Eustis. 8:00 a.m. Fund-raiser triatholon sponsored by Spring Meadows Church (formerly Winter Springs Church). Choice of five events, including one for kids. Cost: \$10-40. Details: http://www.signmeup.

com/81905 or 407-327-1190. Planned Giving and Trust Services Clinics

Aug. 4. Tampa First. Aug. 11. Kress Memorial in Winter Park.

Aug. 25. North Lake in Leesburg. Spanish-language Family Retreat – Aug. 24-26. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Cost: \$70-\$105 depending on accommodation choice. Details: rebeca.delosrios@floridaconference.com or 407-

644-5000 x138.

Camp Kulaqua Family Camp -Aug. 31-Sept. 3. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. A weekend of fun, friends, family, and fellowship. Registration includes meals, lodging, and activities including mother/daughter tea, Kulaqua Rodeo, River Ranch admission, Ichetucknee River tubing trip, go-carts, horseback riding, and more. Cost: \$40 per person per day and up. Details and registration: http:// www.campkulaqua.com/, summercamp@campkulagua. com, or 386-454-1351.

Georgia-Cumberland

Cohutta Springs Youth Camp: Junior I – June 3-10. Crandall, GA.

Executive and Personnel Sub

Committee Meeting – June 3. Cohutta Springs Conference Center. Crandall, GA.

Olde Time Camp Meeting – June 7-9. Deer Lodge, TN. Hispanic Camp Meeting – June 8-10. Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, GA.

Health Rally – June 9. Mountain City Church, TN.

Prayer Ministry Day – June 9. Alpharetta, GA.

Empowered by Wellness – June 10-11. Southern. Collegedale, TN.

Cohutta Springs Youth Camp: Junior II – June 10-17. Crandall, GA.

Atlanta Adventist Academy Aardvark Golf Tournament – June 15. Acworth, GA.

Cohutta Springs Youth Camp: Adventurer – June 17-22. Crandall. GA.

Health Rally – June 23. Cartersville, GA.

Cohutta Springs Youth Camp: Tween/Pathfinder Honors – June 24-July 1. Crandall, GA. Online registration for events available: www.registration. gccsda.com.

Gulf States

Complete Calendar online
http://www.gscsda.org
Pathfinder Council – June 10.
Camp Alamisco.
Executive Committee Meeting

Executive Committee Meeting
 June 12. Conference Office.
 Teen Mission Outreach – July

Pastors' Retreat – July 22-25. Camp Alamisco.

Kentucky-Tennessee

Conference Association Board July 17. Sept. 18. Dec. 4. Conference Executive Committee

July 17. Sept. 18, Dec. 4. **Hispanic Camp Meeting** – June 8, 9. Highland Academy. **Run the River** – June 17.

Lancaster, TN.

4.5 mile fundraiser fun run in beautiful middle Tennessee Website: www.runtherivertn.org.

Southern Adventist University

PreviewSouthern – June 7. PreviewSouthern is a great way for high school students to experience life on campus. Take a tour, meet professors, sit in on financial aid workshops, and enjoy a fun activity in Chattanooga. Meals and accommodations (up to two nights) provided. Details: southern.edu/visit.

Wellness Summit – June 10, 11. Learn how to take your personal wellness to the next level. Presenter Mike Huckabee will set aside politics and tell how he lost 110 pounds. For complete list of speakers and programs, visit southern.edu/wellnesssummit.

SmartStart – July 30. Take a three-credit-hour class in the summer for free. You pay for books, food, and residence hall rent, and the tuition is on us! That's a savings of more than \$1,750. Details: southern.edu/smartstart.

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Atlanta, GA	8:46	8:49	8:51	8:52	8:52	8:51	
Charleston, SC	8:25	8:28	8:31	8:32	8:32	8:30	
Charlotte, NC	8:35	8:38	8:41	8:42	8:42	8:40	
Collegedale, TN	8:52	8:55	8:57	8:59	8:59	8:57	
Huntsville, AL	7:57	8:00	8:02	8:03	8:03	8:02	
Jackson, MS	8:05	8:08	8:10	8:12	8:11	8:10	
Louisville, KY	9:03	9:07	9:09	9:10	9:10	9:08	
Memphis, TN	8:11	8:15	8:17	8:18	8:18	8:16	
Miami, FL	8:10	8:13	8:15	8:16	8:16	8:16	
Montgomery, AL	7:50	7:53	7:55	7:56	7:56	7:55	
Nashville, TN	8:01	8:05	8:07	8:08	8:08	8:06	
Orlando, FL	8:21	8:24	8:26	8:27	8:27	8:26	
Wilmington, NC	8:21	8:24	8:26	8:27	8:27	8:26	



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