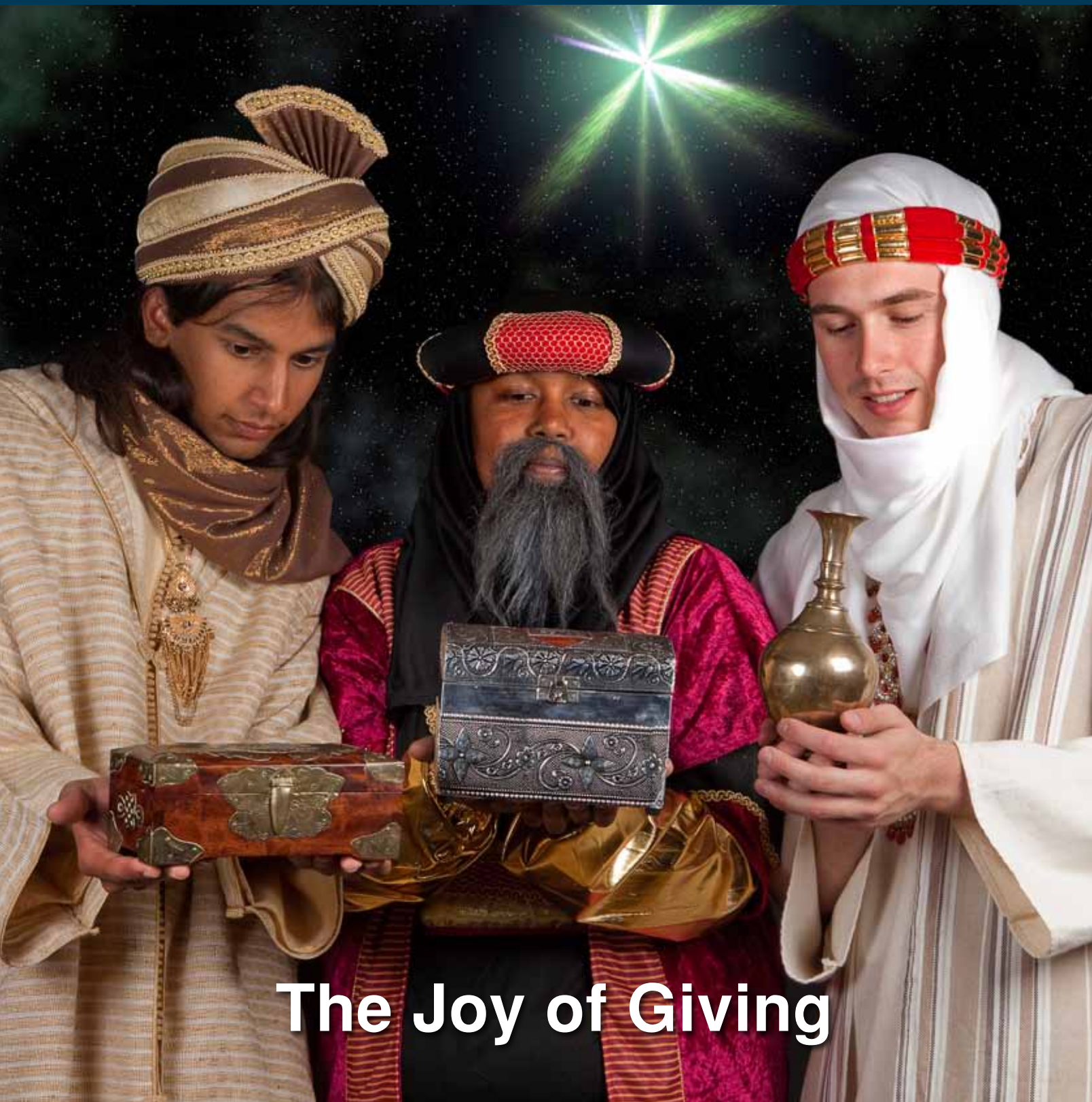




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The Joy of Giving

All Things Work Together for Good

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called to his purpose,” Romans 8:28.

Many of the almost 270,000 members of the Southern Union, throughout our journeying together in this segment of the vineyard, have drawn strength and comfort from this powerfully relevant passage. In the midst of trials, perplexities, and persecutions, this text has been a rock beneath the feet of many. Though to outward sight, things seemed to work against their good. Though to carnal reason, things appeared to be working for their ill. Nevertheless, faith knew it was far otherwise.

“All things work together.” The first thought occurring to us is this: What a glorious Being God is to allow things to work the way they do. What a frightening amount of evil is in constant motion. What an incalculable quantity of opposing self-interests are at work. What a vast army of rebels are fighting against God. What hosts of superhuman creatures are ever opposing the Lord. And yet, high above all, is GOD, in undisturbed calm, complete master of the situation. But this is not nearly as marvelous as His bringing good out of evil in all the complicated occurrences of human life, and making even the power and malice of Satan’s destructive works to minister good for His children.

“All things work together for good.” This must be so for three reasons. First, because all things are under the absolute control of the Governor of the Universe. Second, because God desires our good and nothing but our good. Third, because even Satan himself cannot touch a hair of our heads without God’s permission, and then only for our further good. Not all things are good in themselves or in their tendencies, but God makes all things work for our good. Nothing enters our lives by blind chance, nor are there any accidents. Everything is being moved by God with this end in view: our good. The subservience of everything to God’s eternal purpose works in our best interest.

“To them that love God.” This is the grand distinguishing feature of every true Christian. These saints are those who love God. They all believe in Christ; they all love God. They love Him for the gift of the Savior; they love Him as a Father in whom they confide; they love Him for His personal excellences, His holiness, wisdom, and faithfulness. They love Him for His conduct: for what He withholds and for what He grants, for what He rebukes and for what He approves. “We love Him because He first loved us.”

“Those who are called according to His purpose.” The call is not according to the merits of men, but according to the Divine purpose: “Who hath saved us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and Grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,” 2 Timothy 1:9.

Your many sufferings today are carefully permitted by God. All things are working together for our good. And so, troubled soul, the “much tribulation” will soon be over. And as you enter the “kingdom of God,” you shall then see no longer “through a glass darkly,” but in the unshadowed sunlight of the Divine Presence, that “all things” do “work together” for your personal and eternal good.



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The Joy of Giving

BY CONRAD S.G. DUNCAN

The great saying of Jesus, “It is more blessed to give than to receive,” Acts 20:35 NIV, took on more significance when, in the summer of 2009, I experienced a very strange act — strange because it seldom happens.

The occasion was the first men’s ministries convention in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Among the 2,500 in attendance was a very special person — a celebrity of sorts. This man migrated to Mexico from Jamaica in the 1960s and, during those years, became a famous wrestler and movie actor. He also excelled in business. I had heard and read about him in the sports history books, but fate had it that we would cross paths in a personal way during 1992 to 1995.

I, too, migrated to Mexico, along with my family, in the early 1990s for

the purpose of education. While at Montemorelos University (a Seventh-day Adventist institution of higher learning in Mexico), I was introduced to this famous Jamaican-Mexican movie star by a mutual friend. This movie star had grown up in the Adventist Church in Jamaica. After many years of public acting, he strayed away from the Church of his childhood, but now had returned to God. He was very engaged in Christian education and spreading the Gospel to his famous counterparts.

After a brief visit with me and my family, this fellow Jamaican was so impressed with our bold and ambitious transition that he, unsolicited, contributed to our living and studying expenses for the next two years.

Unfortunately, we maintained

contact for only a few years. As we migrated to the United States and traveled to different states, we lost contact with him. More than 10 years had passed since we last communicated.

At the end of the men’s ministries service in Montego Bay, while I was greeting old friends and hundreds of worshipers who claimed to have been blessed by the message God gave them that day, this famous movie personality raced through the crowd, screamed out my name, embraced me with tears in his eyes, and said, “This is the greatest day of my life. I never thought that I would ever see you again. I thought that I would die before I saw you again. To have met and helped your family was the most fulfilling experience of my life. I would do it over again simply because God

has blessed me in unbelievable ways. Thank you for crossing my path in Mexico.”

The people around me that day had never seen nor heard such exultant jubilation. They stood amazed at the sight and sound of the man’s actions and words. Both he and I were convinced that God, and not man, brought us together so far away from our native homeland. The manner of his actions that day left the onlookers thinking that I was the one who helped him. Actually, it was the other way around. This was a classic case where the giver was more cheerful to give than the receiver was cheerful to receive. Then and there, I saw Jesus’ statement coming to life: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

It is generally believed that the greatest joys and satisfaction come from giving to others and enabling the joy of other people’s lives. One couple concluded:

Our attitudes about sharing versus hoarding, giving versus gathering, speak volumes about the condition of our heart and soul. What’s more, giving can be a tremendously positive aspect of your relationship, bringing joy and fulfillment as you demonstrate gratitude to God by helping others.

—Palmer, Bethany and Scott; *Cents & Sensibility*; NavPress Publishing Group, 2005

One gives because it is a pleasure to bring pleasure and satisfaction to others. Giving with a grateful heart produces joy every time one gives, regardless of the quantity of the gift. The most appreciated gifts are those given out of sacrifice, not surplus. Jesus commended the widow for her two mites, not the wealthy with their two million (Mark 12:41-43). She gave joyfully of her best. Regardless of how much and how often we give, we should enjoy doing it.

The subject of charitable giving, or even required giving, does not have to be a source of distress or discomfort. As in the case of the movie personality I met, giving can and should be a source of freedom and fulfillment. It is, indeed, “more blessed to give than to receive.” Put yourself at the receiving end and see how good it feels. Yet,

according to the Bible, it should feel even better to be the one doing the giving.

Randy Alcorn, author of *The Treasure Principle*, points out a fundamental connection between our spiritual lives and how we think about and handle money. He even refers to Jesus’ statement that says, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also,” Matthew 6:21 NIV. Still, many people are reluctant to give. The good news is that more people are willing to give than those who are not.

The following seven points speak directly to some sound reasons for people, even Christian people, to give:

1. God is the owner of everything, even my paycheck. “To the Lord your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it,” Deuteronomy 10:14 NIV. He even gives us the power and opportunity to get wealth (Deuteronomy 8:18). God advocates for our prosperity.

2. God is honored when we give. Giving should not be an act of duty, but of gratitude. Says Solomon, the wise man, “Honor the Lord with your wealth,” Proverbs 3:9 NIV. Sharing our resources is one way of acknowledging that the Creator of the Universe is in charge and sovereign over all the world. As Job said, “The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord,” Job 1:21 KJV. It is better to give than to lose what we have.

3. Giving changes others. In *The Treasure Principle*, and also quoted in Bethany and Scott Palmer’s book, *Cents & Sensibility*, Randy Alcorn wrote, “Because we give, eternity will be different — for others and for us.” Whenever we give money to help others, their lives are changed for the better, and forever.

4. Give without expecting anything back. A gift is something we give with no strings attached; otherwise, it becomes a tradeoff. Sir Winston Churchill once said, “We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.” Giving not only changes others, it also leaves the giver enriched and enhanced. Wasn’t it the wise man Solomon who said that God will per-

sonally reward those who give to the less fortunate?

5. Make giving to God a priority.

Give to God first, since He is the one Who gives us all things. Again, “Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops,” Proverbs 3:9 NIV. “But seek ye first [not second, or last] the kingdom of God,” Matthew 6:33 KJV. Whatever we give should come right off the top, not from the bottom of the budget. A good motto to live by is, “Give to God what is right, not what is left,” (from a church sign I saw in Colorado Springs).

6. Give cheerfully. If you have ever received a gift from someone who was not happy to share, you would probably understand how much was lost from that gift. The purpose and impact of the gift were spoiled. You probably felt like returning or even refusing the gift. Scripture declares, “God loves a cheerful giver,” 2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV. Giving cheerfully means giving without grumbling, whining, or reluctance. Being cheerful is not an emotion as much as it is a choice, and everyone can decide to give with a cheerful and positive attitude.

7. Give as a Family. Children learn the value of giving when parents practice it. It is good to identify a project for the whole family to support. Church and special funds for charitable purposes are two worthy entities to which families may give. In this way, children learn to be unselfish, kind, and generous from an early age.

Conclusion

Our heavenly Father has given so much to this planet and, more specifically, to man — you and me. We are, indeed, abundantly blessed. The interesting thing is that God enjoys giving. It pleases Him to give, and this explains why He constantly gives everything to everyone. For God, living is giving. And for my movie star friend in Mexico, giving is the source of real joy. I am a firsthand witness of this fact. As God has given joyfully, we do well to share the joy of giving. ❀

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MIRACLE IN THE PARKING LOT

BY RUTHIE JACOBSEN

I want to tell you a wonderful, true story, but before I do, let me ask a question.

Have you ever asked yourself, “What would motivate me to spend more time in prayer? I go through my list pretty fast, then get up off my knees and rush on to the next thing. But, I have read that where there is ‘more prayer, there is more power,’ and I want that. I want to know the God I meet with in prayer. I read incredible promises in Scripture, but often they seem to fit someone else better than they fit me.”

Years ago my friend Dick Eastman wrote a little book that became a best-seller. In the years since it has become a classic. You probably have seen it: *The Hour that Changes the*

World. Dick teaches from Scripture (and these principles are also underscored in the writings of Ellen White) that we can pray, believe, expect, and receive. There is a science to prayer. The message is clear: God listens to the prayers — especially the desperate cries of His children.

In his book, Eastman divides the hour into 12 five-minute segments, and teaches how to use each five-minute section in a different way. He begins with five minutes of praise, then thanksgiving, Scripture praying, confession, intercession, etc. Nearly 3,000,000 copies of the book have been sold worldwide, and Christians of all faiths have been grateful for the way it has empowered their prayer lives.

Now DVDs are also available which teach the content of the book as a class, and from their headquarters office in Colorado, churches can invite trained instructors to come and lead their congregation in the study.

A pastor in Arkansas, after reading the book, felt committed to putting the plan into daily practice in his own life. He was surprised when he first began following the outline of the book, that an hour passed so quickly, and how strengthened and renewed he felt after this time with God. He began to dream about what could happen in the lives of his members if they spent an hour in meaningful prayer each day.

His members were inspired to read the book, but they also wanted

to attend a class together, and to invite an instructor to come and lead them. They learned that the only stipulation was that all those attending must have their own copy of the book or syllabus to follow and fill out together as the course progressed. The church was thrilled when 200 enrolled for the class, so they promptly ordered 200 books and sent an invitation for a teacher.

On the day the class was to begin, the instructor arrived, rented a car, and drove to the church. The pastor was happy to see him, and his first words were, "Good news! Excitement is building and we now have 350 enrolled for the class tonight!" The teacher's heart sank. Where could he possibly come up with an additional 150 books by class time?

The teacher walked into the darkened sanctuary and prostrated himself on the floor. "God," he said, "You have a problem. This is all about You and Your people, and I need 150 more books before tonight."

Before long he felt impressed (as Moses had at the Red Sea) to get up and do something, but he reminded God that he didn't know what to do. Yet, he was sure that God wanted him to go somewhere, so he went out of the church, got in his car, and drove down the street away from the church. "God, please direct me. I don't know what to do," he mused, half out loud. Strangely, the thought that came clearly to his mind was "McDonalds." He laughed because he was certain God wouldn't send him to a fast food place to get books. Yet nothing else came to his mind, so he soon found himself approaching the golden arches. He parked, walked into the restaurant, ordered something to drink, and sat down, puzzled.

He didn't have long to wait before he heard a very familiar voice: "Daddy!" He turned to see his daughter who was attending a Christian college, and

who was on her way home for spring break.

"What are you doing here?" they both asked. The father explained about the class starting that evening, and his desperate need for 150 more books. "Oh, Daddy, that's no problem," his daughter replied. "We just had that course on campus, and had some books left over, but my professor asked me to take them home and get them to you to save him the cost of shipping. I have them with me."

They rushed out to their cars, and as they transferred the boxes from her trunk to his they were counting. You know how many there were, don't you? You're right — exactly 150!

They thanked the Lord there in the parking lot for His miracle. Then she told her father about her difficult week. She had overslept that morning after a hectic week of finals and term papers, and then had given all her cash to her roommate to help her get home for the break.

She and her suite-mate had planned to cash a check for gas and food as they drove home, but they soon discovered that no bank would cash a check for an out-of-state college student.

They were feeling pretty desperate as they approached the city where, unbeknownst to them, her father was having his class and struggling with his own dilemma. They counted their coins — all the money they had — and found only \$2.32. About that time they saw the huge billboard advertising

McDonalds. Praying and crying and wondering what to do, they decided to stop and at least get some french fries while they pondered what their next step should be.

"Oh, Daddy," she squealed as she hugged her father, "Now I know how I'm going to get home!" They sensed that God had brought them together in His own way, and let them experience a divine provision they would never forget.

You may want to share this little story in your church. The churches that are "saturated" with prayer are making the greatest difference in their communities.

Ask the Lord how to make prayer the priority — personal prayer, family prayer, and corporate prayer experiences. Take advantage of prayer retreats planned by your church and conference, Days of Prayer, and other resources that are available. God has promised in Daniel 11:32 (my paraphrase) that if we know Him intimately, He will make us strong and able to do bold and daring things for His glory. ✨

For more information, visit www.nadprayerministries.org. Resources: *How to Pray, The Hour that Changes the World* — Prayer Steps.

Or the direct link is: http://www.nadprayerministries.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/The_Hour_that_Changes_the_World_Prayer_Steps.pdf

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Jan. 9-19, 2013

A Call for Worldwide Prayer

BY JACKIE O. SMITH

Church members around the world are invited to participate in the upcoming 10 Days of Prayer initiative (formerly called Operation Global Rain), January 9-19, 2013. The theme for the 10 Days of Prayer is taken from 2 Peter 1:1-11, where Peter sets forth the divine plan for the development of Christian character (see *Acts of the Apostles*, pp. 529-530). Hope Channel and the General Conference Ministerial Association will partner to produce a nightly live broadcast of *Let's Pray*. Ministry editor Derek Morris, D.Min., will join *Let's Pray* host Kandus Thorp, to discuss the daily points of focus, while host David Franklin, pastor, will be on location with various church groups participating in the 10 Days of Prayer initiative.

The purpose in setting aside 10 days in January for prayer is for Seventh-day Adventist Church members to saturate every aspect of their lives in prayer as they start the year, so they can live and proclaim God's last-day message of love and truth to the world (Revelation 14:6-12).

"Heaven is anxiously waiting for God's people to awake and seek the blessing of God's Spirit," says Ted

N.C. Wilson, World Church president. "It is the power of God's Spirit working in the lives of His people that will effectively enlighten the world with the glory of God so that Jesus can return."

Congregations of all sizes, small groups, and individuals are encouraged to sign up for the upcoming 10 Days of Prayer, 2013, by going to www.TenDaysOfPrayer.org. There you can also download united prayer guidelines for leaders, daily theme sheets, daily intercession themes, journal pages, a printable flyer, bulletin inserts, postcards, free e-book *Praying for Rain*, as well as other supporting materials.

During the 10 Days of Prayer in 2012, Adventist churches in more than 100 countries experienced the renewal of the Holy Spirit. Church elders, pastors, and lay leaders led out in prayer groups held in homes, schools, churches, online forums, and teleconferences. Below is a sampling of their testimonies:

"God is faithful! The Ten Days experience can't be quantified. Hearts were surrendered, souls were convicted, and requests for prayer were answered."

"We prayed for members who left to return. We challenged every active member to sign up to pray for three or four members in our church. This past Sabbath, we had seven members return to church."

"We have never experienced so much spiritual growth and so many answers to prayer in any past event. . . The drops of rain are beginning to fall."

"The Ten Days of Prayer revived the mid-week and Friday prayer meetings . . . This 10-day session taught us that the power rests in prayer, and brought unity amongst church members and a zeal to work for the Lord."

God wants to pour out His Spirit on us today, just as he did for his disciples during Pentecost. Won't you join the worldwide Church in praying for that blessing during January 9-19? Sign up today at www.TenDaysofPrayer.org. If your group is unable to meet during the designated days, choose an alternate 10 days and you will be just as blessed.

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Churchpond 10-year Anniversary

BY D. DWAYNE ADAMS AND PATRICIA J. RAMON

Mathew Thornton (left) poses with Urick LaDonis, Churchpond founder. Thornton, a former Catholic, watched a Revelation seminar preached by Carlton P. Byrd, D.Min., former Atlanta-Berean senior pastor, on Churchpond. He was baptized September 16, 2011, at Atlanta-Berean Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

Ten years ago, an eight-gigabyte hard drive was overdoing it, and most people accessed the Internet using 56k modems. Remember those? Remember using Netscape Navigator to get online? YouTube was still three years down the road, and Twitter and Facebook didn't even exist. An iPhone would have been pure science fiction 10 years ago, and if you mentioned a "tablet," you were referring to the original printing of the Ten Commandments.

And, 10 years ago no one could have imagined that a small upstart called Churchpond would one day bring live Adventist church services and Adventist networks to our computers, cell phones, and televisions. Now celebrating its 10-year anniversary, Churchpond has made the worship experience accessible to students away at college, to hospital patients, convalescent church members, members of the armed services, believers in distant lands, and anyone unable to attend the church of their choice. During the years, many have been baptized after learning about His love and the gift of His salvation by way of the Internet.

Pastors and those on the front

lines of evangelism have seen the Lord use Churchpond to reach people.

James Lamb, Ed.D., South Atlantic Conference education superintendent and communication director, recounts how Churchpond has been a beneficial medium for the Conference, especially during Camp Meetings. Since many constituents are unable to make it to the 10-day event in Orangeburg, South Carolina, the Conference has used Churchpond to take Camp Meeting to them.



Keenan West is the pastor of three South Central Conference churches.

The Conference streamed Sabbath services from Orangeburg directly to various churches, which in turn projected video of the service on large screens. The congregations were then able to receive the sermon and participate with singing, prayer, and offering, as if they were present with the Camp Meeting congregation.

Best of all, when the Camp Meeting speaker made an appeal at the end of the service, attendees at various churches around the world responded to the call.

In the nearby South Central Conference, Keenan West, pastor, has three churches under his leader-

ship. All three of his churches are on Churchpond. Through Churchpond, West is able to preach at one church, and have his other two churches view the services live. West has conducted evangelistic meetings that were broadcast online, and he is encouraged to know that many of his viewers are not Adventist.

None of this was possible 10 years ago. What will the next 10 years bring, if time should last? What



Dacia and Urick LaDonis, Churchpond founders

unimaginable technology will be the new norm for our children? We cannot know, but we do know that God will continue to inspire inventors and innova-

tors to make sure that technology will continue to push this Gospel into all the world, for a witness to all men.

Perhaps we'll check in with Churchpond in 2022 and see what's new! ✨



Called for Cleansing

BY C. RATTLIFF REID

Wash her feet? That's not going to happen!

When did I first hear those unwelcome words? I don't remember but I knew the voice well.

Wash her feet.

Silently, I replied, *That's not going to happen!*

However, whenever I saw her and even when I didn't, those clear, unmistakable words filled my mind: *Wash her feet.*

From the time I was first baptized, I have participated in Communion services and the Ordinance of Humility, foot washing. It is a time of spiritual bonding, and I covet the attendant blessings. But to wash *her* feet? I gladly washed other feet.

How humiliated I felt when I extended my hand as a greeter only to have her, a church officer, creatively avoid me as she entered the church sanctuary. She always spoke to my greeting partner, who noticed the slights from week to week. Did she act that way because of her supposedly high-status day job, her rumored influential connections, or her elegant

home and station in life? Could I have offended her somehow? I didn't see how that could be since we had had no interaction. But, come to think of it, there was that one time...

Play the Song!

I had first visited the church years earlier. Members were personable; I attended regularly. Since I played simple hymns reasonably well, I agreed to help with Sabbath School piano responsibilities. However, knowing my limitations, I stressed one condition: I must receive the song list a week in advance so I could practice.

Several Sabbaths later, I was asked if I would play a particular hymn that would especially fit the superintendent's remarks. I glanced at the song, apologized, and replied that I couldn't.

Plenty of time to practice before the program begins, I was told.

No, I said, I would need longer than that.

This was unacceptable. Song service was soon to begin; yet, there

I stood in the rear of the sanctuary explaining the meaning of No.

Turning smartly on her heels, the insistent woman matter-of-factly beckoned me into a side room. With the hymnal thrust toward me, her icy words continued: "Try it out on that piano."

Distressed and indignant, I declined. My backup, an accomplished pianist, was nearby and I suggested asking her to play; but, no, this would not do. Since I was the scheduled pianist, I was instructed, I was the one who was going to play it!

I left the room. With as much composure as I could muster, I alerted my backup of the need for her services and escaped to my car questioning whether or not I should ever return to that church. How would I be able to avoid that woman? I felt hated.

Tears welled up, blurring my vision, as I began searching for my car keys. Then I heard a different voice. Another member, after overhearing the shocking exchange, was now pleading

quietly with me not to leave. Not long ago, she confided, a similar incident had occurred with someone else who attempted to join their congregation.

Because of her gracious words and manner, I was persuaded to keep listening. Certain the Lord had led me to serve Him in that church, I stayed for years. So did my offender.

The Insistent Voice

Now, many memories later, the words had come: *Wash her feet.*

She ought to wash mine! But during personal devotions, God helped me realize that, notwithstanding my feelings and His sympathy, delay and refusal to obey caused Him sorrow. Rebellious resistance began melting slowly, but I could not summon the needed courage.

Then one Sabbath, I heard the announcement: Communion next week.

As was my custom, I read more and prayed in preparation. Were there apologies to be made, wrongs to be made right? Should I call my antagonist to request the “privilege of serving” her by *washing her feet*? I could not bring myself to do it.

The deaconess, who knew of my struggle, joined me in prayers for courage. Eventually, I called and felt relieved when no one answered.

Lord, this woman will not even speak to me; why would she permit me to touch her, unless she feels I am only good enough to wipe her feet? Surely, she won't dare to touch mine!

I imagined one scenario after another, none of which ended well.

Friday night before the Communion service, I had received no call-back. What relief flooded me! *This was merely a test, like Abraham's, designed to see if I would attempt to obey.* I could relax now, having done my part. As I reached to turn off the light, I heard, *Call her again!* The inaudible command was firm; I called. This time she

answered. The uneasy silence halted my breathing. She consented to my request and hung up. I went to bed but not to peaceful sleep.

Traitor's Feet

Sunshine streamed through picture windows in the church side room, warming the wide circle of chairs. I stood beside one, waiting. Water, recently ladled, barely stirred inside carefully placed basins. Folded towels lay nearby. Women entered, talking quietly, some choosing chairs. Soon, the service would begin. My eyes became riveted on the doorway. She entered,

and, scanning the room, saw me and paused. Would she come? I nodded slightly. She sat down and removed her shoes. No words passed

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between us, no looks.

Oh, Lord, help me, I prayed silently, kneeling as I draped a towel across my knees.

The harmony of a sacred hymn surrounded me. “Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow, now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.” That one always made me smile inside. Odd they should sing it now.

A foot slipped into the enamel basin. I lifted it with both hands and began washing; using gentle motions I had learned at age nine. Warm, cascading water before a thorough drying with a soft, fluffy towel, ending with a light massaging rub...I did not look up, fearing what her facial expression might reveal.

Now the other foot. Dutifully, I performed the task.

Why could you not wash your sister's feet? I washed Judas' feet.

My heart froze. *Did I miss something, Lord?* I kept washing, hiding my increasing uneasiness. He *did* wash Judas' feet — the feet of one who walked by His side yet was no companion; feet that stood with multitudes who listened to His gracious words yet

turned to downward paths; feet that traveled to that last Passover supper yet sped away through dark streets to betray Him. The feet belonging to His traitorous disciple, He, the sinless One had washed!

Here was no Judas. This woman acted honestly — no hypocritical socializing, no feigned pleasantries, no betrayal. Yet, thinking I had forgiven her and wished only to avoid added insult, I had unwittingly passed judgment when I had refused to wash her feet. I had relegated her to the ranks of the lost with nary a prayer. She, I had told my Lord, deserved no considerate regard from me, a sister sinner, blinded by self-concern, too proud to follow the example of my Lord!

Her foot felt dry. Much humbled and with heart aching, I deftly gathered the basin and towel, emptied the used water into a bucket and dropped the towel onto a heap. I would wait — the service was nearly ended — before finding a place to pray and weep unseen.

O Lord, it is I in need of cleansing! Forgive my prideful rebellion. Thank You for showing me...myself.

Women were leaving. A quiet request startled me.

May I serve you?

Consenting, I seated myself and watched her in silence, wondering. No word, no look, only the humble deed of honor, performed by hands not yet clasped in fellowship with mine, made those sacred moments memorable. Afterward, she simply left.

I have since enjoyed fellowship in many culturally diverse churches. Though unwelcome, God's patient, persevering call to participate in that foot washing was His invitation to a deeper soul cleansing I had not realized I needed. Perhaps it was even more.

One Sabbath, before I bid farewell to that church family, a certain sister, responding to my outstretched hand, decidedly held out her own in the briefest touch of a handshake before entering the church sanctuary. Perhaps she also heard His call.

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ACF STUDENTS REBOOT LEADERSHIP

BY MICHAELA LAWRENCE JEFFERY

Adventist Christian Fellowship students came from across the conference to attend a “Leadership Reboot” conference to focus on leadership, challenges, and their love and commitment to God.

Fourteen Adventist Christian Fellowship (ACF) student leaders gathered at Cohutta Springs, October 19, 2012, along with two chaplains and a faculty sponsor. They came from several campuses: East Tennessee State University, Emory University, Georgia State University, Kennesaw State University, University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, and University of West Georgia. These are seven of the 10 campuses on which there’s an active Adventist student presence across Georgia and east Tennessee.

This training has become an annual fall event called “Leadership Reboot,” and provides student leaders with time to focus on their leadership, their challenges, and their love for and commitment to God. ACF’s focus this school year in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference is “What’s Your Story?” Do we care to know others’ stories before we introduce them to Jesus? Do we take the time to listen, not just to what they say, but to the implications of their words? And, how aware are we of our stories and how they impact our relationships?

In an effort to unpack these questions and the voiced concerns of the

students, the weekend focused on the following topics: Listening, Hiding Places, Balancing Ministry & Studies, Interfaith Dialogue, Bible Study, Leadership Transitions, and Outreach. Tom Peterson, Ed.D., assistant professor of cultural and philosophical foundations at the University of West Georgia, led in the session on “Hiding Places,” based on the biblical account of Adam and Eve hiding from God after their sin. He challenged the students to think about what their hiding places are and to be able to honestly answer the question, “Where are you?” Peterson serves as the faculty sponsor for UWG’s ACF chapter, and is deeply committed to helping students discover who they are and grow in their ability to share their real selves with others.

During the weekend, leaders were invited to share a bit about their stories. One of the questions asked was, “What blessing have you found in being part of an ACF chapter?” Here are some of their answers:

“I relish every ACF meeting... because it gives me the opportunity to belong...it has helped me grow spiritually...I’m able to share my faith openly now and I’m more relaxed and calm now than I’ve ever been.” – Oliver

“I’m happier when I’m involved in spreading God’s Word and listening to why others believe what they do.” – Milan

“I’ve developed a better relationship with God as a result of increased witnessing.” – Andrew

Though these blessings are true, it’s easy for the students to feel isolated on their campuses. So, it was invaluable for them to get to know each other and develop a leadership community. Phone numbers and email addresses were swapped. Pictures were taken. Friendships have begun.

Please pray for these leaders and the new ones that join them or succeed them in the years to come. God is already present on these campuses, and our students are faithfully joining His Work.

Adventist Christian Fellowship can be found on public university and other campuses across the United States and around the world. According to Wikipedia, ACF exists “to build Christian fellowship chapters on public campuses that honor God and nurture the spiritual lives of students.”

Michaela Lawrence Jeffery is the Adventist Christian Fellowship chaplain.



Prayer Summit attendees came from eight states and one international country.

Prayer Changes Lives

BY AMY MAPP

Gulf States Conference prayer ministries is growing. The ministry started in 2004 with prayer coordinators directed by Cindi DeWild. In 2005, Amy Mapp became the director. Today, the ministry has a Conference prayer ministries executive team, which consists of co-leaders Amy Mapp and Larry Owens, pastor of the Tuscaloosa, Ala. district. There are also five district coordinators and more than 40 prayer coordinators. The ministry has two daily “virtual worship” teleconferences and a Sunday morning conference call for prayer coordinators.

The team sponsors two prayer conferences each year. Mapp says, “This ministry has become a magnet for prayer requests. We have seen



James and Anne were married and baptized during the Prayer Summit.

many prayer requests answered and lives changed for the better.”

One special couple, James and Lexi, first attended the 2011 prayer conference. They had been invited by Anne Anderson from Dayton, Tennessee. James and Anne had crossed each other’s path as they each were walking. James asked Anne if she had a cigarette to which Anne responded “I don’t have a cigarette but I’ve got something better.” Anne practically adopted them and spiritually nurtured them over many months. They desired to unite their lives in baptism and marriage at the Fall Prayer Summit held in Montgomery, Alabama, on the weekend of September 7-9, 2012. The participants of “virtual worship” sponsored the wedding, the reception, and gifts.

The keynote speaker Dennis Smith, author of *40 Days*, and David Long, Southern Union director of prayer ministries. Representation



Ed Sturges (left) and Norman Connell presented a prayer quilt to Violet Stubbs from the Bahamas to take to her brother who is ill.

were there from the North American Division, the Southern Union, and the Conference. “Steve Norman, Southern Union communication director, made a surprise appearance and blessed us with many photographs,” says Mapp. Contacts for ministry were made with the

hotel staff. Roses were donated from a flower vendor just in time to hand them to the six baptismal candidates. A delegation of eight participants from the Bahamas made an indelible impression on the attendees as they shared their testimonies. Ed Sturges and Norman Connell explained how they sew prayer quilts and give them to people for whom they pray.

The spring 2013 Prayer Conference will feature Bill Liversidge as the keynote speaker. The conference is scheduled for March 8-10, 2013. If you are interested in becoming involved with prayer ministries or would like more information, please contact Amy Mapp at amymapp@bellsouth.net, or go to www.gscsda.org and select prayer ministries. ❁

Florida Hospital Unveils New Vision for Women

Research shows that the lifespan of women is not increasing at the same rate as the lifespan of men. Florida Hospital believes that now is the time to put the focus back on women's health. On September 18, 2012, they announced a renewed commitment to women's services that will span central Florida with three new buildings, additional services, world-class physicians, and an innovative health and wellness platform that will provide women with tools to live longer, healthier lives.

The three new buildings will house comprehensive services for women and expand on services already available at Florida Hospital. The Celebration Health Women's Institute is a four-story, 80,000-square-foot building that will house a variety of women's health services, including breast care, radiation and oncology, and gynecology and obstetrics. The Winter Park Women's Health Pavilion, a two-story building opening in fall of 2013, will be a comprehensive one-stop

that can affect the entire home and family unit," said Marla Silliman, senior vice president of Florida Hospital. "We also know women are extremely busy and are more likely to put their own health concerns on hold. Part of our commitment will include a unique wellness and prevention program, designed just for women."

New mom Sarah Doherty knows from first-hand experience the importance of having access to high-quality medical care, for both her and her new baby.

"As a new mom of a one-month-old daughter, my life has completely changed," said Doherty. "I had a very difficult end to my pregnancy, and spent eight weeks in the high risk OB unit at Florida Hospital on bed rest. The hospital's commitment to treating the health needs of women is of great comfort to me. I know Florida Hospital will be here to care for my daughter throughout her entire life."

Florida Hospital also announced the kick-off of Healthy 100 Women. Florida Hospital is on a journey to inspire the entire Central

Florida community to live to a Healthy 100 years old. Healthy 100 Women will allow women to help shape what services and programs should be included as Florida Hospital embarks on this journey to expand women's health care services.

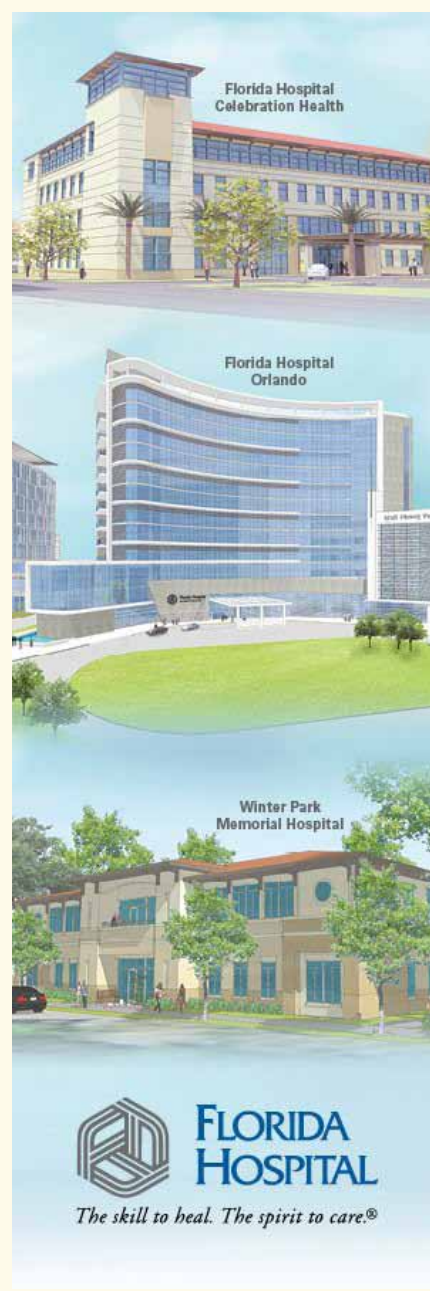
—BY SARA CHANNING



"Florida Hospital has been providing services to women for more than 100 years across our system, and it has always been a part of who we are," said Lars Houmann, president/CEO of Florida Hospital. "But we know we can do more. Now is the time for us to step forward and put the focus on women's health."

boutique center for women's health and wellness, and also offer a variety of medical services. The Florida Hospital Orlando Women's Pavilion will be a 12-story patient tower that will feature more than 300 patient beds when it is complete in 2015.

"Women experience a variety of health challenges



Colorado Board of Nursing Approves Nursing Program in Denver

In October 2012, the Colorado Board of Nursing approved Adventist University's Denver site to begin a Generic Bachelor of Science in Nursing (GBSN) program. The Denver site is located at Porter Adventist Hospital and is an extension of the Orlando campus.

The first students will begin the four-year program in fall 2013.

The approval process took approximately three years of researching, developing curriculum, and altering the program to comply with the regulations of the Colorado Board of Nursing.

All of the nursing professors at the Orlando campus also had to obtain licensure to teach in Colorado.

Up to 24 students will be admitted annually and clinical opportunities will be available for them at the local Adventist hospitals.

"Clinical spots for nursing students are characteristically at a premium nationwide, but our relationship with the Adventist hospitals in Denver has opened these doors for us," said Jan Preston, chair of the Department of Nursing.

Classes there are taught with a two-way video conferencing system that allows for real-time, interactive classroom experience between students and professors in Denver and students and professors in Orlando.

Adventist University opened the Denver site

in 2009 at the request of Adventist Health System's four Denver-area hospitals, which sought qualified, mission-oriented healthcare professionals.

In addition to the new GBSN program, the Denver site already offers accredited sonography and radiography programs, and general education classes from the Orlando campus via video-conferencing.

Ruben Martinez, vice president of operations, said the new program is a great chance for the University to continue expanding. "We are thrilled at the opportunity to extend the reach of our program to the mountains of Colorado."

—BY SARAH CROWDER



Students in Denver participate in the Orlando classes via real-time video conferencing.

Ninety-seven Percent of Working Graduates Experience High Job Meaning

As soon as the patient tripped, a hard fall was inevitable. Her walker was of no help, and for someone already injured, such a fall could be very damaging.

That's where Alisha Clements, graduate from the Occupational Therapy Assistant program, came in. It was in the middle of a therapy session and Clements caught the patient before she fell and hit her head on the wall or floor.

"She said, You saved

me, you're my angel," Clements recalled of the patient's reaction. "It was a really fulfilling experience."

Clements isn't the only graduate of Adventist University of Health Sciences that has experienced this kind of fulfillment in the workplace.

According to PayScale's 2012-13 College Salary Report, 97 percent of Adventist University graduates experience "high job meaning." In other words, 97

percent of Adventist University graduates answered "very much so" or "yes" to the question, "Does your work make the world a better place?"

This is the highest percentage of any of the 1,058 schools in the study, which represents 77 percent of all schools in the U.S. with more than 2,000 students.

Once students become healthcare professionals, they have a daily opportunity to interact with and

help patients. In every class at Adventist University, students learn the responsibility attached to this opportunity, which for many is the difference between just doing a job and truly making an impact.

"In my program the teachers instilled a passion in us," Clements said. "We're there as God's servants to the patients, and we're there to make a difference."

—BY SARAH CROWDER

Asheville Evangelism Results in 17 Baptized



RON QUICK

Baptismal and profession-of-faith candidates read the statement of beliefs at the Hendersonville Church as Ron Clouzet, D.Min., concludes the series there. Hendersonville was one of the sites participating in the area-wide Asheville evangelism this fall.

The North American Division Evangelism Institute (NADEI) just finished an area-wide evangelistic effort in Asheville, N.C., from September 14 to October 13, 2012. This public evangelistic effort involved several area churches and provided many seminary students from Andrews University with an opportunity to preach the Adventist message. One church that participated in this effort was the Mills River, N.C., Church.

The members prayed earnestly that God would send His chosen student to team-preach the series with Mills River pastor Marc Swearingen. As it turned out, NADEI assigned seminarian Matthew Kirk, along with his wife, Mari, to Mills River through the providence of God. The Kirks proved to be the perfect ministry fit.

When the meetings opened on September 14, there was some concern

that the non-member turnout from the community was not as high as anticipated. Yet, pastors Swearingen and Kirk made a firm commitment to preach and let God worry about the results. "God expects His



The Mills River Church had a total of 17 individuals take part in the baptismal service on October 13, 2012.

messengers to preach the Gospel message to whoever attends the meetings, regardless of whether or not they are church members," said Swearingen.

With an attendance of approximately 60 individuals per meeting, God began a powerful spiritual revival

in the Mills River Church. When the subject of baptism was presented on Sabbath morning, October 6, 13 precious souls came forward for baptism and rebaptism. During the next week, four more respond-

ed to the Holy Spirit and decided in favor of baptism as well.

So, on Sabbath afternoon, October 13, a total of 17 individuals took part in the baptismal service — three new church members and 14 recommitments to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Shouts of "amen" and "praise God" resounded through the local church congregation during this inspirational service because of the spiritual revival that could be seen as a result of this evangelistic effort.

"I'm so thankful that God has blessed us with this great harvest," noted Swearingen. "I'm also grateful that Matthew and Mari could experience this successful evangelistic effort. We really prayed that God would give them an exceptional experience so that they would desire to do public evangelism on a consistent basis, no matter where God leads them in their ministry travels."

While souls must be won to Christ through every means possible, this experience shows the importance of encouraging the church members to experience a deep spiritual revival as well.

—BY MARC
SWEARINGEN

Blessings Abound at Eastern Carolina Camp Meeting



BECKY CARPENTER

At just about the end of the season there's another option for those of you who just can't get enough of Camp Meeting (who can?). It's called Eastern Carolina Camp Meeting, and the two events this year took place at the Greenville, N.C., and Summerville, S.C., churches on September 29 and October 6, respectively. These one-day convocations offer a chance for those near the Carolina coast to get in on the fantastic blessings to be had at Camp Meeting.

At each event, individuals came from hundreds of miles to hear the

timely messages. Jim Gilley, president of Three Angels Broadcasting Network, was the featured speaker for both Sabbaths. Carolina Conference President Leslie Louis, as he introduced Gilley during the worship hour, shared how encouraging and supportive his friend had been during a time of insecurity about his decision to come to the Carolinas. He knew he'd been called, but didn't feel adequate for the job. Gilley had prayed for him then, and Louis returned the favor during his introduction. Their petitions for each other, along with the beau-

tiful music, set the tone for the worship hour.

Message of Mercy, an all-female singing group based out of Chattanooga, Tenn., made the trip to the Carolinas for both events as well. Their beautiful voices blended together in perfect harmony. They performed an afternoon concert where they sang many original songs and shared their testimony. You can hear one of the songs they performed on the Carolina Conference Facebook page: www.facebook.com/carolinaconference.

James and Ellen White also came out to these

Camp Meetings. Rita Hoshino portrayed Ellen during a drama presentation at Greenville, and Dennis Farley was presented as James at Summerville Community Church. They each showed the personality and approachability of these two church pillars. It was nice to catch a glimpse of what they may have been like.

What a great way to end the Camp Meeting season in the Carolinas!

—BY BECKY CARPENTER



RICK GARCIA



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Florida Pathfinders Make a Difference

Jacksonville Mandarin Church Pathfinders

Recently, Mandarin Pathfinders helped host an Aloha party for residents of Taylor Manor, an assisted living facility in Jacksonville, Fla. With the activity hall decked in flowers, balloons, and other festive decorations, Pathfinders sang songs, performed the Hukilau — a traditional Hawaiian dance — served beverages, and helped more than 65 residents participate in the event, even though many were using wheelchairs or walkers.

For 15-year-old Jessica Prescott, making people happy was worth the time and effort. “They enjoyed it, and I’d love to do it again,” she said.

This year, Mandarin



ZAILIE GUTIERREZ

“The Pathfinders’ kind natures, talent, and loving spirits impacted the lives of our elders in a beautiful and caring way, and gives us bright hope for the future,” said Kathleen Wilkes-Pierce, activity director/volunteer coordinator for Taylor Manor and Villas, after members of the Jacksonville Mandarin Club helped host an Aloha party for residents.

Pathfinders have adopted the theme, “Making a Difference.” “We want to engage Pathfinders in making a difference in some way on three levels: church, community, and even the global community,” said Betsy Greene, Pathfinder co-director.

Lakeland Spanish Company Pathfinders and Adventurers

An exceptional group of nonAdventist young people are part of a

newly organized Pathfinder and Adventurer Club at Lakeland, Fla., Spanish Company. They are a product of several years of work in the community, and now these young people are ready to go to a new level in their walk with God.

A special Pathfinder Sabbath in October began with the young people leading the children’s 13th Sabbath program.

Volunteers Javier Santiago, Florida Conference Central Area administrator, and Jose Diaz Jr., Central Area Zone B administrator, presented the Pathfinder

and Adventurer program to the church families in the afternoon.

Pathfinders from Sebring Spanish and Leesburg Churches traveled to Lakeland to encourage this new venture. Other Pathfinder personnel attending were Ruben Rodriguez, Central Area Cluster 6 coordinator and Sebring Spanish Pathfinder director; Yolanda Acevedo, North Area Cluster 6 coordinator; Jimmy Mitchell, Brandon Spanish Pathfinder director, and Noemi Mitchell, Brandon Spanish Pathfinder counselor.

—BY DARRIN HAYES AND YOLANDA ACEVEDO



YOLANDA ACEVEDO

The newly organized Pathfinder and Adventurer Club at Lakeland Spanish Company

“Let’s Move” Walk-a-thon Draws 250

On a sunny Florida afternoon in October, approximately 60 joggers and walkers participated in a walk-a-thon to raise awareness for child obesity. Moms pushing strollers, dads walking with their daughters,



LEE BENNETT

Approximately 60 joggers and walkers participated in an afternoon walk-a-thon for child obesity awareness.

and three-generation families walking together were seen sporting yellow wrist bands and yellow balloons as they made their way around the lake at Crane’s Roost Park in Altamonte Springs, Fla.

The walk-a-thon, sponsored by the Florida Conference Health Department,

under the direction of Joe Holloway, also provided entertainment and activities for nearly 250 spectators. The Orlando Junior Academy band presented several musical numbers; a mime was kept busy making balloon animals; and interactive games were coordinated by Rhoda Burrill, Florida Conference children’s ministries director.

—BY GLADYS NEIGEL

Clearwater Church Team Sees 697 Baptized in Philippines

Blas Dabucol of Clearwater, Fla., Church has long aspired and prayed for the opportunity to again minister to his people in the Philippines. Originally a pastor there 15 years ago, he has kept in touch with his congregants and family.

Dabucol spoke with members of Davao Mission located in Davao City in the province of Mindanao, Philippines, about his burden to conduct an evangelistic effort. He also talked to members of the Clearwater Church he attends, and found them open to the idea of raising \$23,000 for such a program. Eventually, \$25,000 was raised. Two church members, Marva Edwards and

Dorothy Ebanks, volunteered to accompany Dabucol and his wife, MaryAnn, to the Philippines.



The Clearwater Church team and Davao Mission leaders prepare to distribute gift bags to those who were baptized. From left: Clearwater Church members Blas and MaryAnn Dabucol, Dorothy Ebanks, and Marva Edwards; Davao Mission leaders Marife Patalingbug, director of shepherding, family ministries, and women's ministries and wife of the Mission president; Laurence Lamera, treasurer; Edwin Magdadaro, executive secretary; and Jerry Patalingbug, president.

After getting word that this evangelism venture was going to be realized, even though the entire amount

of money had not yet been raised, 40 Philippine laymen proceeded in faith.

First, their outreach ministry resulted in 200 baptisms prior to the arrival of the Clearwater team. The people there were very enthusiastic and already had youth and women's ministry meetings in progress throughout the city and outlying areas.

Dabucol preached 13 sermons in the Bisaya language, July 15-28, in addition to speaking at two different churches on the first Sabbath. Buses were provided to bring people who did not have transportation. The meetings were held in the Rizal Memorial College gym, which easily accommodated the nightly attendance of more than

2,000 at each meeting.

Jerry Patalingbug, president of Davao Mission, conducted a health seminar every evening, and literature evangelists distributed pamphlets. The attendees were warm, friendly, and eager to learn about God. MaryAnn Dabucol greeted the visitors in their native language. Edwards and Ebanks processed nightly registrations and distributed prizes to the winners of Bible quizzes. The attendees were very poor, so the prizes of rice, food, and hygiene products were greatly appreciated.

At the conclusion of the meetings, 697 individuals were baptized, while others are planning for baptism later.

—BY JOY HUNTER

Wards Celebrate 70th Anniversary

Earl and Marie Ward recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. Marie grew up on a farm about seven miles from Battle Creek, Mich. Earl, after losing his father at the age of 15, lived with his uncle, Lee Cook, on his farm not far from Marie's home.

Earl and Marie met when her mother sent her to buy eggs from Earl's uncle and suggested she invite Earl for the 4th of July fireworks in a nearby town.



Marie and Earl Ward

They both attended the little church in Bedford where

they were married on September 19, 1942.

Following their wedding and serving in the army for two years, Earl began working as a taxi driver. Then he drove a truck to move mobile homes before he switched to delivering oil and fuel. Marie worked as a secretary and bookkeeper for an architectural firm.

Earl and his aunt and uncle were frequent snowbirds to Florida as he was growing up, as were Marie and her family.

For three winters, Marie's parents worked for John H. Kellogg, M.D., at his winter home in Miami. During this time, she attended Greater Miami Academy and graduated from Forest Lake Academy in Apopka. It is not surprising, therefore, that Earl and Marie decided to retire in Florida and became faithful members at Avon Park Church.

The Wards have five children, nine grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

—BY NAOMI ZALABAK

Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage?

E. E. Cummings understood the power of laughter when he wrote that, “The most wasted of all days is one without laughter.” Per that standard, there were no wasted days at this year’s marriage retreat, held October 26-28, at the WinShape Retreat in Mt. Berry, Ga., where presenters Jorge and Evelyn Torres guided couples through “Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage,” a seminar designed to humorously present biblical insight that helps couples have a happier, more meaningful relationship.

Eighty couples attended the weekend, a record attendance that is almost double what it was in 2005, when the first marriage retreat was held. A wide demographic — from newlyweds to long-time lovers — enjoyed free time to explore Berry College’s idyllic campus, a Sabbath evening concert by weekend music leaders Justin and Michaela Jeffery, and insights by



Marriage retreat presenters Jorge and Evelyn Torres discuss the differences between how men and women think during the Sabbath morning session.

Jorge and Evelyn Torres in four sessions.

“I’m loving it!” said Peggy Collum. Collum and her husband, Wendell, attend the Vise Grove Mission Group in Heflin, Ala. They’ve been married 41 years and are still learning, she said. Evelyn Torres brought up the differences between how male and female brains are wired. “I think that is so true. We forget that they don’t think like us.” She said setting

the time apart to spend a weekend at a retreat such as this one “makes you take a look at your marriage and helps you see that you can do something to improve it.”

Jorge Torres is a Seventh-day Adventist pastor currently serving as the 1st Battalion 19th Infantry regimental chaplain in Fort Benning, Ga. The Torreses have spent many years ministering to military couples. This year’s retreat

was their first time addressing a church group, but the pair is passionate about helping couples from all backgrounds have strong, healthy marriages.

“Every couple needs to learn something about marriage,” Evelyn Torres said. “In this culture, they tell you that you get married and it’s a chore. Marriage is not supposed to be

a chore — yes, you’re going to have conflict, but you’re supposed to work through those conflicts and enjoy it. Marriage is supposed to be the closest thing to Heaven on Earth.”

The Torreses acknowledged that a key

component to experiencing that kind of marital bliss is physical intimacy. Using the Song of Solomon as a textbook of sorts, they emphasized this important and beautiful component of a husband and wife’s relationship, reiterating that even those in the Church should feel comfortable addressing the issue in the context of what God intended it to be, and calling parents to not shy away from talking to their children about sex. After all, they’re going to learn about it from somewhere; the best source is a godly mother and father.

For Christian couples, particularly those who are parents, listening to God’s voice — and not the clamor of a decrepit culture — is crucial to their own happiness and to the example they set.

—BY BRITNI BRANNON



AAA Students Learn Through Service

Service is a principal tenet of Atlanta Adventist Academy's (AAA) mission statement, "To honor God by preparing young people for a life of excellence and service in this world and in the world to come."

Students are sent into their communities to perform a minimum of 15 service-learning hours per year to graduate. And with 11 campuses in three states, the communities covered by this service are vast, even extending out of the country.

Most students voluntarily do more than the required hours. Eight of the 2012 senior class received the Distinguished Service



AAA students drop off the first set of supplies in a year-long campaign to support a community of Seventh-day Adventist refugees in Clarkston, Ga. Please check aaa.edu for information on how to help.

Medal, signifying more than 200 hours of service.

Isaac Morenings attends the Tri-City, Tenn., campus and has performed hundreds of hours as a volunteer fire fighter at the Abingdon Fire Department.

"The greatest lesson

I have learned is to put others above yourself, and that everyone, no matter how different they are, can come together and become brothers," he said. Morenings plans to continue volunteering until he is able to work full-time in

the field.

Many students use the opportunity to test future careers. Johnathan Ward in Duluth, Ga., works with cancer patients at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta in hopes of becoming a pediatrician. He said the children taught him about overcoming adversity as they smiled through their treatments. "I learned that volunteering is the best way to make people happy."

Eric Stubbert, AAA chaplain, coordinates the Service Learning program. "We hope that service becomes a part of who our students are — that they will desire to help others."

—BY ALYSA DARMODY

Ooltewah Adventurers Visit Gee Creek

The Ooltewah Tenn., Adventurers, along with the Ooltewah Timberwolves Pathfinder Club, had a fun-filled time camping with their parents, September 14-16, 2012, at the base of Starr Mountain in the Cherokee National Forest in Tennessee.

The campout began with the campers helping set up their tents and learning the basics of camping. They enjoyed a wonderful meal and brought in the Sabbath with singing and worship around the campfire.

Sabbath morning after breakfast the group had fun hiking and learning

about God's creation on the way to Gee Creek Falls. The water was cold, but it sure felt good to warm feet after a long walk. The Adventurers also had fun learning about lizards, and painting pictures of the lizards on rocks. Throughout the day, the campers earned awards in camping, hiking, lizards, habitat, and fire safety. The Chattanooga



SHANNON AND JANE' CANTRELL

The Ooltewah Adventurer Club paints lizards on rocks as part of their first campout with the Ooltewah Timberwolves Pathfinder Club. The Adventurers earned awards in camping, biking, lizards, habitat, and fire safety.

First Church Pathfinders joined the fun as the Ooltewah Pathfinder Club provided a Spirit-filled worship service to end the Sabbath.

The campers enjoyed smores around the campfire, and sang camp songs until it was time for bed. Sunday morning, after breakfast, it was time to break camp and head home.

This was the Ooltewah Adventurers first campout with the Pathfinders, and it was a huge success.

—BY SHANNON AND JANE' CANTRELL

Church Sponsors Firehouse Run on “Let’s Move Day”

The Phenix City, Ala., Church celebrated the North American Division’s “Let’s Move Day” by organizing a Firehouse 5K Run with proceeds going to benefit the local volunteer fire department.



The fire department brought a fire truck and supplied water and food.

Early on October 24, volunteers, including some firefighters and their families, and the local Pathfinder Club, arrived before sunrise to prepare for the race. With the aid of a lantern, tables for registration, water, and the trophies

were setup. The trail was checked and marked. The start and finish lines were set. Cones and “direction givers” were in place. Everything was ready as runners and walkers began to arrive. Participants included the fire chief and

his firefighter wife with most of their family, the assistant fire chief, and one firefighter couple dressed in their firefighter gear. Local media agencies had been contacted. The main paper for the region sent out a photographer to capture the

event, which was on the front page of the newspaper the following day.

This community event began as a result of the Phenix City Church “adopting” the local volunteer fire department as one of their

special interests. To raise money for the fire department, they decided to have the Firehouse Run. Lee Whitman, pastor, is a runner and also serves as chaplain for the fire department. The church sponsored the event, purchased trophies and ribbons, and hired a local race company to keep time for the runners. In the end, all but just a few of the participants either received trophies or ribbons (including the youngest and oldest runners), and the fire department received more than \$500. The event was so successful that, before the leaders left that morning, plans were put in place for another run next year.

—BY LEE WHITMAN

Santinis Celebrate 70 Years of Marriage

Bob and Dottie Santini celebrated 70 years of married life on September 20, 2012. Bob and Dottie met in 1937 at the Anoka Camp Meeting, in Anoka, Minn., when Bob and his brother helped Dottie and her best friend up a wet grassy hill following an early morning baptism in the lake. They began corresponding and visiting when possible, eventually marrying in 1942 in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Only a week after they were married, Bob was off to serve his country for four years as an Army nurse. During this

time, Dottie continued her nursing career in Chattanooga. With a mutual desire to serve where God led, after Bob’s discharge they accepted a call to serve as nurses at the Ile Ife Adventist Mission Hospital in Nigeria, West Africa.

After six years of ser-



Bob and Dottie Santini

vice in the mission field, they accepted a joint call from The Layman Foundation to work as administrator and director of nurses at Pine Hill Sanitarium in Birmingham, Ala. They served at this post for 30 years, retiring in 1984. Even in retirement they continued to serve in their church and community. They have two children, two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

—BY JUDY KENDRICK

Cycles for Christ Members Ride Together

On the evening of October 20, 2012, bikers from around the Conference began arriving at Camp Alamilco for the first annual Cycles for Christ autumn motorcycle ride. As they arrived each participant was given a shirt with “Cycles for Christ — A Gulf States Conference Christian Motorcycle Association” written across



Mike VanBeauKering and friends get ready for the first group ride of the Cycles for Christ Organization.

the front. The purpose of the Association is to pro-

vide Christian fellowship to bikers within the Conference and to be a witness to others. Cycles for Christ is the brainchild of James Magnum, Conference youth director, and Mel Eisele, Conference president.

On Sunday morning after worship given by Eisele, 21 participants on 16 bikes began the 90-mile ride to Cheaha Mountain State Park. Cool, crisp weather, beautiful fall colors, and spectacular scenery as they traveled to the park and up the mountain (the highest

point in Alabama) added to the enjoyment of the trip.

With several stops to rest and get gas, the group had an opportunity to witness to other riders around the area. Many people were curious to see such a large group of riders, making it possible to explain the logo.

The first meeting was so successful that the Conference is organizing a spring ride for April 14, 2013, and a fall ride for October 13, 2013.

—BY CINITA WOODS AND REBECCA GRICE

Literature Evangelists Work Together in Montgomery

Literature evangelists (LE's) from around the Conference gathered in Montgomery, Ala., for a group canvass from Monday, October 19, through Thursday, October 22, 2012.

Each morning the LEs gathered at the Conference office for worship with the office staff, and to share the exciting experiences they were having every day. A different Conference leader led the worship each morning. Those who gave the worship were Mel Eisele, president; Arturo Ledezma, treasurer; Nilton Garcia, Hispanic ministries director, and Rick Hutchinson, trust services director.

David Sigamani, publishing director, set

the bar high as he challenged the workers to reach for the sky. Keith Reid, Southern Union assistant publishing director, came to encourage and work with the literature evangelists.

At the end of four days, 92 individuals were registered for Bible studies, more than 200 pieces of religious and health literature were distributed, and 86 canvasses were conducted.

Sigamani says, “The



These literature evangelists and their leaders worked together for a week in Montgomery, Ala.

week ended with the Gulf States LE's inspired with a reinvigorated zeal and drive to do the Lord's Work.” Although the week

ended, the Spirit moves on as plans are made to go into Mobile, Ala., and Jackson, Miss.

—BY REBECCA GRICE

Conference Holds First Men's Ministries Retreat

On the surface the group of men driving down the long, primitive road into Indian Creek Camp on the afternoon of Friday, October 19, 2012, appeared to be a very diverse crowd. They arrived by car, truck, and motorcycle – some individually and many carpooling in groups. They came from a wide variety of ethnic backgrounds, represented more than a dozen churches in three states, and ranged in age from early 20's all the way up to mid-70's. They included pastors, elders, and laymen from a broad spectrum of professions from tradesmen to physicians. But, if you took a moment to look beneath the surface, it was quickly apparent that these 70 men had far more in common than superficial differences might lead one to expect. Each one shared a desire to be a better Christian man, to be a strong Christian husband or father, and a willingness to participate in an experiment – the first men's ministries retreat in Kentucky-Tennessee history.

For many years the women of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference have been blessed by an active Women's Ministries Department, including an exceptional annual retreat that has become a model for other conferences through-

out the North American Division. Matt Demaree, whose wife, Christa, works in the Women's Ministries Department, had the opportunity to observe the women's ministries retreat first hand, and had become convicted both from his own experience and from observing other men in the Church that the retreat could benefit from a similar event specifically tailored to men. When Demaree approached the Conference leadership with the suggestion, it was met with an enthusiastic response – and a suggestion that Demaree himself should lead out in the planning.

Demaree's career as a nurse anesthetist hadn't exactly prepared him for planning a men's retreat



The men's retreat was attended by a diverse group.

from the ground up. But, after prayerful consideration, he agreed to take on the task. He assembled a planning committee of volunteers from area churches. At the first meeting they chose "Walk the Line" as their theme, and for inspiration, these words from Micah 6:8: "He has shown

you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."

The Women's Ministries Department provided valuable advice and logistical support, not least of which were the homemade sweet rolls and other treats the men enjoyed during their planning sessions.

The planning committee continued to meet regularly, and agreed to daily lift up in prayer both the retreat as a whole and committee members individually. Of course there were a few small bumps along the way, but the details quickly began to fall into place. Michael Christian,

Ph.D., a prominent Nashville area counselor and therapist, accepted the role of keynote speaker. He provided thoughts on "Biblical Manhood," "Talking to Children About Sex," and "Sexual Integrity and Intimacy in Marriage." These were heavy topics, so "Da Guyz," a group from the



The men enjoyed some laughs.

Madison Campus Church, presented a humorous skit as an icebreaker prior to each discussion. In addition, Larry Wilkerson from Crown Financial Ministries gave a presentation on principles of Christian stewardship and financial management while longtime Kentucky-Tennessee pastor Fred Calkins gave a series of powerful worship thoughts on brothers in the Bible. And of course, there was time for recreation as well, with table games and basketball on Saturday night, and a paintball game on Sunday.

The retreat was a definite blessing to its participants, and when the men went their separate ways on Sunday, they took with them new friendships, a renewed commitment to be strong Christian men, and a strengthened relationship with the heavenly Father. With the Lord's blessing, a strong foundation has been laid for the future that they may continue to uplift and support the men in the Conference as they "Walk the Line."

—BY AARON RAINES

Academy Students Live the Legacy

Twenty-four years ago, pastors Don Keele and Alan Craig began a ministry in the Appalachian Mountains. They wanted to serve the people in eastern Kentucky by fixing their broken homes, and along the way, mend a few broken hearts. They decided



Madison Academy students: Emmanuel Smith, freshman, and Ella Snider, junior

that they would do this with unskilled, untrained teenagers. Training would take place on the jobsite. Whether it was putting in a new bathroom, repairing a crumbled wall, or adding a wheelchair ramp, students needed to learn the skills quickly and get the job completed in just a few short days.

Students from Madison Academy (MA), along with Georgia-Cumberland Academy, partnered to touch lives in and around Liberty, Ky. A total of 51 students and 24 adults spent five days in October working long days and sleeping on gym floors. The students from MA gave up their fall break to go on a working mission trip.

All seven of the projects selected this year needed to be completed in just three days. Hard work and long days were a must if each project was to be successfully completed.

Students were divided into groups with one or two adults who “knew their way around the job site.” One group tore off rotten siding and replaced it with new siding, painted the entire exterior of the house, and added

a deck. Other groups at four different job sites added a porch roof, and resealed the roof over the house; power washed a house, added steps and railing to the exterior doors, and painted; gutted a bathroom and a kitchen, retiled the floor and installed the bathroom fixtures, hung brand new cabinets in the

kitchen, and painted the porch outside; filled an entire “roll off” dumpster with trash and debris from one woman’s yard; and hung sheetrock in the entire classroom wing of a local church.

Students come back from this trip changed. They saw a side of the world, country, and neighbors they had never seen before. Corrina Burks, a freshman at MA, struggled with the decision to attend this trip. She says, “Before I went on Appalachia Outreach, I was debating on whether it would be as much fun as everyone was making

it out to be. I was expecting the homeowners to be rude, living in nasty shacks, and showing no appreciation for what we were going to do for them. But, I was pleasantly surprised when they were extremely appreciative for the work we were able to do for them. I realized they were people who had needs, and I was someone who could help meet those needs. I just wish I could have stayed longer and done more.”

Ronnie Forte, MA freshman said, “The experience was great! I was really blessed! The worships were inspiring, and I came back with memories that will last a

from the students.

The theme for the trip this year was “Living the Legacy.” The theme was chosen for a number of reasons. First, they wanted to remember what the volunteers from the past 24 years had done, and they wanted to carry that same “legacy” on. Secondly, they wanted to honor Alan Craig and the legacy he left after he passed earlier this year. This trip would not have continued for 24 years had it not been for all the sacrifices and love shown by “Uncle” Alan. Thirdly, they wanted the students to know that they are the legacy, not only for the few days in Appalachia, but also in every aspect of their lives. They are



Appalachia Outreach worship



Building framework

lifetime. It was truly a heart-warming trip!”

Imagine a young person spending their school break working and serving others and coming away changed. Appalachia Outreach is truly a blessing. In fact, if you ask Keele why this trip was started, he will tell you it was not for the people in Appalachia, at least that was not the main focus. The main reason was for the students and the people of Appalachia to get the benefits of the ministry

living a legacy for Christ each day.

For more information on how to get involved with future trips, contact Greg Hudson, chaplain at Georgia-Cumberland Academy, or Andrew Jamieson, chaplain at Madison Academy.

—BY ANDREW JAMIESON

Atlanta-Berean Chariots Honor Founder, First Director

Atlanta-Berean Chariots Adventurer Club in Atlanta, Ga., honored its founder and first director, Master Guide Wilma Bryant, as part of their Adventurer Day celebration. Bryant started the club 25 years ago, in 1987, to entertain the younger siblings of the Pathfinders. In 1989, she attended a pilot program put on by the North American Division. Shortly thereafter, Chariots was chosen as the club's name. The Chariots became an official auxiliary of Atlanta-Berean in 1994. Bryant was the club's first director and continues to be involved. She currently serves as the Little Lambs counselor.

to the congregation the establishment of the "Wilma J. Bryant Legacy Award" in her honor. Cort presented her with the first patch, commemorating the award, to be worn on her sash. She was then presented with a plaque (an exact replica of the patch). It read: "In recognition of 25 years of dedicated service to the Atlanta-Berean Chariots Ad-



Wilma Bryant, flanked by Fredrick A. Russell, Atlanta-Berean senior pastor; family; and Samuel Cort Jr., M.D., Adventurers director.



Fredrick A. Russell (left), Atlanta-Berean senior pastor, looks on as Samuel Cort Jr., M.D., Adventurers director, presents the first Wilma J. Bryant Legacy Award to Wilma Bryant.

On August 25, 2012, current director Samuel Cort Jr., M.D., gave a brief synopsis on the origin of the club. He announced

venturer Club, 8/25/2012; Samuel F. Cort, Jr. MD, director; Fredrick A. Russell, Sr. Pastor."

Fredrick A. Russell,

Atlanta-Berean senior pastor, presented Bryant with a proclamation from the city of Atlanta commemorating the day. The best part of the presentation was yet to come. As Russell read the proclamation, her four daughters, two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild quietly assembled behind her. What a joyous sight it was as Russell announced their arrival. The look on her face was priceless. This was the first time all of her children had attended Atlanta-Berean together in a long time. It was a very touching moment, one that

will not soon be forgotten. The family presented her with hugs and a bouquet of yellow — her favorite color — flowers.



The club announced the criteria for the award at their induction service on October 20. The first recipients of the Wilma J. Bryant Legacy Award were Taylor Cort, Caleb-Jeremiah French, and Amoni White.

—BY SAMUEL F. CORT JR., M.D.

Praise Tabernacle Celebrates Annual Women's Ministries Weekend

Praise Tabernacle Church in Whiteville, N.C., celebrated their annual women's ministries weekend with representatives from Smokey Mount, N.C., to Columbia, S.C.

The Friday night Agape Feast started the weekend with Cheryl Sparks, speaker, from Ephesus Church in Wilmington, N.C. The inspirational message of sharing the "Oil and Wine" of service to others was confirmed by special music sung by Doris St. Juste, amazingly titled the same. Fellowship across religious boundaries was also obtained as community guests from the local Baptist church were also in attendance.

Sabbath School services the next day included a skit by the young women of Praise Tabernacle, highlighting Miriam, Esther, Deborah, Ruth, Mary, and Martha of biblical fame, and their suggestion of how to evangelize. The Sabbath School lesson was taught by enthusiastic women representatives from Abney Chapel, Fayetteville, N.C., and Ephesus Church, Wilmington, N.C.

Participants in the divine service were women ministries leaders at their churches. Sheila Mitis, Praise Tabernacle's leader and coordinator of the weekend, expressed her thanks to all the women in attendance, which proved

to be the largest Women's Day event at Praise Tabernacle. Marla Lee of Praise Tabernacle was presented the Virtuous Woman Award for her exemplary Christian example. She is a former nurse and served as head usher, as well as provided housing for those who needed it.

The divine worship speaker, Deborah Harris, Ph.D., of Atlanta, Ga., blessed the congregation with a Spirit-filled sermon about "Women on the Move." She requested prayer and support for her family-owned charity, "Praying for the Children." Not only does the charity help families with children in distress, but it provides

camping opportunities and counseling to mend these families together.

After service, the men of Praise Tabernacle served lunch, and it was greatly appreciated. Following the meal, an evening concert was held featuring local talent such as Randy Ward, Men of Honor, Essence of Grace, and Silent Voices.

To culminate the weekend, Patricia Davis, first lady of Praise Tabernacle, treated the women to a "Ladies Night Out," which included games and tasty treats.

—BY CHARLOTTE VERRETT, M.D.

Bethany Christian Academy Holds Olympic Competition

Beginning with the opening ceremony, which included the National Anthem, the kindergarten class at Bethany Christian Academy in Macon, Ga., participated in an Olympic competition. Grades 1-2 were invited as guests to take part in this activity. Each athlete took an oath to "follow the rules, be fair, and play for fun."

The students participated in eight



Emory Holness, kindergartener, wins the gold.

different games. The games were used as a teaching tool for a reading lesson on the Olympics in the new Stepping Stones Curriculum. The lesson story, "Winners Never Quit," was about Mia Hamm, a professional soccer player who made it to the Olympics.

At the end of the competi-

tion, a closing ceremony was held where the winners were announced, and each student received a certificate for their participation. In addition to the games, the students learned about the Olympic Flag, its colors, and what they represent.

The students left the games knowing how to exhibit good sportsmanship, work as a team, and never give up!

—BY STEPHANIE JOHNSON

Auburn-Opelika Hold Community Service Project

Auburn-Opelika, Ala., Korean Church is a group that was started in 2012 with a Vacation Bible School (VBS) led by 13 young adults from Washington-Spen-

cerville Korean Church, and Yang Unjong, pastor, from July 8 to 14. About 25 children, who attended the VBS, were not Adventists, but they participated in the events and had a special time of learning about Jesus. On the Sabbath, most of their parents came to church to see their children during a presentation. Some of the parents donated snacks for the children, and expressed thanks to the teachers who made the VBS possible.



The children sang and presented a program for the parents.

While the VBS was going on, the South Central Conference donated 200 backpacks and school supplies for those who needed them in the community. Outreach Church members in Opelika, Ala., and volunteers from Montgomery and Birmingham, helped with this ministry event. Also, an anonymous member donated 500 hot dogs to share with the community. It was special because the VBS children and their parents also participated.

Auburn-Opelika members also operated a social welfare seminar — a healthy cooking class and a golf class — which went very well. On Sabbath afternoon, a free healthcare clinic for the Koreans was held. This was made possible by

several doctors from Atlanta: Kang Young Won, M.D.; Lee Pyung Jong,

D.D.S.; Jung Young Shin, O.M.; John Jung, M.D., and Wanbae Ju, D.C.M. Several nurses came to help, Soonim Eim, and Okjoo Choi.

The events were published in the local community newspaper. A close relationship with some who are not Adventists was started, and now plans are in motion to start a Pathfinder club and youth ministries. The members really want to spread the love of Jesus and His Gospel in the Auburn area. Please remember this group in prayer.

—BY GITACK JU



About 25 children from the community attended Vacation Bible School.



Two hundred backpacks were donated with school supplies and food for those in the community who needed them.



The children participated enthusiastically in the events, and had a special time of learning about Jesus.



Outreach Church members in Opelika, Ala., and volunteers from Montgomery and Birmingham assisted.

Community Garden Produce Shared With Terry, Mississippi, Residents

CEO/Founder Deborah Gant, of the Focus on Natural Health Education (FONHE) & Community Development, Inc., non-profit organization, shared bowls of fresh okra and cucumbers she picked from the community garden for those in need. Josephine Buckner and Johnny Stringer of Terry, Miss., were pleasantly sur-

prised when Gant hand-delivered the fresh-picked vegetables to them. Gant stated that she has known Buckner for several years and recently met Stringer; however, she knew his niece, Doris Stringer, for almost 20 years.

Gant, along with Skiffer Education Center of D'Lo, Miss. (students and Ernestine Skiffer, princi-

pal), Nancy Lott of D'Lo, and Danielle Sanders of Jackson, Miss., started the fall community garden which includes turnips, mustard, collard greens, kale, and spinach. They planted six rows of greens on September 20, and the greens sprouted on September 24. After replanting the sprouts, there were 23 rows of green vegetables

to share with those in need. It is their goal to provide free, fresh vegetables to 30 families. They are in need of volunteer assistance for the upkeep of the garden; as well as garden hoes, water hoses, and new or used garden tillers. Visit the website at www.fonhe.org.

—BY DEBORAH GANT



Johnny Stringer receives cucumbers and okra from Deborah Gant of FONHE-Community Garden.



Josephine Buckner received cucumbers and okra from the FONHE Community Garden.



Principal Ernestine Skiffer demonstrates to the students how to plant rape greens.

Brookes Celebrate 65 Years of Marriage

Magazine Street Church members in Louisville, Ky., and family and friends, shared the joy and blessing of the 65th wedding anniversary for Van and Elvira Brooks on September 26, 2012. God blessed



Van and Elvira Brooks celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in September.

them with eight sons, 13 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

The Brooks' have rendered more than 35 years of dedicated service to Magazine Church by helping and serving in various

ways, including deacon board, community services, church basketball coach, Dorcas Society, Adventist men ministries, and outreach to the needy.

According to Van Brooks, "These 65 years have been wonderful with my beautiful wife. We have faced some hard times over the years, but the good days outnumbered the bad, and we are thankful for the time God has allowed us to share together."

Elvira Brooks explains, "Our days together have

been blessed because we trust and love each other, and we have faith in God."

As members of Magazine Street, they consistently serve as role models to singles contemplating marriage, and married couples as they display how to maintain a healthy marriage relationship through God. The couple looks forward to sharing their 66th anniversary with friends and family next year.

—BY DIANA WASHINGTON-KENSLER

Southeastern Pathfinders Participate in Union Camporee

During the week of October 10–13, 2012, 647 Pathfinders representing 28 clubs from Southeastern attended the sixth Southern Union Pathfinder Camporee. More than 6,000 Pathfinders throughout the Southern Union attended the Camporee held at Camp Kulaqua in High Springs, Fla.

Southeastern Pathfinders were honored to participate in the opening services of the Camporee. The highlight of the opening service was the awesome rendition of the National Anthem that was performed by Sherice Bailey, a member of the New Hope Pathfinders Club.

During the opening



Ivan Sanky and Lil Henderson present Allan Williamson with a flag that was flying above the Florida State Capitol building during the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, on behalf of the Southeastern Conference for his years of service.

service, Allan Williamson, Southern Union youth director, announced that he was retiring after 26 years of service as youth director. Williamson introduced the new youth director, Ken Rogers, to the Pathfinders. Rogers will officially begin serving as the Southern Union youth director on January 1, 2013.

Dean Davis, mayor of High Springs, Fla., welcomed the Pathfinders to High Springs during the opening service. He commented that during the Camporee the population of High Springs, which is approximately 5,350, doubled in size due to the presence of the Pathfinders.

Approximately 27 honors were taught during the Camporee. Nine of the honors were taught by Master Guides from the Southeastern Conference. Honors that Southeastern taught were Edible Plants 1 & 2, Knot Tying, Orienteering, Stars, Model Rockery, Rocks and Minerals, African-American Adventist Heritage, African Lore, and

Hurricanes.

During the event, several activities were conducted, including a drum corps competition. The combined clubs of Shiloh Church Pathfinders, Ocala, Fla., and North Orlando Church Pathfinders, Orlando, Fla., won first place in the varsity category. Maranatha Pathfinder Drum Corps from Tallahassee, Fla., placed second in the junior varsity drum category.

During closing ceremonies, Ivan Sanky, president of the Southeastern Conference Pathfinder Federation Council, presented Williamson with a flag that was flying above the Florida State Capitol building during the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, on behalf of the Southeastern Conference for his years of service.

—BY ROBERT HENLEY

Perrine Members Conduct Evangelistic Crusade

In keeping with the evangelistic vision of the Southeastern Conference, the Women's Ministries Department of Perrine, Fla., Church held an eight-day crusade from August 29 to September 8, 2012. The meetings were held each evening except Thursdays.

The featured speaker was Nicolle Brise, Southeastern women's ministries director. The eight-day journey was a spiritual,

energizing, and uplifting experience. Weeks before the meetings began, the women's ministries leader, Giselle Holness, M.D., and her team, held several planning sessions to prepare for the event. The entire church — men, women, boys, and girls — was involved in this effort.

In preparation for the meeting, the members went into the surrounding neighborhoods distributing



Nicolle Brise, Southeastern women's ministries director, served as the evangelist for the Perrine crusade.

flyers and inviting friends and neighbors to attend. At the end of the meetings, five precious souls were baptized.

—BY MILLICENT TAYLOR

Milton Sterling, D.Min., Passes at 65

Milton Sterling, 65, ministerial director for the Southeastern Conference, died October 11, 2012, at Florida Hospital Altamonte Springs.

Sterling's 35 years of service to Christ began when he was hired in 1977 by the South Atlantic Conference to serve as a minister. During that time, he pastored eight churches and planted four. In 1981, Sterling was ordained to the Gospel ministry.

His pursuit of higher education began at West Indies College in Jamaica, and he continued his studies at Brooklyn College in New York, in the field of psychology.

While working as a family counselor in New York City, Sterling was called by God into the Gospel ministry. In 1977, he earned a bachelor of arts degree in theology from Oakwood University. In 1978, he received a master of arts degree in religious studies from Andrews University. In 1981, he earned a doctorate degree in ministry from Gulf Coast Seminary.

In 2008, Sterling became the first ministerial director for Southeastern. In



May of 2012, Sterling was appointed to serve for a second term.

As ministerial director, Sterling was the pastor's pastor. During his tenure, he

sought to assist the pastor in every area of ministry. To that end, he implemented a pastors and wives retreat, and encouraged every pastor to pursue advanced degrees in ministry.

It was his dream for every pastor in Southeastern to visit the seven New Testament churches. He felt that experience would

change the pastors and enhance their ministry. He also oversaw the ministry of elders, deacons, and deaconesses, and implemented annual workshops for them.

Sterling is survived by his beloved wife of 41 years, Beverly; two adult sons: Milton II and his wife, Kyna, and Wesley; two grandchildren, Kaili and Mallori; and a host of brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Sterling is the third individual to pass while serving as a ministries director in the 31-year history of Southeastern Conference.

—BY ROBERT HENLEY

DOZJA Students Meet With Barack Obama

On October 23, 2012, the students of Daughter of Zion Junior Academy (DOZJA), Delray Beach, Fla., met with President Barack Obama while he was



President Barack Obama speaks to the students about the importance of education.

campaigning for the 2012 presidential race. The event was held at the Delray Beach Civic Center and Tennis Stadium Complex, which is one block away from DOZJA.

Shortly before the event, the school staff received word that the President's motorcade was scheduled to pass by Daughter of Zion Church, which is adjacent to the

school. The staff gathered the students and stood anxiously along the edge of the church's property awaiting the President's motorcade.

As the President's car passed, the student's voices were lifted with the gathering crowd as they chanted, "Obama! Obama!, Obama! ..." Obama waved at the students. The students were gleeful with affirmation that they saw the President of the United States. With that, the pre-school through 3rd grade returned to the school, while grades 4 through 8 sought to secure a spot near

the Tennis Stadium to listen to the President's speech.

During the event, a presidential aide came to the school and informed the staff that Obama

requested to meet with the students after the event. Staff members ran through the hall screaming and shouting. Radio communication began to buzz, "The President wants to meet us!" Soon DOZJA's

parade of green, blue, and maroon uniforms began snaking their way to the Delray Beach City Hall

Civic Center.

The students were honored to meet, greet, touch, take pictures of, and simply embrace the President.



Students from the Daughter of Zion Junior Academy, Delray Beach, Fla., were invited to meet with President Barack Obama.

"The look on every one of our students' faces was priceless," said one faculty member. "The President truly demonstrated a love for children and a genuine interest in DOZJA." The students received a personal, motivational speech, autographed placards, and other memorabilia.

—BY KAREN JONES

Oakwood University Hosts Inaugural Islamic Lecture

Lessons for contemporary life can be learned from the lives of the prophets, Zainab Alwani, professor of Islamic Studies at Howard University School of Divinity in Washington, D.C., told those attending the premiere Ahl al-Kitab Lecture at Oakwood University.

“The prophet is a role model through submission to God,” Alwani said in the lecture that looked at aspects of what the Quran says about Abraham, Moses, Joseph, and Solomon. “Their experiences reveal social, political, and economic reforms that benefit humanity, not themselves.”

The series, organized by the Center for Adventist-Muslim Relations at Oakwood University, will bring an eminent scholar of the Bible or the Quran to campus to lecture annually on themes in common among the Scriptures revered by Jews, Christians, and Muslims. “Ahl al-Kitab,” meaning “People of the Book” in Arabic, is the phrase used by the Muslim prophet, Muhammad, to refer jointly to Jews, Christians, and Muslims in recognition of the beliefs held in common among the three faiths.

Alwani is also one of two women on the 18-member Fiqh Coun-



KAY CAMPBELL

Zainab Alwani, professor of Islamic studies at Howard University's School of Divinity in Washington, D.C., delivers the inaugural Ahl al-Kitab Lecture for the Center for Adventist-Muslim Relations at Oakwood University on Thursday, October 11, 2012. Heidi Gutschuss (seated, left), former director of Adventist-Muslim Relations for the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, who was one of the respondents to the lecture, is seated by Imam Waliyyuddin Beyab of Masjid Al-Warithdeen in Huntsville.

cil of North America, the panel of Islamic religious legal scholars who adjudicate questions of religious practice. The Council issued a fatwa, an official statement, condemning the near-fatal shooting by a radical group in Pakistan of a 14-year-old girl who is an activist for the education of girls.

“The lives of the prophets give an example of struggle

against tyranny and injustice,” she said.

While Moses is widely recognized for his leadership against the tyranny and injustice of the pharaoh, Moses’ example also shows how God used female initiative and leadership to provide a model for gender relations.

“God provided much to balance human relations,” said Alwani, who is also director of Karamah, an organization of Muslim women lawyers for human rights, and who has written on the Quran and gender relations.

“The life of Moses highlights female agency and

initiative, showing us that men and women in relationship are to be as garments for each other, covering the other’s imperfections,” she said.

In the life of Joseph, the Quran shows how he was an agent

for economic reform, “a prophet who asks no reward,” Alwani said. In the life and example of Solomon, the Quran shows political reform, the wielding of power with responsibility.

Respondents to Al-



KAY CAMPBELL

Keith Augustus Burton, Ph.D., director of the Center for Adventist-Muslim Relations at Oakwood University, stands with Zainab Alwani, prior to the inaugural Ahl al-Kitab Lecture at Oakwood, which Alwani delivered Thursday, October 11, 2012.

wani’s lecture, which was held in the auditorium of the Bradford-Cleveland-Brooks Leadership Center at Oakwood, included Tarsee Li, professor of Hebrew Bible at Oakwood, local Muslim leaders Mohamed Seif and Aladin Beshir, and Heidi Gutschuss, immediate past director of the Adventist-Muslim Relations for the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists.

Gutschuss thanked Alwani for her thought-provoking study. She said she has learned from a study circle she partici-



The Ahl al-Kitab Lectures at Oakwood University will explore themes, stories, and inspiration in common between the Bible and the Quran.

pates in that includes both Muslims and Christians, that she does not own God or all the truth about God.

“We come to the circle, both Christians and Muslims, with all our own theology and thinking we’re right,” Guttschuss

said. “But, the study has worked because we always ask, ‘What can you take from this night to affect your own life?’”

“Thank you for your emphasis on ‘tauhid, the oneness of God,’ as the starting point for all the prophets,” Guttschuss

said. “We are all guilty of fragmenting God, of thinking God worked one way then and works another way now.”

“This is the first step on a long journey of understanding, of building a better world for our children and grandchild-

ren” said Aladin Beshir, a longtime activist for interfaith understanding in Huntsville. “We have a whole lot more in common than different.”

—BY KAY CAMPBELL, *THE HUNTSVILLE TIMES* STAFF WRITER

Shawn Byrd Elected Chaplain for Alabama Regional Law Enforcement Academy



LEWIS EAKINS

Oakwood University Police Department (OUPD) reports that Corporal Shawn Byrd has enrolled in the 157th Session of the Northeast Alabama Regional Law Enforcement Academy in Anniston, Ala. On his first day, he successfully passed the APOSTC Physical Agility test, which involves completing an obstacle course in 90 seconds (pushing an occupied patrol car 15 yards, running 50 yards, climbing over a six-foot wall, running another 50 yards, climbing

through a 2' x 2' window, running across a 15-yard balance beam, and pulling a dummy weighing 165 lbs. for 15 yards). In addition, cadets have to run 1.5 miles in 15:27 minutes, complete 22 push-ups in one minute, and complete 25 sit-ups in one minute.

The APOSTC Physical Agility test is given on the first day of the academy to weed out individuals who do not meet state fitness standards. It is the most grueling portion of the 480-hour academy that

stretches over a three-month period. With this test behind him, Byrd is poised to begin his training in defensive tactics, firearms proficiency, Alabama penal code, investigations, crime scene searches, constitutional

law, and other aspects of law enforcement.

Byrd has been elected to the position of chaplain for his class of 94 cadets. Within two weeks of his matriculation, Byrd became known among his peers for his spiritual attributes and Christian lifestyle, which led to his nomination and election. Byrd began leading out in an early morn-

ing prayer and devotional group that has increased from 15 to more than 50 participants. He now solicits others to partake in leading out in various aspects of the morning sessions which include a devotional thought, testimony, and prayer.

Byrd joins recent graduates from OUPD who have served as class president and section leader in their respective classes. Chief Lewis Eakins says, “We sincerely appreciate the continued unparalleled

confidence and support of administration as we continue to strive to represent Christ first, and provide for a safe learning environment. Please

continue to keep Corporal Byrd in your prayers as he represents Oakwood University.”

—BY LEWIS EAKINS



Students Assist Local Church in Evangelistic Series

This October and November, students from Southern's SALT (Soul-winning And Leadership Training) program participated in an evangelistic event with the East Ridge Church in East Ridge, Tenn. The prophecy series ran five weeks, and nearly 100 who were not Adventist attended the meetings.

The setup for the series was different from the usual, where guests sit in pews and face the front. The church used its fellowship hall instead, allowing attendees to sit in a circle and connect with their group. Each of the 18 tables was assigned a SALT



Each of the 18 tables was assigned a SALT student and an East Ridge Church leader who facilitated discussions with their group before and after every sermon.

student and an East Ridge Church leader. Those two table leaders facilitated discussions with their group before and after every sermon by guest speaker Joe Cirigliano.

The tasks SALT table leaders carried out during

this series fulfilled their practicum requirement, and tied back to their learning in classes like Christian Witnessing, Topics in Evangelism, and Interpersonal Ministry.

Michael Gee, senior outdoor emergency services and nursing major, is a current student in the SALT program. Before serving as a table leader at the evangelism meetings, he and other SALT students went door-to-door in the East Ridge community asking if anyone needed Bible studies. One of the community members that agreed — and has been studying with him

ever since — was a part of his table group during the evangelism series.

“She’s been disconnected from the Adventist Church for a while,” said Michael about his table group member, “but she has absolutely loved this church and the warm, community aspect of the series.”

SALT, in its second year of operation, is a joint program between Southern Adventist University and It Is Written. The program’s curriculum is designed to increase participants’ Bible knowledge and prepare them for evangelism. For more information, visit southern.edu/salt.

—BY INGRID HERNANDEZ

Animation Parable by Students, Staff Goes Viral

After a lengthy production filled with challenges and triumphs, the School of Visual Art and Design’s 10-minute animated film “Rock in the Road” debuted on VIMEO September 9, with 13,000 hits that first day. Since then, the video has been picked up by several mainstream sites and has currently been viewed more than 75,000 times.

The original script for “Rock in the Road” was written in 2007 by animation student Cory Goodwin, ’10. The story is set in East India, and centers around a boy attempting to get past a large rock the king has put on a mountainside road to test the character of his subjects. While the concept

for the film seemed simple enough, the production turned into a five-year effort that faced numerous struggles.

“The project teetered on the edge of abandonment many times due to changing crews, story challenges, and format changes,” said Zack Gray, associate professor of animation. “Nevertheless, a small dedicated team decided that finishing the film was important.”

While the animation for the film was completed by 2010, there were still 120 shots to simulate, finalize, light, and render before the project would be complete.

Melissa Caldwell, senior animation major; Daniel Cooper, ’12; and Yannick



“Rock in the Road” has been viewed more than 75,000 times since debuting in September.

Amegan, ’11, made up the small, determined crew that continued to work on “Rock in the Road” until its completion this fall.

“This project has really showcased to the world the

great talent that students and faculty in Southern’s School of Visual Art and

Design possess,” said Isaac James, eCommunications manager at Southern. “Having this type of project be so well received online has been great exposure for both the crew who worked

on it, and Southern as a whole.”

For more information, and to view the video, visit rockintheroad.blogspot.com.

—BY LUKE EVANS

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ACEBAL, Joseph E., 89, born Nov. 26, 1922 in Matanzas, Cuba, died July 1, 2012 in Gainesville, FL. He was a member of the Gainesville Church for six years. He is survived by two sons: Joseph Jr. and Jimmy of Miami, FL; one daughter, JoEllen Goldberg of Gainesville; one brother, Samuel of DeLand, FL; and four sisters: Grace Firpi of Gainesville, Josey Saledino of Boise, ID, Elisa Brown of Walla Walla, WA, and Kitty Gordon of Miami. The service was conducted by Pastor Daniel Graham at the Gainesville Church.

ACEVEDO, Ovidio, 81, born Feb. 25, 1931 in Puerto Rico, died April 8, 2012 in Avon Park, FL. He was a member of the Avon Park Church. He is survived by his wife, Esther; one daughter, Diana Acevedo; and two grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Paul Boling and Alex Margado at Avon Park Spanish Church. Interment was at Lakeview Memorial Gardens in Avon Park.

ALFORD, Jim, 84, born Dec. 2, 1927, died June 1, 2012 in Ocala, FL. He was a member of the Dunnellan, FL, Church for 20 years.

ARTRESS, Alan Kent, 55, of Collegedale, TN, born March 22, 1957 in Greenville, SC, died May 22, 2012 after a short illness. He was born to the late Hazel and Val Artress. He was a devoted father to Robert "Robbie" Alan Artress; beloved brother of Elaine and Larry Eastburn, Patrice and Herb Higgins, and Pancha Schrestha; and "Uncle Buck" to Stephen Eastburn, Emily Eastburn, and Kelly Eastburn Bryant. He was a special friend to many; including his work family. He was a lifelong member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and loved the Good News Gospel, which he often said his dad taught him. He earned a B.S. in psychology from Southern Adventist University in 1982, and a M.S. in school psychology from UTC in 1990. For the past 12 years, he was an educational trainer for KeyTrain/Thinking Media and director of customer service. He was passionate about his job, and made many friends in his travels around the country conducting KeyTrain training. He loved to golf (just like his dad), play racquetball, and especially enjoyed the spring break trips to snow ski in Colorado with his son.

ASBURY, Fannie A., 67, born Dec. 23, 1944 in Hart County, KY, died May 1, 2012 in Green County, KY. She is survived by one son, Lenny Asbury; and one grandchild.

ASHLEY, Roselle C., 79, born Feb. 19, 1933 in Barnett Bush St. James, Jamaica, W.I., died March 18, 2012 in Ocala, FL. She was a member of the Silver Springs Shores Church in Ocala for 22 years. She is survived by her husband, Noel; one son, Anthony; one daughter, Joycelyn Lawrence; one step-daughter, Lurlet Gordon; four sisters: Daisy Cooke, Minah Cooke, Patricia Cooke, and Esmine Cooke; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. The service was conducted by Pastor Reynold Maxwell and Pastor Matthew Christo at Silver Springs Shores Church. Interment was at Highland Memorial Gardens in Ocala.

BAKER, Benjamin F., 78, born Dec. 17, 1933 in

Atlanta, GA, died April 18, 2012 in St. Augustine, FL. He was a member of the St. Augustine Church for two years. He is survived by his son, Benjamin F. Baker Jr. of Jacksonville, FL; two daughters: Sheree and Bonnie; one brother, Luke Baker of Flagler County, FL; one sister, Lilliam Hunter of Georgia; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

BALDWIN, Bernell Elwyn, 88, born Jan. 21, 1924 in Angwin, CA, died Aug. 14, 2012. He was educated at PUC Preparatory School and Loma Linda prior to going to Wildwood Sanitarium and Medical Missionary Institute in Wildwood, GA. He earned a master's degree, and completed a Ph.D. in neurophysiology at George Washington University. He married Marjorie Jacobs, M.D. Taught at Loma Linda University for 14 years. In 1977 they returned to Wildwood. A journeyman carpenter, he led out in Wildwood's Frazee Education Building. He worked as science editor and editor-in-chief for *Journal of Health & Healing*. He and Marjorie had no children. He is survived by his sister, Melva Baldwin Wright Cummings; nephew, Ed Wright; and niece, Linda Wysong Becker. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marjorie Jacobs Baldwin; his younger brother, Dalton Baldwin; and Dalton's children: Cheryl Goyne, Yvonne Foster, and Duane Baldwin. A memorial service was held Nov. 18 at the Wildwood Chapel.

BENSON, Margaret (Peggy) M., 94, born March 15, 1918 in Erie, PA, died Aug. 13, 2012 in Altamonte Springs, FL. She was a member of the Forest Lake Church, Apopka, FL. She is survived by two sons: William Meek of Longwood, FL, and John Meek of Casper, WY; two daughters: Barbara Smith of Pell City, AL, and Kathy McKenna of Altamonte Springs, FL; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. The memorial service was conducted by Pastor Floyd Powell in Altamonte Springs, FL.

BIRD, Robert W. (Bob), 79, born July 19, 1932, died Dec. 8, 2011 in Conyers, GA. Beloved husband, father, grandfather, and Pathfinder director, 'Big Bird' was a native of Kansas City, KS. He was honored with a Pathfinder funeral service by his Pathfinders of 30 years ago, many from the Southside Church in Jonesboro, GA. 'Big Bird' will be long remembered for his many years of service as church elder, youth Sabbath School teacher, Pathfinder director, Maranatha builder, model rocketry instructor at Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, and builder of many camp projects. He attended, worked, and supported all the North American Division Pathfinder Camporees beginning with the first one in 1985 at Camp Hale in Colorado. He was a member of the Avon Park, FL, Church (after he retired). He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Margie Futch Bird; one son, Robert A. (Debbie) Bird; one daughter, Jeananne (Britt) Holstrun; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. His favorite farewell was 'God bless you and have a good day' with a thumbs up salute. John Swafford, Robert A. Bird, and Tim Hogg conducted the funeral. Music included pianist Connie Starkey, vocalist Cindy

Day, and piano solo by grandson Beau Bird. Interment was at Veterans National Cemetery in Canton, GA, with an Air Force Honor Guard.

BLANCHARD, Samuel, 41, born Nov. 22, 1970, died suddenly at his home in Brooklyn, NY on June 17, 2012. He is survived by his mother, Gwen Gooch; one sister, Chandia; three nieces; two nephews; many cousins; and friends. He was a member of the Stearns, KY, Church. A memorial service was held in Manhattan, NY, at New York United Adventist Church.

BOYLE, Claudine Willowford Hopkins, 88, born in Ellenwood, GA, died Aug. 15, 2012. She was the life of a party and could play anything on the piano or accordion after hearing only a few notes. She was the organist and pianist for many years of Knoxville First Church. She especially enjoyed teaching beginner students of all ages. She is survived by her husband of 68 years, John W. Boyle Jr., 94, whose devotion to her care extended her life; her three children: Beverly (Harold) Duckett of Knoxville, TN; Dr. J. William (Karen) Boyle III of Kingsport, TN; and Rebecca (Dr. Gerald) Mitchell of Limestone, TN; one step-granddaughter, Tara (Erik) Peterson of Denver, CO; stepbrothers; cousins; nephew; and extended family.

BRANCH, Wiley E., 72, of Lakeland, GA, died Nov. 1, 2011 after a lengthy illness. He was a member of the Lakeland-Valdosta Church. He is survived by his wife, Hazel Branch; two daughters: Patrice (Allan) White and Paulette (Jerry) Littleton; one son, Walter (Stacy) Branch; his mother, Elsie Branch; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

BROWN, Gerald H., 95, born Aug. 25, 1916 in Tablegrove, IL, died May 14, 2012 in Altamonte Springs, FL. He was a member of the Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL. He is survived by one son, Kenneth of Apopka; one daughter, Sandy Parks; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Bob Boggess and Jack Clarke at Florida Hospital Church in Winter Park, FL. Interment was at High Memory Gardens in Apopka.

CARMAN, Eldon Ellsworth, D.D.S., 89, died Aug. 2, 2012 after a brief illness. He was the first orthodontist in Cobb County, GA, and practiced orthodontics for more than 30 years in Marietta, GA. He also served as Dental Secretary for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for more than 25 years, responsible for dental clinics around the world. He is survived by three children: Caryn Joy Carman Payne, Eldon Preston Carman, and Ernest (Sandy) Edward Carman; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

CHRISTIAN, C. Dionisio, 82, born June 27 1929 in San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic, died April 1, 2012 in Sebring, FL. He was a member of the Avon Park, FL, Spanish Church for 19 years. His denominational service of 44 years included: district pastor, education director, youth director, university theology professor, mission secretary and union president in the Dominican Republic, Panama, Honduras, and Puerto Rico from 1947 to 1985.

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From 1985 to 1991, he held the following positions at the Inter-American Division: director of lay activities and stewardship, public affairs and religious liberty director, and field secretary. He is survived by his wife, Melba; two sons: Dionisio of Gainesville, FL, and Roberto Christian of Miami, FL; two daughters: Dinorah Rivera of Miami, FL, and Esther Christian of Sebring; one brother, Ismael of Orlando, FL; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastors Israel Leito, Alejandro Morgado, and Wilson Roberts at Avon Park Spanish Church. Interment was at Lakeview Memorial Gardens in Avon Park.

CLARK, Anna Florence Jaggers, 87, born May 5, 1924 in Rio, Hart County, KY, died July 24, 2012 in Pewee Valley, KY. She grew up on a large farm near the Green River. When she was 10 years old, the house where the family lived was hit by a tornado. She and her mother, who were home at the time, narrowly escaped death. Her father, who was a quarter of a mile away, saw what happened. He hurried home to the destroyed house and was very grateful they were still alive. Anna's mother was a fourth generation Seventh-day Adventist, and her father was a Baptist. When she was 12 years old, she was baptized in a pond in front of her grandparents' house. Both pond and house are still standing. During her early years, she attended the Powder Mill Adventist Church near Linwood, KY. According to official records and family history, this was the first Seventh-day Adventist Church building erected in Kentucky in 1874. This sturdy, white frame building, though no longer used as a church, is still standing. She was a member of the Pewee Valley Church. She was preceded in death last year by her husband of 62 years, Ray Clark. She is survived by her son, Dr. Thomas J. (Betty) Clark; two granddaughters; and four great-grandchildren.

COMER, Virgil L., 97, born July 14, 1914 in Lakeland, FL, died Jan. 12, 2012 in Goodlettsville, TN. He served in WWII as a medic, and made Seventh-day Adventist friends in England and Germany that he kept in touch with until his death. He was a painting contractor in Lakeland, FL, for 22 years before moving in 1967 to Madison, TN, where he worked as a painter in the maintenance department of Madison Hospital. He was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church for 75 years. He served in several church positions: Sabbath School teacher and superintendent, deacon, elder, chorister, and Ingathering singing bandleader. At the time of his death he was a member of the Marion, NC, Church. He is survived by his wife of 11 years, Rubie Boyd Comer of Madison, TN; one daughter, Loyda (Jim) Wolcott of Albuquerque, NM; granddaughter, Tonda (John) Smit; great-grandsons, Nicolaas and Nathan Smit of Anacortes, WA; one grandson, Dr. James (Dr. Susan) Wolcott; great-grandson, Oliver Wolcott of Santa Fe, NM; one nephew, Neil (Carol) Tompkins of Altamonte Springs, FL; and one niece, Ann Tompkins (Donald) Johnson of White Bluff, TN. He was preceded in death by

his wife of 62 years, Ruth Comer, and his sister, Iva Tompkins. A memorial service was held at Madison, TN, Boulevard Church on May 18, 2012, officiated by Myron Johnson and Wayne Long. An additional service was held in Little Switzerland, NC, by Kenneth Coonley.

CRAIG, Amelia, 99, born June 27, 1912 in Russia, died March 15, 2012 in Avon Park, FL. She was a member of the Avon Park Church. Her denominational employment included: Literature Evangelist in Wyoming, 1945-1947; Food Service Director at Platte Valley Academy, 1948-1952; Food Service Director Union College, 1952-1966; and Food Service Director at Shenandoah Valley Academy, New Market, VA, 1966-1976. She is survived by her daughters: Carol Remington of Avon Park, and Lorene Watters of Medford, OR; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

CRUZ-RODRIGUEZ, Esperanza, 101, born Feb. 15, 1911 in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, died May 3, 2012 in Avon Park, FL. She was a member of the Avon Park Spanish Church for 16 years. She is survived by two sons: Giddel Rodriguez of Queens, NY, and William Rodriguez of Pembroke Pines, FL; four daughters: Angela Saillant of Allentown, PA, Eva Oliver of Margate, FL, Nydia Rodriguez, Miami, FL, and Loyda Rodriguez of Avon Park, FL; 18 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Alejandro Morgado at Avon Park Spanish Church. The interment was at Lakeside Memorial Gardens in Avon Park.

DEMOINES, Deborah, 58, born in 1953 in Detroit, MI, died July 17, 2012 in Huntsville, AL. She was a member of the Huntsville Central Church. She is survived by one son and one daughter.

DICK, Dr. Donald David, 80, of Collegedale, TN, born June 21, 1932 in Lincoln, NE, died Sept. 16, 2012 with his wife, Joyce, holding his hand. He was a member of Collegedale Church. Born to history professor the late Everett Dick and his wife, Opal. He graduated from Union College, held a master of arts in speech from the University of Nebraska, and a Ph.D. from Michigan State University. He married Joyce Elaine Tornow in 1955 in Murdo, SD. After 11 years at La Sierra University in California teaching speech and managing radio station KSDA, the Dicks moved to Collegedale, TN, in 1968 with their three children. He taught communications at Southern Adventist University for 37 years. At Southern, he directed productions of "Fiddler on the Roof," "My Fair Lady," "Annie," "The Sound of Music," and more. He also coordinated satellite radio broadcasts of international Seventh-day Adventist conferences, including Youth Congress in Switzerland. On Sabbatical in California, he produced the TV program *Faith For Today*. An active member and past president of the Ooltewah-Collegedale Kiwanis Club for 30 years, he had the honor of being the first club member elected as Lt. Governor of Division 3. He loved traveling,

museums, birds, music, books, and his family. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Joyce Dick; two daughters: Linda (Rod) Gustad, and Valerie (Jim) Hunt; one son, David (Sherry) Dick; seven granddaughters: Anna and Laura Gustad, and Rachel, Jessica, Sarah, Abigail, and Aimee Hunt; one grandson, Mitch Lamb; his mother-in-law, Alice Tornow; one brother, Art (C.J) Dick; one sister, Lorle (Ed) Stacey; many in-laws; nieces; and nephews.

FARMER SR., William, 89, born Dec. 14, 1922 in Beattyville, KY, died June 15, 2012. He was a member of the Avon Park Church. He is survived by his wife, Catherine; one son, William of Avon Park; two daughters: Candice McDonald of Avon Park, and Melissa Koehike of Atlanta, GA; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Paul Boling at the Stevenson-Nelson Funeral Home in Avon Park.

FINNEY, Thomas J. V., 76, of Crossville, TN, born April 20, 1936 in Galion, OH, died July 25, 2012. He attended Madison Hospital's School of Respiratory Therapy and graduated in 1967; he spent many years in this profession. Later he owned and operated Mountain Air Natural Foods in Crossville and a satellite store in Dayton, TN. He developed Parkinsons, and after retiring, he enjoyed his grandchildren, putting puzzles together, playing guitar, and listening to music. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sons, Bruce Finney and Leslie Finney. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Grebe Greenrock Finney; three sons: Thomas J. Finney VI, Phillip Finney, and Chris Greenrock; two daughters: Kathy Greenrock Currie Schrupsher and Rhonda Woody; 14 grandchildren: Brandon Finney, Kurtis Finney, Sean Finney, Josh Finney, Morgan Finney, Kristen Reynolds, Major Greenrock, Nicole Greenrock, Jennifer Currie, Blake Chalupnik, Kendra Golden, Tim Jones, Tyson Jones, and Misty Jones; 19 great-grandchildren; and two sisters: Phyllis Driver and Lois Davis. Funeral services were held July 28, 2012 in the chapel of Crossville Memorial Funeral Home with Pastor Bryan Burgess officiating.

FORREST, Tina Croft, 49, of Valdosta, GA, died Nov. 13, 2011 in Shands Hospital. She was a member of the Lakeland-Valdosta Church. She is survived by her parents, Simon and Mattie Lou Croft; her husband, James Forrest; one daughter, Jessica Forrest; one son, James R. Forest; one sister and brother-in-law, Brenda and Bobby McConville; one brother, Patrick Croft; numerous nieces; and nephews.

FREY, Reed Franklin, 92, died Sept. 21, 2012 in Prattville, AL. He was a member of the Clanton, AL, Church. He was an ordained pastor of the Adventist Church. He and his wife, Thelma, who preceded him in death, served in the ministry of the Potomac Conference for 35 years. Included in the many churches of the Potomac churches he pastored were the Marion, Radford, Konnarock, Yale, Manassas, Powell Valley in Big Stone Gap/Dryden, Winchester, Chase City, South Boston, Warrenton, and Woodbridge. After his retirement he continued

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to preach and build churches. He is survived by his daughter, Debbie Murphree and son-in-law, Ricky; two sons: David (Terry) Frey, Allen (Wanda) Wellborn; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; numerous lifelong friends; relatives; and church members.

FUTCHER, Cyril, 99, born June 25, 1913 in Southampton, England, died Oct. 22, 2012 in Hendersonville, NC. He started his career in the bookkeeping office of Granose foods, and Adventist Health Food Company in Watford, England. There he became acquainted with Gladys Hyde, daughter of the general manager. Ten years later, after completing his undergraduate work at Newbold College in England and Emanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) in Berrien Springs, MI, they married. He taught at Newbold College for 10 years and transferred to Carmel College in Western Australia, where he taught for eight years. After a 6-month furlough in England, Cyril, Gladys, and their three children moved to Washington, DC, where he taught at Spencerville Junior Academy and Columbia Union College (now Washington Adventist University). Gladys was secretary in the ministerial department at the General Conference. In 1962, Cyril accepted the position of director of admissions and records at Southern Adventist University (then Southern Missionary College) in Collegedale, TN, and later became academic dean until his retirement in 1984. Gladys also served Southern Adventist University as a secretary. In 1999, Cyril and Gladys moved to Fletcher Park Inn, a retirement community in Hendersonville, NC, and worshipped at Fletcher Church. Cyril was predeceased by Gladys, his parents, and siblings. He is survived by one daughter, Carol of Hendersonville; two sons: Anthony (Mary) of Hyattsville, MD, Terence (Ruth) of Harlingen, TX; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; numerous nephews; and nieces.

GALLAGHER, Debbie Ruhling, 44, of Signal Mountain, TN, born in Kettering, OH, died May 10, 2012. She graduated from Collegedale Academy. She attended Chattanooga State, UTC, and graduated from Southern Adventist University where she received her nursing degree. She was employed with Erlanger Hospital for several years. She enjoyed spending time with her family, running (at Collegedale Academy, where she still holds two track records), and gardening. She was preceded in death by her cousin, Robert Clemons, and her uncle, Willard J. Clemons. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Michael Gallagher; five children: Brent and Tyler Carmichael, and Molly, Allie, and Ryan Gallagher; her mother, Linda (James) Breedlove; her father, Richard Ruhling, M.D.; two brothers: David Ruhling, his wife, Diane, and their children, Elisabeth, Seth, John, Danny, and Paul Ruhling; one sister, Esther Ruhling and her children, Raquel, Chelsey, and Emme; her grandfather, Bruce Wickwire, and his wife, Adele; and her grandmother, Leola Wickwire. A memorial service was held May 15 with John Dukes and David VandeVere

officiating. Interment was held at Hamilton Memorial Gardens.

GARRICK, Margaret K., 94, of Chattanooga, TN, born Dec. 9, 1917, died May 12, 2012. A resident of the Chattanooga area for the past 52 years, and was a member of the Collegedale, TN, Church. She was retired from American Uniform and was an avid quilter. She was the wife of the late George W. Garrick Sr. She is survived by three daughters: Carolyn Landrum of Blairsville, GA, Mary (Jim) Link of Orangevale, CA, and Mareen (Warren) Woodard of Murphy, NC; three sons: George W. (Charlotte) Garrick Jr. of Wickenburg, AZ, John Stephen Garrick of Chattanooga; and Mark Garrick of Cleveland, TN; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one brother, Claire (Phyllis) Allison of Olmstead Falls, OH; several nieces; and nephews. The funeral service was held at the funeral home chapel with Pastor Carole Verrill. Interment was at Collegedale Memorial Park.

GRAY, Bertha L., 84, born March 15, 1928 in Jacksonville, FL, died May 24, 2012 in Hudson, FL. She was a member of the St. Augustine, FL, Church for 34 years. She is survived by five sisters: Helen Soule of Orlando, FL, Thelma Wall of Jacksonville; Louise Sankhauser of Silver Spring, MD; Lois Steinkraus of Seymour, TN; and Ruth Creamer of Hudson, FL. The service was conducted by Pastor Bob Roberts at New Port Richey, FL, Church. The interment service was conducted by Barry Seals in St. Augustine.

GROVE, Elaine Higdon, 81, born June 27, 1931 in Sylva, NC, died Sept. 23, 2012. Equipped with a master's degree and love for others, Elaine's lengthy educational career in the Seventh-day Adventist school system spanned 45 years. It was her passion and life's work to teach young people. She was an outgoing, industrious woman who touched many lives with her happy, loving countenance. She is survived by three children: Tim (Tracey) Grove (also teachers); Sonja (Craig) Snyder; Tammy (Kim) Thayer; seven grandchildren: Josh (Brandy) Pryor, Jonathan Grove, Cheree Camery, Brittany Thayer, Romann Henderson, Emily Snyder, and Gillian Snyder; one great-grandchild, Elizabeth Grace Pryor; two sisters: Gwen (Jack) DeSantis and Wanda (Charles) Saar. The memorial service was held at McDonald Road Church in McDonald, TN, on Sept. 30.

GREEN, Robert C., 76, born Nov. 11, 1935 in Washington, DC, died Feb. 25, 2012 in Altamonte Springs, FL. He was a member of the Markham Woods Church in Longwood, FL, for 26 years. Denominational employment was manager at Florida Hospital Credit Union in Orlando, FL, for 21 years. He is survived by his wife, Daphine; one son, Robert C. Green Jr. of Longwood; one daughter, Gina Mixon of Altamonte Springs, FL; one sister, Peggy Tompkins of Levant, Maine; and five granddaughters. The service was conducted by Pastor James Coffin at Markham Woods Church in Longwood. Interment was at Highland Memory Gardens in Apopka, FL.

HADLEY, J. Neil, 84, born July 27, 1927 at Bellefontaine, Ohio, died Nov. 17, 2011 at Kennesaw, GA. He was a member of the Canton Adventist Company. He is survived by his wife, Verna Hadley; one daughter, Carol Marie Dearborn; and one son, Jim Hadley. **HERSCH, Lorabel Peavey** Midkiff, of Collegedale, died Aug. 16, 2012. She taught in Florida, Mexico, Texas, and Hawaii before working at Collegedale Academy and Southern Adventist University. Prior to retiring, she served on the pastoral staff of Collegedale Church. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Marvin Midkiff, and second husband, Louis Hersch. She is survived by five daughters: Vini (Duane) Feick, Viki (Mike) Little, Debbie Cloutier, Susan Frey, and Nancy (Walt) Fennell; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one sister in New Mexico; and 17 nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held on Oct. 6, at the Collegedale Church.

HESTER, Hazel H., 81, born Oct. 4, 1930, died Aug. 16, 2012 at her home in Ringgold, GA, after an extended illness. She rendered outstanding service to Atlanta Belvedere Church and Chattanooga First Church for many years. At the time of her death, she was a member of Chattanooga First Church. She served in denominational employment for more than 33 years. She is survived by her husband, Willis G. Hester; one daughter, Laura H. Hartman; and two granddaughters: Amanda L. Woodard and Emily G. Hartman. A memorial service was held at Chattanooga First Church on Aug. 26. A private family interment took place in Cedartown, GA.

JEFFCOAT, Cora Allie, born in Greenville, SC, died May 18, 2012. She retired from Greenwood Methodist Home as a floor secretary with 12 years of service. She was a member of Aiken, SC, Church. She is survived by her husband, Heyward Jeffcoat; three sons: Charles Anthony Raines, Willard Lee Raines, and Anthony Craig Jeffcoat, all of Aiken; one brother, Winslow Bickford of Jackson, SC; two sisters: Mary Lehmann of Mena, AR, and Barbara Sovine of Aiken; two grandchildren: Nicole Hydrick and Tiffany Paul; and four great-grandchildren: Haley Lowe, Waylon Lowe, Cheyanna Hydrick, and Jaylen Paul. A graveside service was conducted at Aiken Memorial Gardens with Pastor Al Mitchum officiating.

JENKINS, Ruth Olivia Rollins, 89, born March 3, 1923 in West Palm Beach, FL, died Oct. 18, 2012. Her siblings were: Mabel Rollins Norman, Eugene, Howard, and Alvin Rollins. She confessed Christ at an early age and became a member of the Bethany Church in Miami, FL. She graduated from Lincoln High School in Miami, attended Oakwood Junior College for two years, and completed her college education at Southern Missionary College. In 1945 she married Clarence Jenkins. To their union, three children were born: Clarissa, Noretta, and Kenneth. She began her career as a church school teacher in Dania, FL. In 1944, Miss Anna Knight transferred her to Chattanooga to teach at the East Eighth Street Elementary

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School. For 14 years she dedicated her life to teaching in Chattanooga. When she came to teach, she joined the East Eighth Street Church later known as Orchard Park Church. Through the years she served the church in many positions: usher, assistant treasurer, head deaconess, head clerk, and school treasurer. After she left teaching, she worked for the city of Chattanooga where she helped clients secure job interviews or enroll in nurse's training. When her health declined, she was moved to Clearwater, FL, where she was a resident of the Comprehensive Health Care Center until her death. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Jenkins, and daughter, Clarissa. She is survived by one daughter, Noretta Jenkins; and one son, Kenneth Jenkins; two granddaughters: Ralysia and Raylanna Jenkins; four great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law: Gisela Rollins and Margaret Rollins; one brother-in-law, Richard S. Norman Jr., many nieces; nephews; and cousins.

JONES, Audrey Russell, 98, born in Jackson, MS, on May 30, 1914, died July 29, 2012. She was from Ooltewah, TN, and an avid domino player and crossword puzzle master. She loved attending Bible study at the home of her best friend, Alice Voorheis. She had an unwavering faith in God and was a member of Collegedale Church. Through the years, she had become very involved with church, mailing out the birthday cards for Sabbath School members. She is survived by one daughter, Nancy Reid Rose; two grandchildren: Xiomara Romine and her husband Ronald (Ronnie), and NaJuana Lee and her husband, Christopher; and two great-grandchildren: Jordan and Shelby Romine. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 65 years, Sidney Shelton Jones, and her brother, Ray Russell. The funeral service was held at Collegedale Church. Burial followed in Chattanooga National Cemetery.

KENT, Thelma P., 89, born July 16, 1922 in Orlando, FL, died June 16, 2012 in St. Augustine, FL. She was a member of the St. Augustine Church for 48 years. She is survived by her husband, Edward; two sons: Robert of California and William of South Carolina; one daughter, Marjorie Rowe of Hastings, FL; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

KING, Gale Henry, 86, born Oct. 18, 1924 in Oswego, NY, died Aug. 5, 2011. He was a member of the Tryon, NC, Church. He was a trouble-shooter for the Xerox Corporation. Later he worked for the International Institute of Reflexology. He received his massage license at the age of 62. He was a loving husband and a godly example to his family and friends. He served his church in many different capacities. He was predeceased by his first wife, Dorothy King; a twin brother, Guy King; and two sisters: Dorothy Lungard and Betty King. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor King; two sons: David Wayne King and Bruce King; one daughter, Sharon Hamm; two step-children: Albert Thayer and April MacLafferty; one foster son, David;

14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

LADISH, Maria, 84, born Dec. 18, 1927 in Germany, died May 5, 2012 in Gainesville, GA. She was a member of the Florida Living Church, Apopka, FL, for 12 years. She is survived by one son, Patrick Johnson of Gainesville, FL; two daughters: Marilyn Burke of Apopka, and Lorraine Brandl of Tennessee; and one brother, Johann Brandl of Germany. The service was conducted by Pastor Horace Walsh at the Florida Living Church in Apopka.

LELAND, M.D., John H., 88, born 1924 in San Diego, California, died July 30, 2012 at his residence in Ooltewah, TN. John served his country as a medic in the South Pacific during World War II. Upon returning home he met and married Floreen Babienco in San Diego, CA. He graduated from Loma Linda Medical University as an M.D. in 1953, and practiced family medicine as a missionary in Cambodia, Thailand, Mexico, and Kentucky for 43 years before retiring to Ooltewah, TN. During his remaining years, he visited their four children and 10 grandchildren, landscaping and gardening, proudly serving with the Ooltewah VFW, visited shut-ins, and served in a local prison ministry. He is survived by his wife, Floreen Babienco Leland; four children: Joleen Horine, James, John Jr., and Jennifer Huck; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held on August 4, 2012 at the McDonald Road Church. Retired McDonald Road Church Pastor Don Gettys officiated.

LITZENBERGER, Dolores, 93, born Jan. 29, 1918, died Oct. 6, 2011 at Hudson, FL. She was a member of the New Port Richey, FL, Church for 27 years. She is survived by one son, Lyle Litzenger of Arcadia, IN; and three grandchildren.

LOHMAN, Eileen R., 98, born Jan. 26, 1914 in Martinsville, IN, died July 7, 2012 in Apopka, FL. She was a member of the Deltona, FL, First Church for 20+ years. She is survived by one son, Douglas; sister, Lucille Robinson Charlton Fisher; five grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. The memorial service was conducted by Pastor Doug Foley at the Deltona, FL, Church. Interment was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Greenwood, IN.

MASON, BILLY L., 77, born in Texas in 1935, died Oct. 11, 2012 in Jackson, MS. He was a member of Meridian Community Church. He is survived by one son; one stepson; and one goddaughter, Scarlet Carr.

MCEACHINE, Henry H., 87, born Dec. 25, 1924 in Panama, died March 17, 2012 in Avon Park, FL. He was a member of the Avon Park Church. He is survived by his wife, Maria; one son, Henry H. McEachnie Jr. of Baltimore, MD; one daughter, Jackie Garcia of Waria Currie, PA; and four grandchildren.

MCKENNEY, Raymond Lamar, 91, of Aiken, SC, born in Augusta, GA, died Nov. 22, 2011 at Aiken Regional Medical Centers. A memorial service with military honors took place on Dec. 18, 2011 at Aiken Church. He enjoyed fishing and baseball in his early years. After high

school, he served in the US Army during World War II and the Korean War. After the wars, he married the late Juanita McNeal McKenney, and together they raised their family in Aiken. He retired from Firestone Tire Company and then during the 1980's he served as the Aiken County Tax Assessor. He was known for his smile and happy attitude, and he will be missed by all who knew him. He is survived by one son, Larry McKenney of Florida; one daughter, Janice Nicola of California; one granddaughter, Kimberly Baer of Georgia; and one great-grandson, Brock McKenney Baer.

MCKENZIE, Paul, 81, born March 5, 1931 in Frostburg, MD, died June 27, 2012 at Tavares, FL. He was a member of the Umatilla, FL, Church. He was the oldest of 13 children. He was a plasterer and owned a car lot (Paul's Used Cars) for 32 years. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Dorothy; two sons: Dennis (Sherry) and Neil (Linda); one daughter, Juanita Gold; three brothers: Murrell (Pauline), Delbert (Glenda), and David; three sisters: Donna (Leonard) Cutter, Eileen (Roger) Miller, and Janet (Bill) Stairs; 11 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Carolyn; two sisters: Darlene McKenzie and Virginia Shriver; and four brothers: Wayne, Carl, John, and Darrell. The service was conducted at the Baldwin Fairchild Chapel in Altamonte Springs, FL.

MILLICAN, Grady Paul, 64, died Aug. 24, 2012 in Flat Rock, AL. He was a member of the Floral Crest Church in Bryant, AL. He is survived by his wife, Ida Millican; one daughter and son-in-law: Melinda and Barton Jackson; one son and daughter-in-law: Zack and Kimberly Millican; four sisters; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

MINNER, Ray Deane, 63, born March 24, 1949, in Riverdale, MD, died July 3, 2012 in Collegedale, TN. He studied communication at Southern Missionary College, and worked as a schoolteacher and public relations director. He is survived by his wife, Laurie Redmer Minner; three daughters: Jennifer Payne, Megan Minner, Katie Partio; one son, Caleb; and two grandchildren. A memorial service were held July 7 at Collegedale Church.

MORGAN, Vernon, 62, born Sept. 13, 1950 in Fredonia, KS, died Oct. 12, 2012. He was a member of Gulf Coast Church in Biloxi, MS.

OLSON, Arlene Venice, 76, born Dec. 17, 1935 in Clifton Springs, NY, died Aug. 22, 2012 in Lakeland, FL. She was a member of the Lakeland Church where she was the beloved organist. She is survived by two sons: Curtis (Cheryl) Olson, and Allan (Regina) Olson; two daughters: Naomi Olson and Patty (Mike) Smith; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lester Olson. A memorial service was conducted at Lakeland Church.

PETERS, Clara Miller, 94, born Nov. 5, 1916 in Philadelphia, PA, died Sept. 24, 2011 in Avon Park, FL. She was a member of the Frostproof, FL, Company. She is survived by her husband, Bill; two sons: Arthur (Lois) Miller

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and Doug (Marilyn) Miller; three stepchildren: Linda (Larry) Hoffmann, Greg (Connie) Peters, and Pat (Jr.) Joshnick; six grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and eight step-great-grandchildren. The service was conducted at the Schmidt Funeral Home in Wind Gap, PA. Interment was at Plainfield Cemetery.

PETTY, Frederick, C., 98, born Feb. 2, 1913 in Dozier, AL, died Sept. 16, 2011 in Altamonte Springs, FL. He was a member of the Forest Lake Church for more than 35 years. His denominational employment from 1942 to 1978 included the following: Southern Union, Mid-American Union, South American Division, and the Inter-American Division. He is survived by one son, Cecil of Omaha, NE; one daughter, Sharon Wolcott of Altamonte Springs, FL; and four grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Ken Bradley in Union Springs, AL. Interment was at Macedonia Baptist Church.

PHILLIPS, Diane, 81, born March 19, 1931 in Tucson, AZ, died April 10, 2012. She was a member of Louisville, KY, First Church. She graduated from Arizona Academy in 1949. She was a surgical RN at White Memorial Hospital from 1956 to 1963. She was the mother of three girls: Janice Steyn, Denise Fenger, and Patrice Parks. Her husband was O. Melvin Phillips, M.D. She spent the majority of her life in Phoenix, AZ.

POULTON, William J., 88, born Oct. 10, 1923 in Harrisburg, PA, died Oct. 13, 2011 in Lakewood Ranch, FL. He was a member of the Sarasota, FL, Church for 21 years. He is survived by his wife, Ida (Betty); one son, Jonathan of Weslaco, TX; one daughter, Louise Nauss of Sarasota, FL; one brother, Robert Poulton of Mt. Juliet, TN; one sister, Barbara Hesselgrave of Muncie, IN; and four grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Paul Campoli at the Sarasota Church. Interment was at the Sarasota, FL, Military Cemetery.

RAPERT, Sharon R., 79, born Oct. 3, 1931 in Erie, PA, died Aug. 31, 2011 in Altamonte Springs, FL. She was a member of the Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL, for 21 years. She is survived by three sons: Walter of Maitland, FL, Tyler of Jacksonville, FL, and Kevin of Altamonte Springs, FL; two daughters: Sheila of Oviedo, FL, and Bonnie Davidson of Charlotte, NC; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. The memorial service was conducted at Forest Lake Church by Pastor Jim Davidson.

RASHFORD, Hyacinth G., 90, born June 27, 1921 in Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies, died March 22, 2012 in Ocala, FL. She was a member of the Silver Springs Shores Church, Ocala, FL, for 14 years. She served as a deaconess for many years at the Sharon Church in Bronx, NY. She is survived by two sons: Frederick (Yvonne) Latibeaudiere of Ontario, Canada, and Victor Pink of New York; two daughters: Inez Pink of Ocala, and Yvonne (Phillmore) Pink-Stewart of Ocala; one sister, Vera Grant of Kingston, Jamaica; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. The service was conducted by

Pastor Reynold Maxwell at the Silver Springs Shores Church. Interment was at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

REYES, Primitivo, 91, born Nov. 27, 1920 in the Philippines, died May 22, 2012 in Lake Placid, FL. He was a member of the Avon Park, FL, Church. His denominational work included: Philippines Union College - he worked in carpentry, Reg. Office, secretary to manager Commerce Department, and in the Business Office. Central Luzon Mission - a colporteur. Southern Luzon Mission - assistant BPA manager and then BPA manager. Central Luzon Mission - BPA manager. South Central Luzon Mission - secretary/treasurer, and BPA manager. Central Luzon Mission - secretary/treasurer. South Philippines Union - assistant treasurer and secretary/treasurer. North Philippines Union - Union auditor. General Conference Transportation Department treasurer/accountant in Long Island City, NY, and then in Elkridge, MD. The service was conducted by Pastor Paul Boling at the Avon Park Church. Interment was at the Lakeview Memorial Gardens in Avon Park.

RIESEN, Mary V., 81, born May 3, 1931 in Urbana, OH, died May 5, 2012 at Longwood, FL. She was a member of Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL. She is survived by her husband, Donald; two sons: David Riesen of Longwood, and James Randal of Orlando, FL; two daughters: Sharon Stevens of Loma Linda, CA, and Melodie Patton of Longwood; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. The memorial service was conducted by Pastor Terry Pooler at Forest Lake Church. Interment was at Glen Haven Cemetery in Winter Park, FL.

ROGERS, James "JP" Pierce, 84, born Aug. 29, 1927 in Union County, NC, died Aug. 20, 2012. He was a resident of Ooltewah, TN. Drafted at the end of WWII; he served as a hydraulic specialist in the Air Force. He served as secretary-treasurer in Kentucky-Tennessee and treasurer in Florida. He was predeceased by his siblings: Charles "Edward" Rogers, Bessie Mae Rogers Snoddy, Nora Rogers Gullede, Harry Rogers, Nancy Rogers Platt, and Philip Rogers. He is survived by his wife, Lois Marie Rogers; and children: Nora Gail Schmidt, Bruce Wayne (Bobi) Rogers, Brian Thomas (Melissa) Rogers, and James Dwight (Suzanne) Rogers; seven grandchildren: Laurie Michelle (Zac) Cheek, Kaley Francis Rogers, Peyton Bruce Rogers, Preston Thomas Rogers, Mason Pierce Rogers, James Matthew Rogers, and Abigail Grace Rogers; and two great-grandchildren: Alexander Ethan Cheek and Olivia Michelle Cheek. A memorial service was held at Chattanooga Funeral Home on Aug. 25.

RUDD, Billie, 82, of Ooltewah, TN, died Sept. 8, 2012. A native of Charleston, W.V., she was a retired nurse from Skyridge Medical Center in Cleveland, TN, and a member of the Collegedale, TN, Church. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Susan Rudd, and brother, David Spradling. She is survived by her daughter, Charlotte Annette (Ron) Michaels,

and son, Dr. Joseph (Clarice) Rudd; three grandchildren: Ben (Leigh Perrine) Michaels, Ronnie (Katrina Avila) Michaels, and Amber McGarey. A private service was held.

SCHMIDT, Jr., John, 94, died May 6, 2012. He served as food service director at Walker Memorial Hospital for 12 years, Southern Adventist University from 1959 to 1963, and then he transferred to Andrews University. He retired after 34 years of denominational service, and participated in 42 church projects at home and abroad. He is survived by his wife, Catherine Schmidt of Riverside, CA; three daughters: Jean Kingry of Riverside, Carol Rogers of Medford, OR, and Evelyn Cunningham of Boston, MA; five sisters; one brother; five grandsons; eight great-grandchildren; numerous extended family; and lifelong friends. He was preceded in death by his son, Don Schmidt.

SCHOMBURG, William M., 88, born Dec. 9, 1924 in Columbus, GA, died April 17, 2012 in Lawrenceburg, TN. He was a pastor in West Virginia; teacher in Potomac Conference; and librarian at Cedar Lake Academy, Newbold College, and Southern Adventist University. He is survived by two sons: Walter Schomburg and Lloyd Schomburg; four grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

SCHRIBER, John William, 89, born Nov. 1, 1923 in Barberton, OH, died June 22, 2012 in Flat Rock, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII in the South Pacific Surgical M.A.S.H. Unit. He was the head of the Anesthesia Department of Community Hospital in New Port Richey, FL. He was a member of Fletcher Church, and volunteered at Park Ridge Hospital. He was a health enthusiast and vegetarian who enjoyed walking, cycling, camping, boating, fishing, and gardening. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Marilou Schriber; two daughters: Janice Nino and Kathleen (Terry) Tallos; one brother, Don Schriber; and four grandsons: Timothy, Johnathan, Benjamin, and Daniel.

SHANK, E. Ruth, 79, born Nov. 7, 1932 in Clayton, OH, died April 18, 2012 in Sebring, FL. She was a member of Sebring Church. She served as a parish nurse for Florida Hospital Heartland in Avon Park and Sebring. She is survived by four sons: John Heintz of Tucson, AZ, Joe Heintz of Clayton, OH, Donald Trembly of Aurora, CO, and Eirek Heintz of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates; and one daughter, Disa Gibbons of New Britain, CT. The service was conducted by Chaplain Marc Genton at Sebring Church. Interment was in Sebring.

SHEPARD, James A. Jr., 87, born June 20, 1924 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, died Oct. 20, 2011 in Lecanto, FL. He was a member of the Inverness, FL, Church for 20 years. He began denominational work as an intern with Elder Robert Spangler. He was principal at Greater Miami Academy, FL, twice; Mt. Pisgah Academy, Candler, NC; Campion Academy, CO; and several junior academies. After retiring, he became a real estate broker and certified auctioneer. He was active in every

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church he attended; serving as elder, Sabbath School teacher, song leader, and wherever he was needed. He is survived by his wife of 63 three years, Winnona; one son, Mark of Hendersonville, NC; and one brother, Dick Shepard of Altamonte Springs, FL. The service was conducted by Pastor Hershel Mercer at the Inverness Church. Interment was in Floral City, FL.

SHOUPPE, Roy A., 74, born Feb. 11, 1938 in Morganton, NC, died July 19, 2012 in Nashville, TN. He graduated from Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University) with a degree in education, and taught at Greater Nashville Junior Academy before becoming a Prudential Insurance agent for 29 years. He was an active member of Ridgetop Church, and enjoyed Bible study, children, and gardening. He is survived by his wife, Jeanette; two daughters: Tonia (Richard) Young, and Lisa Shouppe; one son, Jeff Shouppe; and one sister, Clara Gilbert. Pastor Jeremiah Smart officiated at the memorial service.

SMITH, Fern A., 91, born July 9, 1920 in Lowell, MA, died Sept. 15, 2011 in Charleston, NC. She was a member of the Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL. She is survived by one son, Brad of Charleston, SC; one daughter, Terry of Charleston; and three grandchildren. The service was conducted in Middleboro, MA.

SMITH, Myrtle Kathleen Baker, 64, born April 5, 1948 in Marion, NC, died July 2, 2012 at her residence. She worked for the Carolina Conference from July 1988 as a part-time clerk in the Adventist Christian Book Store. Elder Benny Moore asked her to join the Conference Treasury Department in May 1990. She retired in July 2008 as associate executive secretary and human resources director. The HR Department she developed has been a role model used for many other conferences. She is survived by her husband, Robert Leo Smith Sr.; one daughter, Sonja Michelle DeMott and husband, Randy of Mount Dora, FL; one son, Robert Leo Smith Jr. of Mount Holly, NC; three brothers: Oliver (Mary) Baker, Cecil Baker, Carl (Grace) Baker, all of Gaffney, SC; one sister, Marlene (Eddie) Morgan of Indian Trail, NC; three grandchildren: Cory Lee DeMott, Nicholas Aaron DeMott, and Amber Marie Smith.

SNOWDEN, Sandra A., 57, born Sept. 20, 1954 in Wausaw, WI, died Aug. 20, 2012 in Orlando, FL. She was a member of Forest Lake Church, Apopka, FL. She is survived by her husband, Robert; son, Robert of Charlotte, NC; two daughters: Tracy Gentes of Ocoee, FL, and Ashley King of Charlotte; and two grandchildren. The memorial service was conducted by Pastor Barbara McCoy at the Forest Lake Church.

STONEWALL, Lena Mae, 88, born Nov. 23, 1923 in Hendersonville, NC, died May 25, 2012 at Lake Regional Hospital in Somerset, KY. She was a member of Stearns, KY, Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clark "Doc" Lester Stonewall; one daughter, Agnes Abraham; and one son, Nelson Stonewall. She is survived by five daughters:

Amanda Melinda Jane (George) Ewing, Equisterenna (Vernon) Bennett, Mauneza (James) Lyons, Judda DeMaureen Hooley, and Peggy (Craig) Johnson; four sons: Clark (Patti) Stonewall, Leander Yattoo (Diana) Stonewall, Joseph Stonewall, and Sharkley Stonewall; 22 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

STUCKEY, Bing "Bobby," 71, died July 15, 2012. He was a member of the Savannah First Church in Savannah, GA. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Patricia (Pat); one son, Mark (Marsha) Stuckey of Ballground, GA; and two grandsons: Mark and Nicholas.

SWEETING, Vance M., 57, born April 7, 1954, died Feb. 6, 2012 in Avon Park, FL. He was a member of the Avon Park Church. He is survived by his wife, Brenda; one son, Brent Hughes of Marshall, NC; three daughters: Amber Hughes of Clewiston, FL, Smantha Betangan of Eulese, TX, and Savannah Sweeting of Avon Park; one brother, Samuel Sweeting of Port Charlotte, FL; and two grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Paul Boling and Orlando Hernandez at Avon Park Church. Interment was at Hope Cemetery in Wauchula, FL.

TOEWS, Doris P., 92, born June 17, 1920 in Kalamazoo, MI, died June 21, 2012 in St. Pete, FL. She was a member of the New Port Richey, FL, Church for seven years. She is survived by one son, Robert Hoffman; one daughter, Peggy Spizey; and one sister, Marie Schaffer. The service was conducted by Pastor William Webb in New Port Richey. Interment was in Bushnell, FL.

WESSINGER, Julius Caesar "Jake," born in Richland County, SC, died Aug. 21, 2012. He was the son of the late David Void and Sarah Murvelle Baughman Wessinger. He retired from Loxgreen and was a longtime crossing guard at B-L Elementary School. He is survived by his wife, Nelda Clamp Wessinger; two brothers: Franklin D. Wessinger of Batesburg, SC, and Harry W. Wessinger of Leesville, SC; and two sisters: Laura Senterfeit of West Columbia, SC, and Sara Elizabeth Wessinger of Lexington, SC.

WHEELER (Pugh), F. Elizabeth (Betty), 88, born April 27, 1924 in Harrisburg, PA, died July 30, 2012 in Fletcher, NC. She was a Bible worker with Evangelist Ken Cox, a homemaker, and cooking school instructor. She was a member of Fletcher Church. Betty was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Lowell Wheeler; one daughter, Wanda; and one grandson, Michael. She is survived by three daughters: Anlyn Miller, Gail (Earl) Mack, and Glenda (Jon) Smith; three sons: Ken (Nancy) Wheeler, Darryl (Lois) Wheeler, and Stan (Jodi) Wheeler; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two sisters: Janet and Helen; one brother, Earl; and one close friend, Vera Bechard.

WICKWIRE, Bruce M., Sr., 96, of Collegedale, TN, born Dec. 2, 1915 in Inavale, NE, died Sept. 27, 2012. He spent many years serving as publishing director in several conferences and unions, and served as the publishing director of the World Church of Seventh-day Adventists.

He served not only in the U.S., but also in Asia and Europe. After retiring, he authored two books, *Bold Journey* and *Gospel In Shoes*. He is survived by his wife, Adele Wickwire; three children: Barbara Clemons, Linda (Jim) Breedlove, Bruce (Victoria) Wickwire Jr.; 13 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held Oct. 7, 2012 at the Collegedale Church with pastors Peter Read, David Smith, and Wolf Jedamski officiating.

WILLIAMS, Brandon Lee, 30, of Ooltewah, TN, died Sept. 19, 2012. Brandon was a member of Standifer Gap Church, and worked as a landscaper and heavy equipment operator. He is survived by his father, Larry E. Williams of Collegedale; his mother and stepfather, Terri Lincoln (Dean) Filyaw of Chattanooga, TN; one sister, Tisha Marie Fields of Monroe, MI; his grandfather, Murl Williams Sr. of Collegedale; several aunts; uncles; nieces; and nephews. A private graveside service was held at Plowman Cemetery with Pastor Jim Herman officiating.

WILLIAMS, Mary Elizabeth, 86, born Nov. 19, 1925 in New York, NY, died May 25, 2012 in Mills River, NC. When she was six months old, the family moved to the island of St. Vincent where she spent her childhood. Mary married her husband Jack in 1952. They had three sons. In 1970, Jack decided to retire to England with his family. Their dream of spending retirement together was short-lived; on May 15, 10 days after arriving in England, he was killed in a car accident, leaving Mary alone in a new country to raise three boys. In 1973, the family relocated to New Port Richey, FL, to be near family. A brochure arrived in the mail in 1975 advertising prophecy lectures at a local Seventh-day Adventist Church. Mary and two of her sons attended. At the end of the series all three were baptized. Eventually the other son joined the Church as well. In 1986, she relocated to Hendersonville, NC. She was an active member of the Mills River Church. She is survived by sons: Michael (Connie) and Andrew (Cindy); and several grandchildren. Her son David died earlier this year.

WOOD, Jeanne, 83, born Dec. 14, 1927, died Oct. 17, 2011 in Dunedin, FL. She was a member of the New Port Richey, FL, Church for eight years. She is survived by two sons: Barry Wood of Camano Island, WA, and Dr. David Wood III of Redlands, CA; two daughters: LJ Wood of Dunedin, and Ann Wood of Camano Island; one brother, Paul Burket; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. The memorial service was conducted by Pastor Webb at the New Port Richey Church.

WOOLEY, Nell P., 78, born June 5, 1934 in Detroit, MI, died July 9, 2012 in Apopka, FL. She was a member of Florida Lake Church in Apopka. She is survived by one son, Tim (Laura) of Orlando, FL; two daughters, Lisa (Bill) Norris of Ocoee, FL, and Debi (Gary) Jenurm of Ormond Beach, FL; and six grandchildren. A memorial service was conducted by Pastor Floyd Powell at Florida Living Church.

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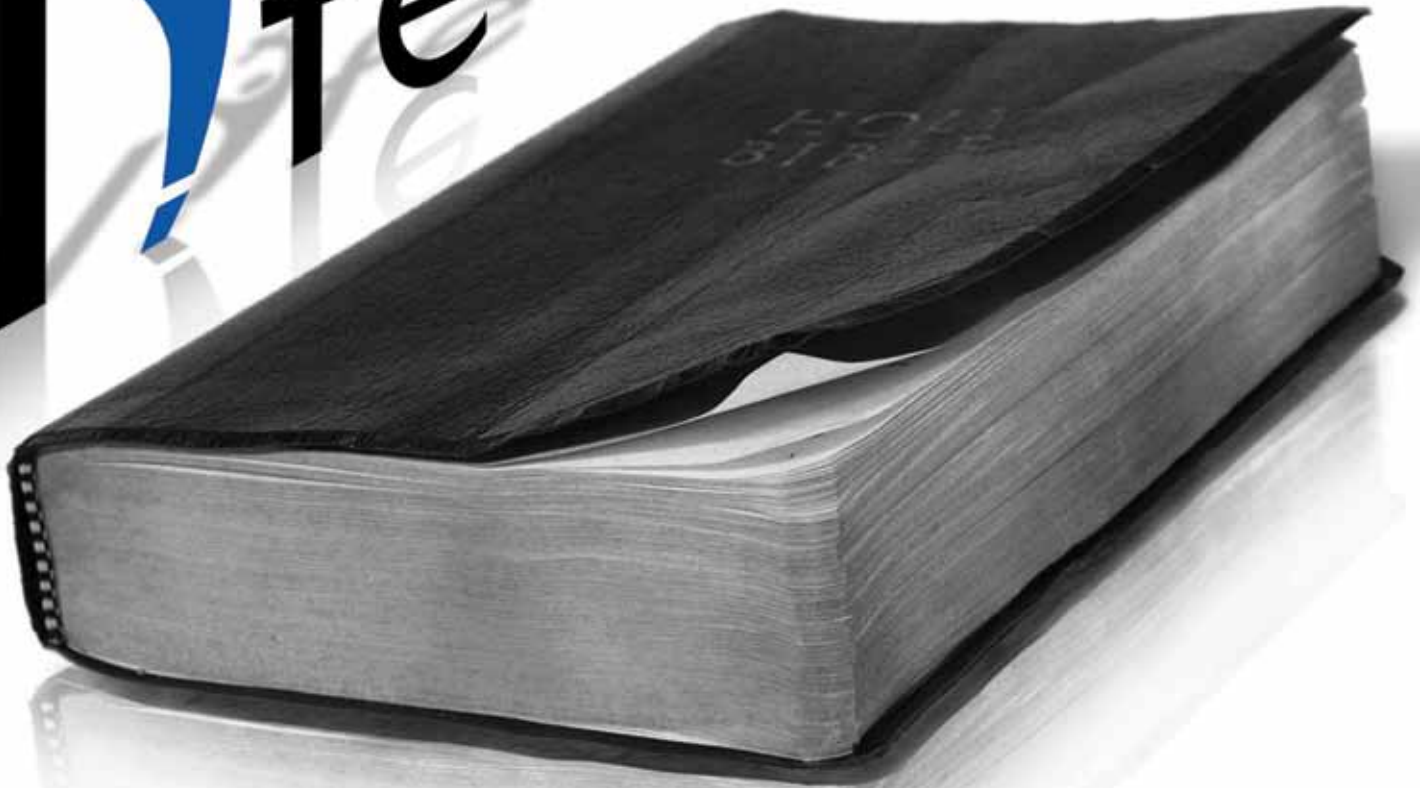
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Charleston, SC	5:13	5:14	5:17	5:20	5:24	5:30
Charlotte, NC	5:11	5:12	5:14	5:17	5:22	5:27
Collegedale, TN	5:28	5:29	5:31	5:35	5:39	5:45
Huntsville, AL	4:35	4:36	4:38	4:32	4:46	4:52
Jackson, MS	4:55	4:56	4:59	5:02	5:06	5:12
Louisville, KY	5:23	5:23	5:25	5:29	5:33	5:39
Memphis, TN	4:48	4:49	4:51	4:54	4:59	5:04
Miami, FL	5:30	5:31	5:34	5:37	5:41	5:46
Montgomery, AL	4:40	4:41	4:43	4:47	4:51	4:56
Nashville, TN	4:32	4:33	4:35	4:39	4:43	4:49
Orlando, FL	5:29	5:30	5:32	5:36	5:40	5:45
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