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**Growing to Serve a  
Growing Union**

## A Monument to God's Glory

“And he said, what have they seen in your palace,” II Kings 20:15 (Living Bible).

The prophet Isaiah approached the palace of Hezekiah, a king with an enviable record of accomplishments, posing a crucial question. He asked the king, “What have they seen in your house?” It was a piercing question which seemed more like a form of meddling. This type of query is often experienced as a form of probing that cuts through the trappings of one’s prestigious reputation to the nerve center of one’s value system. What have they seen in your house?

This well-spoken-of king knew and feared God. During his reign, God had answered two special prayers offered by him. In the earlier instance, the king asked God to reveal to him the truth concerning the neighboring kingdom of Assyria. God granted his request. After that, while sick unto death, while the death rattle could be heard by those around him, King Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and asked God to allow him to live a while longer. In response to that request, God granted him 15 years’ extension to his life. It appeared Hezekiah and God were on good terms. Immediately following his deliverance from death, a Babylonian delegation visited the region surrounding the kingdom. Because they had heard of Hezekiah’s critical illness, they came with letters and gifts from the king of Babylon. Hezekiah extended to them the usual courtesies of state and proceeded to take them on a grand tour of his marvelous palace. He showed them all the treasures: gold, silver, ointment, spices, and the king’s armor. He gave them a regal reception and provided royal entertainment. As soon as the delegation left the region to return home, the Lord’s prophet went in to see the king. Isaiah went directly to the king’s chambers, facing Hezekiah squarely while getting directly to the point. He pointedly inquired, “King Hezekiah, who were those men? Where did they come from?” Hezekiah answered, “from far away in the land of Babylon.” And then the real question: “King, what have they seen in your palace? What did they see upon their visit?” Hezekiah said, “They saw everything. I showed them the gold, silver, spices, ointment, armor, and stables with my prancing steeds. I showed them everything.” The prophet proceeded to alert Hezekiah that the judgment of God would befall him, his household, and his kingdom because of his openhouse event.

This seems like a terrible price to pay for taking a foreign delegation on a tour of one’s royal palace. What’s wrong with showing visiting dignitaries one’s treasures? Even today, houses are decorated not simply for those who live in them, but also for the eyes and comfort of visitors.

The logical question now is a crucial one. Why judgment and captivity for Judah, on the basis of a grand tour of the king’s palace? Isaiah responds by explaining that there was nothing wrong with the tour. That was a common courtesy. It was alright for them to see the things that they saw in the king’s house. The problem resides in what they did not see and in what they were not shown. Hezekiah failed to show them something they should have seen. Everything he showed them was temporary. He showed them nothing bearing the stamp of eternity. He didn’t show them a single thing that represented the goodness of the eternal God. The delegation returned home to Babylon with the conviction that Hezekiah’s house was no different from any other king’s house.

God had just answered two big prayers for the man; yet, He was already forgotten. It seems like he could have told them when he arrived at his bedroom while making the tour, “This is the bed that God changed from a death bed to a bed of life and light and hope. This is the bed I was on when God gave me 15 years of grace.” The king gave them a glimpse of everything but the main thing. Heaven didn’t get a hearing. God wasn’t given a glance.

The question is posed on a flaming tongue to the Southern Union in display of its new headquarters as featured in this issue: What have they seen in your new house? The Word of God through Hezekiah’s experience reminds us that God judges us according to what they see. And, they see only what we show them. What we show them is revelatory of our system of values.

At the Southern Union, we value the opportunity through showcasing Jesus Christ to display our new headquarters as a monument to God’s Glory.



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*Southern Union Conference new headquarters in Norcross, Georgia*

# Growing to Meet the Needs of a Growing Union

BY NATHAN ZINNER

It was a week before the scheduled dedication program, and there was a flurry of activity. The front entrance roof still needed to be completed, the parking lot wasn't finished, and rain was in the forecast. Without the building being done, the city would not issue the Certificate of Occupancy.

The Southern Union Conference

office headquarters was in the midst of an office relocation from its previous location in Decatur, Georgia, to its new location in Norcross, Georgia.

"In 1964 when the Southern Union office opened on Memorial Drive in Decatur, Georgia, the Southern Union had less than 20 percent of its current membership," says Jim Davidson, Southern Union executive

secretary. "It is this growth that necessitated a move to our new office in Norcross, Georgia."

Addressing the Southern Union Executive Committee during the dedication weekend services, March 28-29, 2014, Ron C. Smith, D. Min., Ph.D., president of the Southern Union Conference, said, "This wonderful facility is totally inconsequential



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*Jim Ditzel (left), principal, Warner Summers, Inc. (architecture and interior design); Dennis Millburn, Southern Union undertreasurer; Randy Robinson, Southern Union Treasurer; Jim Davidson, Southern Union executive secretary; Ron C. Smith, D.Min., Ph.D., Southern Union president; Tom Evans, North American Division treasurer; and Jimmy Humphries, CEO, Humphries and Company (general contractors), prepare to cut the ribbon to officially open the new Southern Union Conference headquarters on Sabbath, March 29, 2014.*



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*Ron C. Smith, D.Min., Ph.D., president of the Southern Union Conference, addresses the attendees during the Executive Committee Retreat.*

if we forget the mission that God has summoned us to,” referencing the Gospel commission.

### **God Leading the Journey**

Two and a half years earlier, the Southern Union Executive Committee voted to start the process of relocating the Southern Union Office. Randy Robinson, Southern Union treasurer was tasked with overseeing the relocation process. “It’s an absolute reality to me that God led us from day one,” says Robinson. During the new office dedication, Robinson recounted God’s leading in the selection of the real estate brokers, architects, and contractors. “Up through the final moments of construction, God’s providence was evident,” he said. “Multiple times during the



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*William Winston, South Atlantic president, speaks to the executive committee members, their spouses, and several departmental directors and associates during the Executive Committee Board Retreat.*

construction process, God answered prayers in order to meet critical deadlines.” One particular instance Robinson highlighted was the final concrete and asphalt work on the parking lot and sidewalks that needed to be completed in order for the city to allow the Southern Union to officially use the building.

Rainy weather was forecast, and the contractors didn’t think they would be able to get the work done in time for the city to issue the needed



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*Executive Committee Board Room*



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*Tom Evans, North American Division treasurer, was the Sabbath afternoon dedicatory address speaker. Executive committee members and their spouses, several conference officers, Union departmental directors and associates, Union staff, and other invited guests were in attendance.*

Certificate of Occupancy. While construction had always been halted during the Sabbath hours, the contractors asked if there could be an exception, allowing them to complete the final paving and concrete work and meet the pressing deadline. Instead of granting their request, Union administrators and staff prayed that God would lead and create a break in the rain, allowing the necessary work to be completed in time for the dedication program.

God answered those prayers and the work was completed the day before the city inspector did the final inspection.



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*Jim Ditzel (left), principal, Warner Summers, Inc. (architecture and interior design); Lee Welsb, architect, Warner Summers, Inc. (architecture and interior design); Jimmy Humphries, CEO, Humphries and Company (general contractors); Tony Swann, first vice president, CBRE/Capital Markets-Private Capital Group; Randy Robinson, Southern Union treasurer; and Ron C. Smith, D.Min., Ph.D., Southern Union president, listen intently during the dedication service on Sabbath afternoon.*

### Meeting the Needs of the Union

In just the few weeks since moving into the new office, Southern Union members are already realizing the benefits.

To meet the needs of departments, the new office has the capability to facilitate Union meetings ranging from small groups of three or four up to groups of around

prison ministries director. Already, several departments have held committee meetings and training events in the building.

Only one week after the dedication service, the Prison Ministries Department held a Union-wide training weekend at the new building, attracting almost 100 people from across the Union. Meetings like this



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*Southern Union Conference previous headquarters for 50 years in Decatur, Georgia.*

150. Having this increased meeting capacity “will make it more feasible to have group meetings with fellow conference workers in our territory,” says David Long, Southern Union

used to have to be held at hotels or other facilities.

The atmosphere here is “heavenly,” says Long.

The new office provides benefits

that extend beyond its four walls. The technological needs of the Southern Union are very different today than they were 50 years ago. This new space allows the Southern Union Information Systems Department to meet the technology demands of a growing Union.

As a direct result of the improved infrastructure at the new office, Information Systems is now providing conferences the opportunity to conduct full service, secure video-conferencing. Richard Stephenson, Southern Union Information Systems director, exclaims, “We expect this to be one of our fastest growing ministry opportunities!”

In addition, the Information Systems Department currently provides accounting, payroll, and email services to more than 3,500 pastors, teachers, and support staff throughout the Southern Union.

With the increased resources at the new office, Richardson says there are plans to support nearly 1,000 additional conference and academy employees with the system this summer, a 30 percent increase within six months of moving into the new building!

By providing these consolidated resources at the new datacenter, “We save our conferences and senior academies the time, expertise, and expense of hosting those services locally or paying a third party to host them,” says Stephenson.

While the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the Southern Union has not changed, the needs of the Union have grown from what they were 50 years ago. These new facilities “exist for greater coordination, for greater synergy, and for greater organization,” says Smith. “It is my prayer that the new headquarters of the Southern Union will create an opportunity where people will be touched more efficiently by the loving hand of Jesus Christ.”

*Nathan Zinner is the Communication Department associate director at the Southern Union Conference.* ❖

# Organizational History

## Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Ellen White asks church leaders gathered at the General Conference session to work in the South.

1865



Squier Osborn visits Kentucky and conducts evangelistic meetings at Springville, Kentucky, that result in the organization of Springville Church in 1874.

1873

The first Seventh-day Adventist African-American church was organized at Edgefield Junction by Samuel Fulton, Tennessee Conference president. It had approximately 12 members.

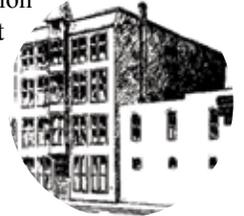
1883

Some of the institutions within the territory were Graysville School (1892), Oakwood Manual Training School (November 1896), Southern Missionary Society (1898), the Review office in Atlanta, Georgia, and several sanitariums.

1892

The first Union office was at the Herald Office at 1025 Jefferson Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee. When the Southern Publishing Association opened, the Southern Union Conference shared office space there at 2123 24th Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee.

1901



1873

Lane returns to Edgefield Junction and organizes a church of 13 members composed of four white families and a black minister, Harry Lowe.



1871

Elbert B. Lane responds to a call for preaching in Edgefield Junction, Tennessee, just 13 miles north of Nashville. He preaches at the Railroad Station and baptizes five.

1876

C. O. Taylor goes to North Carolina and organizes a church in Sands — out of which the Valle Crucis and Banner Elk churches were formed. The present Valle Crucis Church was organized May 15, 1881.

1890

General Conference District #2 is formed to provide supervision of the work. Its headquarters was in Graysville, Tennessee, and Robert M. Kilgore was the superintendent. At the close of its first year, Kilgore reported that there were seven ministers, one licentiate, 26 churches, and 555 members. Total tithe was \$4,500.49.

1895

James Edson White and Will O. Palmer build a boat called the Morning Star and traveled to Vicksburg, Mississippi. He arrived on January 10, 1895. Within eight years, Edson raised up 20 schools and churches, organized the Southern Missionary Society, the Herald Publishing House, and the Nashville Colored Sanitarium.

Ellen White visits Vicksburg, Memphis, and Nashville, Tennessee in March 1901. From Nashville she traveled to the General Conference Session and recommended the formation of union conferences. On April 9, 1901, the Southern Union Conference was organized with

Robert M. Kilgore as president to oversee the Church's work in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. The membership was approximately 2,000 members.



1901

In 1932, the Southern and Southeastern Unions were merged as a means of reducing expenses during the Great Depression, but without the inclusion of Louisiana and the Bahamas. The two newsletters, *Southern Worker* and *Field Tidings*, were combined to become the *Southern Tidings*.

1932



The headquarters was located 4502 Brainerd Road, Chattanooga, Tennessee, from 1932 through 1936 when the Union moved to 437 Ponce de Leon, Decatur, Georgia. After the unions merged, the Alabama and Mississippi conferences also merged to become the Alabama-Mississippi Conference. That Conference is now Gulf States Conference.

1936

A new Union office was built at 3978 Memorial Drive in Decatur. A second office building was built in 1973/4 to house the growing Home Health Education Service.

1964



1907

The first official news organ for the Union was the *Report of Progress*.

1908

On January 12, the Southern Union is divided into the Southern Union and Southeastern Union. The new Southeastern Union covered the states of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and East Tennessee. It also included the Bahamas Mission. It opened with temporary offices in Atlanta, Georgia, but, in time, found permanent housing in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The official newsletter was the *Field Tidings*. The Southern Union Conference territory included Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. Its headquarters remained in Nashville until 1932. The *Report of Progress* was renamed *Southern Worker*.

1945

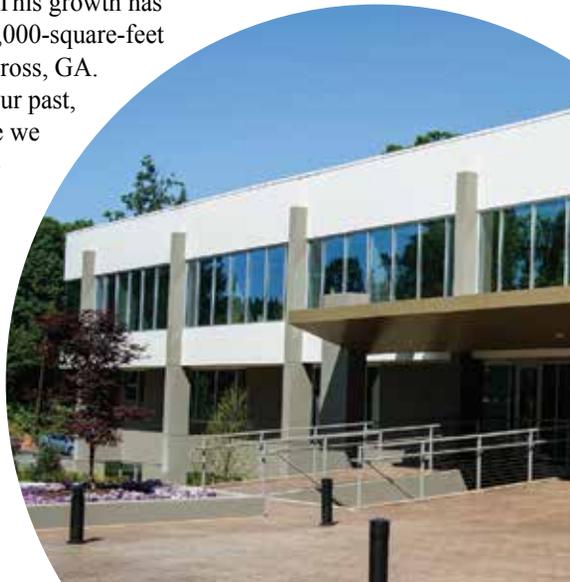
In December 1945, the South Atlantic and South Central conferences were organized. They began operations January 1, 1946.

1980

In December 1980, it was voted to divide the South Atlantic Conference and establish the Southeastern Conference. Southeastern began operations January 1, 1981.

2014

The Southern Union has more than 272,000 church members, eight conferences, 1,047 churches, around 100 early childhood centers, 186 elementary schools, 16 academies, three universities, 47 hospital campuses, nine summer camp programs, and nine radio stations. This growth has necessitated a move to our new 59,000-square-foot office at 302 Research Drive, Norcross, GA. With a memory of God's hand in our past, and a prophetic vision of the future we take and firmly trust God's hand to guide step by step.



**Presidents of the Southern Union:** R. M. Kilgore, 1901-1902; G. I. Butler, 1902-1907; G. A. Irwin, 1907-1909; C.F. McVagh, 1909-1912; S.E. Wight, 1912-1920; J. L. McElhany, 1920-1922; Charles Thompson, 1922; G. W. Wells, 1922-1926; J. J. Nethery, 1926-1928; N. S. Ashton, 1928-1932; S. A. Ruskjer, 1932-1935; G. A. Roberts, 1935-1936; J. K. Jones, 1936-1943; E. F. Hackman, 1943-1947; V. G. Anderson, 1948-1957; D. R. Rees, 1957-1964; LeRoy J. Leiske, 1964-1965; H. H. Schmidt, 1965-1980; Alfred C. McClure, 1980-1990; Malcolm D. Gordon, 1990-2003; Gordon Retzer, 2003-2011; and Ron C. Smith, 2011-present.

**Presidents of the former Southeastern Union (1908-1932):** A. Westworth, 1908-1909; Charles Thompson, 1909-1912; C. B. Stephenson, 1912-1913; O. Montgomery, 1913-1915; W. H. Branson, 1915-1919; and W. H. Heckman, 1919-1932.



JONATHAN SUMNER

More than 100 5th and 6th grade students traveled to the beautiful Great Smoky Mountain National Park to attend Creation Outdoor Education School. The school was led by Geoffrey White, principal at Knoxville Adventist School in Knoxville, Tennessee.

# STUDENTS EXPERIENCE GOD IN OUTDOOR EDUCATION

BY KATRINA SCHREINER

Excited chatter was heard throughout Camp Wesley Woods in Townsend, Tennessee, on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, as more than 100 Georgia-Cumberland Conference 5th and 6th grade students, teachers, chaperones, and Southern Adventist University students were getting settled into their cabins. The three-day Creation Outdoor School adventure was about to begin.

Lunch and orientation were first on the schedule. Delicious vegetarian meals were provided by the camp staff. After lunch, introductions were made and expectations were given.

Marty Miller, outdoor educa-

tion professor at Southern Adventist University, led his students in creating 30-minute outdoor inquiry-based lessons on Creation and stewardship to present. The 5th and 6th grade students were split into eight rotation groups, with two Southern student leaders.

During the next 36 hours, groups were immersed in outdoor experiences throughout the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. They had worship by lantern-light in the Cades Cove 19th-century Primitive Baptist Church. The next day, groups were given a historical tour of Cades Cove by the Southern student leaders, where

they also got knee-deep into the river to find and identify water creatures. A hike was led by Miller to the White Oak Sinks, where flowers and plants were identified along the way. One group hiked a little farther than expected, but were good sports, and in the end, had a great story to tell.

After a full day of exercise and learning experiences, the group headed back to camp for supper. The evening finished with an exciting



BRIAN YOUNG

game of "Environmental Feud," where each group was quizzed on the information they had learned during their time at outdoor school. Everyone slept very well that night and packed up the next morning to head home.

Geoffrey White, camp director of Creation Outdoor School and principal at Knoxville Adventist School, summed up the experience by saying, "In a world full of technology and personal disconnect, I was proud and amazed to see so many teachers committed to supporting a nature-rich experience. I saw kids and adults splashing in creeks, sweating on hikes, and singing songs to God, all with smiles on their faces. It was a blessing to be a part of that."

*Katrina Schreiner teaches at Knoxville Adventist School in Knoxville, Tennessee.*



CHRIS DRANA

Students explored the Smoky Mountains by biking, worshipping in the Cades Cove 19th-century church, and wading in the river.

## Record Number of Students Embrace Short-Term Mission Service

BY RACHAEL HANKINS

*Community members in Pucallpa, Peru, waited in line for several hours to get help at the medical and dental clinics put on by Southern students and volunteer professionals.*

Southern Adventist University has a long history of sending out missionaries. But, in the 2013-2014 school year, short-term mission trip participation doubled — without any decrease in full-time service — as more than 130 students spent Spring Break in Haiti, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Peru, Brazil, and with Navajo communities in the United States. And, although there is a new position at Southern with an employee dedicated to supporting these trips, make no mistake: the increase in activity is student-driven.

Karen Glassford is coordinator for the newly developed short-term missions office at Southern. Part of her job is to help students make service a priority in their lives, and one particularly effective way she has done that is through empowering them to lead instead of follow. Unlike previous years, where trips were conceptualized and planned by faculty and staff in various schools and departments on campus, Glassford now encourages students to come directly to her with ideas for mission work, and she helps them build a team, find staff to accompany them, and work on the itinerary. This new process is called uQuest.

Students and faculty from the School of Nursing volunteered their time in Haiti, serving in medical clinics. While the majority of mem-

bers are nursing students, several non-nursing majors attended the trip and hosted Vacation Bible School sessions for the children.

A group of students and a faculty sponsor served in Guatemala with support from Quiet Hour Ministries. Students worked on constructing a church foundation, set up various medical clinics, held Vacation Bible Schools in five locations, and hosted several evangelistic series during the evenings. As a result, eight new members were baptized into the Church, preceding the 50 that were baptized the week after students left to return home.

Many on the team visiting Nicaragua participated in mechanical work and construction, with others serving in medical clinics alongside a nurse practitioner who volunteered on the trip.

One of the more intensive health missions was in Peru, where five doctors, dentists, and nurses accompanied the students. The group provided free care to nearly 1,000 community members. Students underwent training in preparation for their trip, as well as after arrival. The majority of students who signed up for this trip are studying toward pre-medical degrees, but others went as well, including a religion major whose nighttime meetings resulted in multiple baptisms.

A group of students and faculty

members worked with a ministry in Brazil called Amazon Lifesavers, which provides medical and community service to villages on the Amazon River. The team went deep into the jungle to provide medical care to villages, as well as to help with the construction of a church and community garden.

The largest Spring Break group participated in mission service to the Navajo Nation in parts of Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico, where students worked at LaVida Mission, Holbrook, and Monument Valley schools to build greenhouses, remodel, clean, organize, and tutor students. Southern's Gym-Masters acrobatic team shared the message of working hard and staying away from drugs and alcohol by performing in both Adventist and public schools on the reservations.

These short-term mission trips are not just composed of students and staff. Professional help from a variety of occupations, especially within the medical field, is often a welcome addition to the groups going out. Anyone with a burden to participate in one of these trips alongside Southern faculty, staff, and students may email [karenglassford@southern.edu](mailto:karenglassford@southern.edu) for more information about volunteering their time and talents. ✦

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## Takoma Returning to Full Adventist Health System Ownership, Continuing Partnerships with Wellmont



A thorough strategic assessment and review of the nation's changing health care environment has led Wellmont Health System and Adventist Health System (AHS) to conclude ownership of Takoma Regional Hospital would best be placed with one organization.

The two health systems have reached agreement to return Takoma Regional to AHS's full ownership. Wellmont and AHS, which have jointly owned and governed the hospital since 2007, will continue to col-

laborate on several projects at the hospital, including delivery of high-quality heart care from the nationally recognized Wellmont CVA Heart Institute.

The ownership change is expected to be finalized by June 30, 2014.

"Takoma could have aligned completely with either Adventist Health System or Wellmont. With Wellmont's support, Takoma's management and operating systems have remained closest to Adventist Health System," said Daniel Wolcott, the hospital's pres-

ident. "With the challenges all of us face in health care, it just makes sense at this juncture to be fully aligned with one partner. But, we are pleased the relationships and connections we established during the Wellmont partnership will continue to bring benefit to Greene County residents."

Wolcott said AHS and Wellmont have worked together to enhance the care experience for Takoma's patients. However, many components of the hospital's operations were not integrated into Wellmont, and Takoma still uses much of AHS' technology and procedures, all of which was part of the original agreement.

"Our electronic medical record is shared with Adventist Health System, as are the hospital's clinical protocols and human resources and compliance policies," Wolcott said. "As

we seek to pursue new models of care delivery and payment reform during a period of enormous change in the healthcare industry, the ongoing alignment of these systems is critical."

Takoma has played a major role in Greene County's development for 86 years, delivering faith-based care to the community. Denny DeNarvaez, Wellmont's president and CEO, said this impressive history of wholistic care made Takoma an excellent partner for Wellmont seven years ago. But, she said the change to put Takoma under one umbrella will serve the hospital's best interests.

—BY LYNDON GALLIMORE

## Nurses Honored for Heroic Acts During Wesley Chapel Shooting

On April 16, 2014, the Pasco County Sheriff's Office honored two Florida Hospital nurses for their heroic acts during the tragic Wesley Chapel movie theater shooting. Back in January, Jennie Manera and Derek Friedhoff were

inside the movie theater when the shooting happened. They rushed to the aid of the wounded prior to law enforcement arriving on the scene. The nurses both received the Pasco Sheriff's Office Special Service Award. The full

story is available at the Tampa Bay Times, <http://bit.ly/1iq6a6k>.

—BY JENNIFER MCVAN



## ADU Employee Loses 117 Pounds

Kelvin Santana has been employed at Adventist University of Health Sciences (ADU) in Orlando, Fla., for more than four years. Those that have known him since he started will tell you that he is literally a different person. He has lost a total of 117 pounds!

Two years ago Santana was watching his 21-month-old daughter, Arianna, when she suddenly fell face down on the tile floor. Santana immediately tried to get up to help her, but couldn't get his 320-pound body off the couch. As he was

trying to roll himself over, his wife (who was eight months pregnant at the time) ran in from the other room and picked Arianna up off the floor. Santana knew at that exact moment that things needed to change.

"There I was on the floor, sobbing like a child," Santana explains. He thought to himself, "How did I get to this point that I couldn't even pick up my daughter to console her. My family doesn't deserve someone in my condition."

From that point, he decided to join a local gym

and change his eating habits. "Since I was so large, I couldn't do common exercises without being in pain. I learned to modify workouts." Eventually, it became a lifestyle for him. His routine consisted of waking up at 5 a.m. to worship, connect with God, and read/meditate on one verse before he would hit the gym as hard as he could.

He has completed three 5k runs, as well as a Tough Mudder competition. He likes to find different challenging activities and keep himself

motivated. He also entered a weight-loss competition, became a finalist, and won! He was awarded a cash prize and was featured in a magazine. Santana doesn't believe that he has been on his journey alone. "I have definitely seen God's hand play a huge part in all of my success," he said.

One day Santana was wearing a shirt that said, "I LOST it," which refers to his weight-loss journey. He asked Arianna, who is now four years old, what his shirt said. She responded with, "It says, 'I love you.'" To Santana, his driving

force behind his weight loss was his family. He just smiled at her and told her that she was exactly right. After all, to him, "I LOST it" did mean "I love you."

To date, Santana has lost a total of 117 pounds, gone from a pant size 56 to 34, lost 35 percent body fat, and gained 23 pounds of muscle. He is an inspiration to others at ADU as well as to anyone that hears his story. Jennifer Galeana works with Santana and has proudly witnessed his journey. "His weight loss has

inspired and encouraged others to start taking control of their own health," she said. "Seeing where he was before and where he is now has proven to other staff members that this is something anyone can do as long as they commit."

Santana encourages others to "ask God to guide your footsteps and help you find your 'why.'" He says, "For me, it was my daughter. I would tell her every day that I would be her hero and if she ever fell again, I would be there to catch her."

—BY DALLAS SACHSE



## Fayetteville Hosts L.E.A.D. Conference



Jesse Wilson (left), D.Min., Oakwood University associate professor; Roger Hernandez, Southern Union ministerial and evangelism director; John Huskins, pastor of Fayetteville, N.C., Church; Haskell Williams, Carolina evangelism coordinator; and Robert Fekete, pastor of Wilson and Goldsboro, N.C., churches

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When John Huskins, pastor of Fayetteville, N.C., Church contacted Roger Hernandez, Southern Union Conference ministerial and evangelism director, about coming to speak at his church, he didn't know what he was getting into. This simple request evolved into a 600-plus attendee L.E.A.D. conference held in Fayetteville on April 25-26, 2014.

L.E.A.D. is an evangelism initiative of the Southern Union spearheaded by Hernandez. Jesse Wilson, D.Min., Oakwood Univer-

sity associate professor, and Lynell LaMountain, Southern Union health ministries director, rounded out the speaker lineup. Area churches were contacted from the Carolina and South Atlantic conferences, and 15 churches

answered the call. With the co-leadership of Eugene Mason, pastor of Abney Chapel Church in Fayetteville, Huskins pulled together a team of pastors and lay-people to make this event happen.

The goal of L.E.A.D., which stands for Leadership, Evangelism, Accountability, and Diversity, is to deal with these four core components and seek to present them in the context of best practices, proven methods, and

effective strategies for the 21st century.

The conference began Friday night at the Abney Chapel, N.C., Church with Hernandez presenting the first component, Leadership. Sabbath School and church dealt with Accountability and Evangelism, and were held at Crown Coliseum. Lunch, hosted by Fayetteville Church members, was followed by afternoon breakout sessions which focused on CREATION Health with Lynell LaMountain and Harvest Time, presented by Wilson. The Conference concluded with a thoughtful consideration of how we can retain and involve our youth in meaningful service and a prayer for the children of attendees.

The next L.E.A.D. Conference in the Carolina Conference will be held September 26-27, 2014, in Charleston, S.C.

—BY BECKY CARPENTER



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# Mount Pisgah Academy Celebrates 100 Years

Mount Pisgah Academy (MPA), which opened its doors in 1914, held its Centennial Celebration during Homecoming Weekend, April 18-19. A record number of nearly 1,000 guests were in attendance.

Brian Hindman, '93, opened the event Friday night with an account of the history of the school. Following an insightful Sabbath School lesson by Alex Bryan, '89, Sabbath

two of whom are MPA alumni, performed an afternoon concert in the Mount Pisgah Academy Church.

The celebration ended on Sabbath evening with a rededication of the school, and a ribbon cutting to officially open the new Fleetwood Park. Cutting the ribbon were (pictured right, left to right) Luke Vaughan, '14, student association president of MPA; Richard Anderson, principal



*The Wedgewood Trio*

BOB VAUGHAN



RON QUICK

*Jim Ingersoll, Southern Union associate director of secondary education, after calling the entire staff and student body to the front of the church, asked the church leaders to lay hands on them while he petitioned the Lord for a blessing on their behalf.*

worship gave an opportunity for both current and former students to perform in the choir and drama team. And then David Steen, '64, delivered an outstanding sermon.

During the morning service, descendants of the three founding families of Mount Pisgah Academy — the Graves, Steinmans, and Wallers — were recognized. Also honored were the oldest male and female alumni (from the classes of 1941 and 1949 respectively), and the youngest future alumnus, who was just one week old.

The Wedgewood Trio,



RON QUICK

of MPA; Gary Rouse, '76, education superintendent of Carolina Conference;

Ted Wilson, D.Min., president of the General Conference; Leslie Louis, president of Carolina Conference; and Jim Ingersoll,

associate director of secondary education for the Southern Union.

Kathy Brannan, '67, vice principal of academics for MPA, presented Nancy (Vollmer) Wilson, '66, with an honorary MPA diploma.

Wilson had completed academy in three years and departed for college before graduating. The Wilsons shared a devotional to close the Sabbath. The service and weekend closed with a song written and performed by Allie Bermudez, '14, entitled "Jesus Lives," based on MPA's motto.

Jesus truly does live at Mount Pisgah Academy, and has for 100 years. There can be no doubt that His faithfulness will continue into the future to the final homecoming in Heaven.

—BY TAMMY VAUGHAN

**CORRECTION:**

In the April 2014 edition of *Southern Tidings*, the photo captioned "Mike and Lynn Ortel" on page 14 in the Romance at the Ranch... Hawaiian Style article should have been captioned "David and Debra Eszler." Mike and Lynn Ortel are the couple in the second picture of the story.

## Passion for Fitness Becomes Outreach



*Employees of Lee Memorial Health System are surrounded by participants of the Fort Myers Fun Run, who raised \$3,000 for Golisano Children's Hospital's Mission Nutrition program.*

Idyllic was a perfect weather description for Sunday, March 16, 2014, as the Fort Myers, Fla., Church held its inaugural 5K/1M Fun Run and Health Fair. "It was a runner's paradise," said Javier Diaz, Fort Myers pastor, who turned his passion for physical fitness into a vehicle for ministry.

More than 220 runners and walkers registered for this premier event. Hundreds of family and friends cheered them on. Many participants were graduates of the Complete Health Improvement Program (CHIP), an active church ministry.

One goal for the day was to benefit Golisano Children's Hospital's Mission Nutrition program. Golisano is part of Lee Memorial Health System, and is the only pediatric acute care facility in southwest Florida. The 5K/1M Fun Run and Health Fair raised more than \$3,000 for this cause.

"Your passion and leadership helped to make the 5K Fun Run a big success!" said Jim Nathan, president and CEO of Lee Memorial Health System. "Your kindness and efforts will have a profound impact on our community. Please accept my genuine thanks and appreciation,

and know that you are making a difference in the lives of others."

Another goal was to provide a fun, educational event to help people make informed choices about nutrition and lifestyle. Many exhibits offered information and gifts, including dental, vision, chiropractic, physical and massage therapy, the Police Department SWAT team obstacle course, Lee County Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services, nutrition, and fitness. WINK TV, the local CBS-affiliate station, provided live news coverage.

Diaz credits his team

of planners for the event's tremendous success: Kathy Randall, Jeff Perry, and Diaz' wife, Dinorah. "Passion, purpose, and planning are the keys to effective outreach," he says.

In order to connect to the community and let them know the church cares about them, Diaz consistently challenges the church family. "Whatever your passion is, it can be a platform for ministry to your church and to your community."

—BY SHERRYL FORD

## Annie Bell Celebrates 106th Birthday

Annie Bell was born on February 29, 1908, in Camilla, Ga., to parents who were sharecroppers. As she celebrates her 106th year, her advice to others is, "You just do the right thing. It doesn't matter what others do."

Annie married Otis Bell, and they had 15 children. She would carry her children to church every Sunday. However, her sister, Essie Mae Johnson, would continue to come and witness to the family about the Three Angels' Messages and the Sabbath. Annie had always loved the Lord, so she began to search the Scriptures and



Annie Bell

later accepted the Sabbath truth. She was baptized in early 1960 in Albany, Ga.

Most of Annie's years of employment were on

various farms and domestic work. She managed her own sewing business, and was able to keep her head above water even when labor was only worth \$3 a week.

After the death of her husband in 1970, she moved to Orlando, Fla., with one of her daughters. There, she attended Mt. Sinai Church and worked with the Dorcas Society and Community Services, helping anyone in need. She resided there until 2000, when she moved to Daytona Beach, Fla., to live with her daughter, Nellie Johnson. They are both

members of Daytona Beach Church.

Annie has been a vegetarian for many years, and her vision and mind are sharp. Though she has begun slowing down, she still takes occasional strolls around the house with the help of her walker.

Of her 15 children, nine are still living and eight of them are Adventists. She also has 100 grandchildren and 50 great-grandchildren. Her greatest desire is for all her family to accept the Lord as their personal Savior and be saved in God's Kingdom.

—BY ROBIN MOSS

## Michael Termine Turns a Healthy 100

Michael Termine was honored at Florida Keys Camp Meeting in February on the occasion of approaching his 100th birthday. He was born in Norristown, Pa., on February 25, 1914, as the second child of Italian immigrants. His thirst for knowledge and new truth from the time of his youth led him to join the Adventist Church.

Michael met his wife-to-be, Marie, at a party hosted by her brother, and they married in 1939. Their close and loving relationship continued for 68 years until her death in 2007.

After years of praying for a child of their

own, Michael and Marie adopted Joyce in 1948. "My



Michael Termine

dad was and is a loving father," states Joyce. "He sacrificed a lot so I could attend Blue Mountain Academy, Andrews University, and University of Maryland."

Michael was an accomplished tailor, then worked as a master plumber until retirement at age 75. He installed the plumbing system for Pottstown, Pa., Church, where he served in many roles, including head elder for many years.

Producing vegetables from his garden for his family, siblings, and neighbors was his principal hobby. After laboring all day, he would tend to his plants

and spent many late nights with Marie canning and freezing the bounty they had harvested.

Michael's habit was to study his Bible and Sabbath School lessons, and he was a frequent Sabbath School teacher. In retirement, he has the opportunity to re-read many of the volumes he previously studied, including *The Great Controversy*. In his present church in Key Largo, members appreciate his enthusiastic presentation of the weekly mission reports.

He maintains a healthy lifestyle with daily exercise and a healthy diet. Michael's doctor says he is the healthiest centenarian that he has ever seen.

—BY KARIN ALDERFER

## Wickhams Operate Diabetes Reversal Program

Karen and Stephen Wickham, members of the Jasper, Tenn., Church and residents of Coalmont, are operating the award-winning grant-based Diabetes

said. She attended her first meeting with the Health Council in October 2012. At the end of the meeting, they asked if anyone was interested in a grant avail-

for Reversing Diabetes. He wanted a program that was free and relevant, with the latest information on diabetes. He also customized the data to the county to share

current statistics. Grundy County is at the bottom level for almost all the statistics, including a high number of individuals with diabetes.

“Isaiah 58 grabbed me. True fast, not that this is the true fast I have chosen, to relieve suffering and oppression.

What more do we have than all of these with diseases metabolic syndrome? It helps me catch a better vision of who God is,” Stephen said.

Karen coordinates the programs, and Stephen presents the Diabetes Reversal seminars. In 2013 they held four six-week seminars with an average of 20 people attending. The events include cooking using healthy recipes, food samples, blood pressure and weight for participants, lectures on diabetes, how to change lifestyle, and either a free book or recipe.

“People love it. When they make the lifestyle changes, their blood pressure comes down, blood sugars come down, and they get excited,” said Karen.

Stephen even made contact with a local cable television show who was so interested in the idea of diabetes reversal that he asked them to come in for a live interview the next day. The Wickhams now have an open invitation to interview on the cable station every Wednesday. They just wish they had more time.

The Wickhams work has not gone unnoticed. Stephen received the Mercy Award from LifePoint, the hospital where he is employed. They have also been given the Governor’s Volunteer Star Award for Grundy County for the state of Tennessee, and were asked to present on their diabetes reversal work in Atlanta, Ga., at a meeting for healthcare workers.

“It is very humbling and has drawn me a lot closer to the Lord,” said Karen of her work. “It brought me out of the loss and has given me purpose. I have joy.”

—BY TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER



*Stephen and Karen Wickham have been operating the successful Diabetes Prevention and Reversal Program in Grundy County, Tenn., for about a year and a half. They are operating with funding from a grant.*

Prevention and Reversal Program in Grundy County, Tenn.

It all started because Karen, a nurse and former caregiver for aging parents who had since died, felt without purpose.

One day she saw a notice for a meeting of the Health Council for Grundy County. It said that they were looking for volunteers. Without even talking to her husband, Karen called the Health Council and told them she was coming to their next meeting.

“Not asking Stephen is not normal for me,” Karen

able for a diabetes program. Karen took the grant information home and applied within a couple months. That December she was awarded the grant. Out of 41 applicants only five were chose. The Wickhams were one of the five grants. Funded by the University of West Virginia, the Wickhams receive \$40,000 annually for four years.

That January they held their first Diabetes Reversal seminar. Stephen, also a nurse, spent considerable time working on a program that utilized some of Neal Bernard’s Program

## Wendt Wins Second Place in Youth Film Contest

The historic Fox Theatre in Bakersfield, Calif., was packed as hundreds of spectators, supporters, and hopefuls attended the 20th Anniversary Christian Youth Film Festival.

However, local filmmaker and Rhea County academy student Jonathan Wendt traveled the farthest distance to attend in hopes of winning at least one award.

What he didn't realize is how well his film, "The Indian's Revenge," would be received by judges. Wendt's film received second place overall with a cash prize of \$890, along with Best Director, Best Cinematography, Best Editing, and Best Production Value.

Wendt says, "I was



SUBMITTED BY JOY WENDT

*Jonathan Wendt receives a second place award from Joe Brown, director of the Christian Youth Film Festival, along with Jonathan's father, David Wendt. The awards were given at the historic Fox Theatre in Bakersfield, Calif.*

amazed. They kept calling my name and it was like a blur. When they asked me to speak, all I could say was 'I thank God, my

family, and my crew. I also thank my Dad who was a big help to me."

Because he won the Best Director Award,

Wendt has also been offered free director classes with Clay Banks Studios in Hollywood, Calif.

Banks was one of the judges for the competition, along with seasoned actor Basil Hoffman, rising Christian actress Jenn Gotson, multi-published author Connie Flieshauer, actress Amanda Nugent, producer Susan Silvestri, and producer David Wood.

Wendt's film can be viewed on YouTube by searching for "The Indian's Revenge," or at the following link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1h8n61H5DPw>.

—BY JOY WENDT

## Faatzes Celebrate 70 Years of Marriage



Jack and Louise Faatz celebrated 70 years of married life on February 19, 2014. They met and married in Norfolk, Va., and

were soon parted as Jack, a sailor, received orders to the Pacific fleet where he served a six-year tour of duty. Louise visited the

Faatzes were introduced to Adventism and began taking Bible studies. They moved to Atlanta, Ga., and continued to study under

South Pacific at the end of the war, and Jack met his two-year-old son. Three daughters followed him.

After returning home to North Carolina in 1948, the

William Keith. The couple was baptized in 1950 after attending an evangelistic crusade. The family then moved to Collegedale, Tenn., where Jack attended Southern Missionary College for one year. He was then employed by Fillaue's Limb and Brace Company in Chattanooga, Tenn., which eventually led to him being certified in orthotics and prosthetics. He established his own business in Lakeland, Fla.

They retired to Dayton, Tenn. They have four children, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

## New Church Dedicated in Lineville

More than 80 attended the joyous occasion on Sabbath, March 15, 2014, in Lineville, Ala. It was a day of celebration as the Lineville Company was officially dedicated as the newest church in the Gulf States Conference (GSC).

Sabbath School featured a first-hand mission report given by former missionaries Bruce and Barbara Vogt. They were dressed in authentic Pakistani clothing and shared memories from their experiences in Pakistan.

The church service featured a sermon by Mel Eisele, president of the Conference, which emphasized the need for

a church that is willing to reach the Lineville community by meeting them where they are.

those who are in darkness and desiring to find the light.

The highlight of the

baptisms in a portable baptistery provided by GSC Hispanic Ministries.

The afternoon service featured a history of Lineville Church given by Henry Moten, head elder. Several in the congregation shared memories of the formative years, and how they had been blessed by the church family. Robert Kurth's name was mentioned many times in appreciation for his work as pastor in founding and establishing the work in Lineville.

The service ended with a dedicatory prayer by Dave Livermore, executive secretary of Gulf States.

—BY JIM LEKES



*Pictured are members of the newly organized Lineville, Ala., Church, and leaders from Gulf States Conference.*

The charge was given for Lineville members to do more than simply “do church.” They must provide a receptive sanctuary and an inviting refuge for

morning service was the baptism of three new members: Joseph Moore, Joel Moore, and Theresa Wilson. Pavil Kulakov, pastor, conducted the

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## Aleen Mobley Celebrates 92nd Birthday

There are not many 92-year-olds who drive themselves to church every Sabbath morning, march in unaided, greet everyone with a hug and a smile, and bring food to the fellowship luncheon celebrating their own birthday. But, Aleen Mobley of Athens, Ala., Church did just that as the entire church family honored her on her birthday and recognized her faithful service to Athens Church and community. The luncheon was highlighted with members and friends giving special recollections of her untiring service in the Athens area.

Mobley was born on February 1, 1922, and grew up a “country girl” outside of Memphis, Tenn. She has seen a lot of changes during her lifetime — some of them good and some not so good. The early ‘20s were “rough times,” with little money and jobs hard to find. But, in all of life’s challenges, Mobley’s family met each obstacle with a strong faith and a trust in God that would see them through those depression years. The family may not have had a lot in the way of material goods, but they had a lot of love and a strong connection with God and each other.

Mobley first became aware of Seventh-day Adventists because of a country neighbor who lived across the street. She really didn’t learn too

much about Adventism from the neighbor other than the family kept Saturday for Sunday. However, God made sure this was not her only contact. When the family moved a few years later, her mother hired some help who also turned out to be Adventist.

It was yet another Adventist neighbor, Mrs.

Green, who lived down the street that really made a difference. By this time, Mobley had matured and married, and the time was right for God to

send another contact. Green showed herself to be friendly, and it wasn’t long before she was inviting Mobley and other family members in for Bible studies. Mobley recognized that what she was learning was truth, and in 1947 she became the first member of her family to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Her mother and sister, Thelma, joined shortly after. Aleen and Thelma had always been close, but this new-found faith brought them even closer. In fact,

Thelma and Aleen were two of the founders of the Raleigh Church in Memphis. This church is still very active today, and, according to her niece, Mobley is the last living charter member.

From the moment Mobley accepted the Three Angels’ messages, she became a champion witness for Jesus. She saw



to it that her two children, Irene and Billy, received a Christian education. In addition to raising her children in the Church, she also became an ambassador

for spreading God’s end-time message to others. After working for the government for 32 years, Mobley retired in 1977 at the age of 55, and became even more involved in community services.

Before the city of Athens launched their own health services programs through Athens Limestone Hospital, Mobley was working in the church foyer with other Adventist volunteers, offering free blood-pressure monitoring to the community each week for three years. She

then launched her own “Shoebox Ministry” for new babies born at Athens Limestone Hospital — a program that others had offered at an earlier time but had discontinued. She visited each mother, carrying them a box filled with baby items and a book sharing God’s message. Many mothers expressed their appreciation, not only for the items, but for the visit, care, and concern showed. Then, for six-and-one-half years, Mobley, along with others, manned a booth at the Limestone Flea Market, distributing literature, books, CDs, and other materials to all who stopped by the booth.

Two years ago Mobley lost her beloved sister, Thelma, who herself was 94 years old. Losing Thelma has certainly not been easy, but Mobley has the hope of the resurrection and knowledge that she will be united again with her sister in the Earth made new. Thelma remained faithful to the end, raising her own two children to carry on the Adventist legacy. This hope has allowed Mobley to continue to brighten the Athens congregation with her presence. When asked about the future, she is very optimistic and hopes to live to 99. She is such a sweet woman, and all who know and love her wish her a very happy 92nd birthday.

—BY SANDRA PRICE

## Annual Musical Celebrates Jesus, Fosters Unity



Jody Dickhaut sings "Jesus Loves Me."

Two unions and three conferences converged on Sabbath, April 5, 2014, in Louisville, Ky., as worshippers from churches throughout the metropolitan area gathered to commemorate Christ's sacrifice. The third annual Sing and Celebrate Spring Musical, hosted by Middletown Church, featured participants from nine area churches and ministries. The yearly musical promotes unity and provides

an opportunity to share musical praise and build kingdom relationships.

Music lovers were blessed by singing pastors Jody Dickhaut (Louisville First) and Marius Serban (Middletown). Vocalists from Louisville Hispanic Church treated listeners with songs in Spanish, including a lilting rendition of "Gloria Aleluya." Representatives from Magazine Street and New Life in the South Central Conference delivered heartfelt selections, Lake Union Conference members from Jeffersonville and New Albany in southern Indiana lent their voices, and Peewee Valley members were excited to participate in the

event for the first time. The Bluegrass Band featured talent from Louisville First, Middletown, and Taylor Mill, Ohio. The 18-voice Middletown Mass Choir debuted with a soaring choral arrangement of "The Power of the Cross," accompanied by a six-piece band of keys, strings, and wind instruments.

Louisville Adventist Academy students Ashley Porterfield, Tyra'Ann Thompson, and Mia Hunter harmonized on "Lead Me to the Cross." Siblings Joselyn and Jonathan Griffith, delivered a powerful scriptural recitation, and Olivia Matthews and Hannah Nunn rendered a beautiful duet. The Middletown Soldiers

of Christ Pathfinder Club served enthusiastically as



Punta de Gracia sings "Digno Eres Señor."

greeters and ushers.

The musical culminated with a heart-stirring rendition of "Side by Side," as believers of all ages, races, and backgrounds clasped hands across the aisles and urged each other to meet in Heaven by the Savior's side.

—BY MELLANIE HUNTER

## Decherd Church Members Portray "The Wedding"

Formal printed wedding invitations made their way into the homes of family and friends of Decherd, Tenn., Church; were hand-delivered to the neighborhood surrounding the church; and were published in the local newspaper.

"The Wedding," an original play written by Jay Prall, Decherd member, tells the story of God's amazing grace from the cross to the resurrection, from the ascension to the Second Coming, and concludes with God welcoming His bride to Heaven and hosting the wedding supper of the Lamb as detailed in Revelation 19.

The atmosphere was



Kathy Prall as Naomi

set on the platform with a white wedding arch wrapped in tulle surrounded by Easter lilies. A contrasting lone poinsettia with its leaves still red from Christmas, was a reminder of Jesus' life on the Earth from birth to ascension.

As the guests entered the church, the five-member cast handed them a program and greeted them: "Welcome to The Wedding."

First, the apostles

Peter (Jay Prall) and John (Nelson Mercado, pastor) came to life, detailing what it was like to be with Jesus — particularly during the crucifixion weekend. Mary Magdalene (Cynthia Stovall) poured out her story of finding the empty tomb and being overwhelmed with joy when Jesus spoke to her in the garden. Naomi (Kathy Prall), a servant of Caiaphas, provided an inside view into the religious establishment and their fears that the disciples might stoop to stealing Christ's body and telling everyone He had risen. A Roman soldier (Robert Petty), assigned to guard the tomb, scoffed that to accept hush

money would have ended in being court-martialed for supposedly falling asleep at the tomb.

The service concluded with an urgent appeal from John. "Oh, friend, when I walked here with Jesus, so much of what He said went over my head. Don't let that happen to you too. He wants so much for all of us to be part of that heavenly celebration."

At the reception, guests reflected on what it will be like to sit at the wedding celebration of the Lamb. A white wedding cake, inscribed with the simple words of the Father, "Welcome home children," completed the celebration.

—BY JAY E. PRALL

## MTSA Faculty Serves Christ in Remote Countries

The Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia (MTSA) provides a Christian, Seventh-day Adventist learning environment for graduate nurse anesthesia

share the school's values of excellence, service, and truth while serving their fellow man — both inside and outside of the operating room," said Ken Schwab, MTSA president, who feels mission trips are invaluable, life-changing experiences. "Fostering a life of service is a key component of MTSA's mission statement."

tor, travelled to Haiti and the Dominican Republic to provide nursing care and anesthesia for surgeries.

"Most mission trips are coordinated through faith-based organizations," said Brown, "and we often serve in a medical role, helping patients who otherwise couldn't afford healthcare."

MTSA, located just outside of Nashville in Madison, Tenn., has more than 1,500 graduates around the world, and offers two levels of anesthesia education: a master of science degree with a focus in anesthesia, and a doctor of nurse anesthesia practice degree. Whether administering anesthesia in an operating



*Rachel Brown cares for an elderly patient and washes his feet in the Dominican Republic.*

room or helping those in need across the country and around the world, the MTSA community distinguishes itself by treating others as Christ would, and fulfilling MTSA's mission to serve others. Visit [www.mtsa.edu](http://www.mtsa.edu) for more information.



*The medical team poses for a photo outside of the church/clinic in Guatemala, where they treated several hundred patients each day.*

education, and encourages its students, staff, and faculty to serve Christ by participating in mission trips.

"MTSA students, staff, and faculty are taught to see anesthesia as more than a profession, and to

travelled to Cuba to build homes and renovate parsonages; Chris Hulin, dean/program administrator, travelled to Guatemala to treat patients in mobile medical clinics; and Rachel Brown, assistant program administra-

By 2015, MTSA hopes to establish a formal mission trip program for students, staff and faculty to discover ways they can help those in need.

—BY MIDDLE TENNESSEE SCHOOL OF ANESTHESIA

## Leach Members Start "Spring Forward" Initiative



*Leach Church members assemble food baskets.*

The Leach, Tenn., Church members began a "Spring Forward" initiative on April 5, 2014, in an effort to reach church members who have not attended church for months, if not years. Thirty-two baskets of food with a copy of the *Passion of Love* book were dispersed throughout the Carroll County area to former and cur-

rent members. Members assembled the baskets after potluck, names were assigned, and immediate delivery began. Stories of thanks and hugs poured in throughout the week as numerous reconnections occurred. The members hope this new ministry outreach will bear fruit for God's Kingdom.

—BY JOHN BAKER

## Conference Conducts Marriage Retreat in Greensboro



Two hundred couples attended the South Atlantic Conference Married Lovers' Retreat in Greensboro, N.C.

After postponing the Married Lovers' Retreat in February due to bad weather, 200 determined couples still made their way to the marriage retreat in Greensboro, N.C., and they were not disappointed. Love was in the atmosphere. Attend-

ees included more than 15 newlyweds who had been married for one year or less.

Wintley and Linda Phipps blessed hearts with powerful presentations such as "The Purpose of Marriage" and the "Power

and Pleasure of Marriage." Each morning, Oscar Sherrod, South Atlantic prayer coordinator, and his wife, Pat, led Morning Manna. This included a season of prayer with powerful testimonies from couples who shared how God restored their broken marriages. These testimonies encouraged other couples who were experiencing tough times. By the end of Morning Manna, all were reminded that God is able to restore. One couple expressed that they had been giving Bible studies to another couple they brought to the retreat. On Sabbath, the couple was baptized and several couples from the retreat attended the baptism.

The Saturday evening gala entitled "From Paris

with Love," was a night to remember! Love songs, a comedian, and words of encouragement filled the air. At the end of the gala, William Winston, South Atlantic president, and his wife, Eula, led couples into the renewing of vows, which is always very special.

On Sunday, Calvin Alberty, marriage and family therapist, closed the retreat with a seminar that covered the effects of stress on one's marriage. This was extremely thought-provoking, and left everyone determined to make changes in their lives.

Couples left the retreat content and in great anticipation of the next retreat, which will be held in Charleston, S.C.

—BY MELVIN PRESTON

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# Tuskegee Airmen Visit Berean Adventurers



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*Berean Chariots listen to the presentation.*

Members of the Atlanta Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen visited the Berean Chariots Adventurer Club on Sunday, February 9, 2014. Samuel Jones, William Smith, and John Stewart gave an educational and inspirational talk to the club. Two of the three airmen were honored by Berean Church members four years ago during Black History Month. The video produced by Berean Church was played at the beginning of their presentations.

Afterwards, each of the airmen gave brief remarks followed by a question and answer period. Some people may not realize

that the Tuskegee Airmen were not just pilots. They were mechanics, nurses, doctors, parachute packers, cooks, radio operators, and various other support personnel, including women and civilians. The 1940s was a segregated society. African Americans were not considered tough enough or smart enough. The Tuskegee Airmen proved them wrong.

One of the little-known facts about the airmen was reiterated by Smith. Many have heard about the movie *Top Gun* (1986), which depicts the competition of the Air Force's top aviators/fighter pilots. "Do you

know who the original top guns were?" Smith asked. "You guessed it: the Tuskegee Airmen!" The first such competition of the top United States military aviators was held at the Las Vegas Air Force Base (now Nellis AFB), Nevada, on May 2, 1949. Members of the 332nd Fighter Group (trained at



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*William Smith holds an article containing the photo commemorating the champions of the 1st USAF Fighter Gunnery Meet in 1949.*

school and to always do their best. Education is the key to success. Michael Spann closed the meeting with a wonderful thought. He said, "Just like the Tuskegee Airmen had to submit to their commanders to achieve success, Adventurers must submit to the Great Commander (Jehovah God) in order to be successful."

At the close of the meeting, the airmen received honorary membership into the Berean Chariots Adventurer Club. They were also gracious enough to stay for a few minutes to take pictures and sign au-

tographs. Berean Chariots will be visiting Tuskegee University and Moton field later in the year, where the airmen received basic flight training. The Tuskegee Airmen have chapters all over the United States. It would be enlightening and educational for all families to learn more about this important time in history.

—BY SAMUEL F. CORT JR., M.D.



DALIA RAGINE / SAMUEL F. CORT JR., M.D.

*Tuskegee airmen Samuel Jones, William Smith (holding the Tuskegee Airmen Congressional Gold Medal), and John Stewart stand with the Cort family and Tuskegee University alumna Tracey Cort.*

Tuskegee), represented by Captain Alva Temple, 1st Lt. Harry Stewart, 1st Lt. James Harvey, and alternate pilot 1st Lt. Halbert Alexander, were number one in their division. The trophy is currently on display at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, located at Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio. The Tuskegee Airmen were collectively awarded the Congressional Gold Medal on March 29, 2007, because of their heroic efforts. The original is displayed at the Smithsonian.

They all encouraged the children to stay in

## New Bethel Holds Prison Ministries Day

After nearly 40 years of providing spiritual service to prisoners in Columbus, Ga., New Bethel Church followed the command of Jesus: "I was in prison, and ye came unto me." New Bethel Prison Ministries Department, under the pastorate of Crawford Humphrey, partnered with J.O.Y. Behind Bars, Inc. of Phenix, City, Ala., to hold its first Prison Ministries Day on March 8, 2014. The theme was "Break Every Chain."

While its purpose was six-fold, its primary focus was to bring awareness to the plight of those enslaved to crime and violence, the devastating effects it has on their families and children, and to show that there is an answer. The Personal Ministries Department, with representative Mark Palmour from the Columbus Church, united and decorated the fellowship hall, and provided a nutritious, tasty dinner. Beverly Hammons and the Ensemble of Praise Choir, with guest artists Angel James, Rickey Copeland, Natasha Walker, Cheryl Palmour, Jamysa Hutchins, and Kai Lawrence, praised and glorified God in song.

The program started on Friday evening with guest speaker Ronald Johnson talking about his physical challenges, and sharing the greatness of God in his life. George S. Smith from Bermuda gave his dynamic testimony on how he used and sold drugs at

an early age and ended up in jail, eventually moved to America and attended college, and is now a street evangelist.

On Sabbath, Donnell Morgan shared an awe-

Virginia Davis, Julia Best, and Willie Ryles, who were involved from its inception. Lawrence, a member of New Bethel, received a special award from the church by Humphrey for



*Eddream Lawrence (left), Wesley Jones, and Crawford Humphrey, pastor, awarded Richard Bland (second from left), director of United Prison Ministries International, for 34 years of service and dedication to prison ministries.*

some testimony. He started selling drugs at an early age, became a user, and ended up in jail with a life sentence which was later reversed. After a year he was released and accepted at Oakwood University, and is now the pastor of Better Living Church in Phenix City, Ala.

New Bethel's Teens With A Mission (TWAM) carried signs with slogans about crime, violence, and drugs to display a message. Wesley Jones, prison ministries leader, and Eddream Lawrence, director of J.O.Y. Behind Bars, aided by Humphrey, passed out certificates to community leaders, church members, and those on the prison ministries team, including

her years of dedicated service to prisoners and their families through J.O.Y. Behind Bars.

A special "Into All the World" clock was presented to Richard Bland, speaker from J.O.Y. Behind Bars and director of United Prison Ministries International (UPMI) in Verbena, Ala., for 34 years of dedication to prison ministries. He had the awesome task of not only reviewing the state of America, but also giving the reason for crime, violence, and abominations plaguing the cities, and especially the black community where black-on-black crime is epidemic. Bland has ministered to inmates in some 300 prisons in 80 countries, and distrib-

uted more than 71 million spiritual books and Bible studies around the world. He shared his greatest testimony that happened in the mid-80s in Romania, when a leader was so impressed with *The Desire of Ages* that he had more than 100,000 printed in Russian for thousands of prisoners. Bland preached on "Are You a Sheep or a Goat?" His message concluded with Jesus Christ being the chain breaker and the answer to stopping crime and violence.

For the evening program, Smith focused on youth getting more involved with the mission of Christ, while Bland demonstrated a simple way to witness using his books. The day ended with Bland having an anointing service for those involved in prison ministries, and closing the Sabbath with prayer.

New Bethel members were motivated to keep the fire going, purchased 2,000 books to share with prisoners and the community during the weeks to come, and determined to give their testimonies during personal ministries hour on Sabbath.

—BY WESLEY B. JONES

## Conference Conducts Annual Prayer Summit



CHRISANDRA CLAYBON

*Clementine Collins (left) and Roy Rugless, South Central prayer ministries director, pray for Wendy Westerhouse, hospitality manager for Shocco Springs Convention Center.*

as attendees checked in on Friday, March 7, 2014. Shocco Springs, Talladega, provided the quiet of a ready retreat for the 250-plus people seeking a respite.

The charming little paradise of prayer was the center of attraction, and all roads led

Prayer Ministry experience and spiritual uplift attitude were alive and doing well in SCC 50, the annual Conference Prayer Summit. Excitement filled the air

to this place where Metard Salomon, pastor of Moncon English and French churches in Canada, spoke. Philip Willis, D.Min., from Lake Region Conference, shared

his electrifying admonitions. Roy Rugless, South Central Conference prayer ministries director, poured effort into creating a Prayer Summit to be remembered. Dana Edmond, South Central president, gave full support to this venture.

The theme for the Summit was "Righteousness by Faith." As this subject was explored, all were led to understand that one has to claim the promises for deliverance, healing, and righteousness. Righteousness has already been provided for everyone. The Second Coming will not come and God's will not be done until it is undergirded with prayer. All need to understand just how important prayer ministries is, and take it seriously. Willis said that if everyone

could commit the following prayer to memory, he believes it would help to grow faith: "Lord, take my heart, for I cannot give it ... save me in spite of myself. Raise me into the pure, holy atmosphere where the rich current of Thy love can flow through my soul."

The Summit was a blessing, the presence of the Holy Spirit was felt, and lives were touched and transformed. Shocco Springs was left behind, but the Prayer Summit -- which emphasized spending time with the God of love Who gives all righteousness by faith -- will not be forgotten.

—BY CECILY DALY AND ROY RUGLESS

## South Central Responds to Disasters in Louisville, Tupelo



*Barbara Barnes receives thanks from local residents for being there for them.*

A tornado ripped through the cities of Louisville and Tupelo, Miss., on April 28, 2014. It has been four years since a tornado hit Mississippi. There were 23 counties with at least 1,201 homes destroyed or which sustained major damage, and a total of more than 2,459 homes affected. In addition, preliminary assessments show at least 87 businesses were destroyed or sustained major damage. Total death confirmed is 14.

On Friday, May 2, warehouse specialists Jane

Hood and Wayne Blanding, with their ACS Disaster Response team, arrived in Louisville and Tupelo to help with the coordination of donated goods. Suzette, a local resident of Tupelo affected by the tornado, said "We really appreciate you all coming here and we're glad you came. Everyone treated us very well."

As many as 300-plus volunteers from various



*Tons of goods were distributed to those affected by the storm.*

organizations and civic groups, along with local ACS volunteers, donated their time in the warehouses.

—BY BARBARA BARNES

## Southeastern Teacher Receives 2014 Excellence in Teaching Award

Elticia Buisson, Miami Union Academy social studies teacher, has always been able to bring history to life using technology, whether she is in the classroom or not.

While on a music tour in Europe with the Alabama Gospel Choir, Buisson used social media to create geography scavenger hunts for her students. She posted pictures and videos of the locations she visited, and encouraged the students to use the characteristics of the cities and venues as clues to determine where she was and how far she had traveled. The assignment allowed students to see their textbooks from another vantage point, and made many of them interested in traveling to experience other cultures for themselves.

"She is constantly seeking opportunities to make education exciting and meaningful, both inside and outside of the classroom, and to make learning practical for our students," said Shelley Garner, vice principal of Miami Union Academy (MUA).

During her 10 years at MUA, Buisson has worked with her students to create 3D replicas of palaces, temples, and tombs from ancient civilizations, set up a FaceTime video conference with an Air Force sergeant in South Korea to inform students of the requirements necessary to

become an Air Force officer, and even researched the process of Egyptian mummification in order to mummify chickens.

"They actually mummified chickens," said Renee Hodge, principal of MUA. "That is the type of teacher she is. Anything that can enhance the class or help advance the student, she is with it."

Buisson's use of technology and dedication to her students extend beyond the classroom. She offers free tutoring after school for students who can meet with her, and tutors those who cannot meet using Skype.

"She has a passion for her students and shows it by the time she puts into working with them to help them succeed," Hodge said. Above all, Buisson is committed to her students, and calls herself the caretaker of her own mission field. Before school begins each year, Buisson prays over each desk and the student who will occupy it. She prays that her relationship with them will be encouraging, patient, and, most of all, loving.

"Love is why I require more than average from my students," Buisson said. "When they go beyond average and their success surprises them, our bond is

strengthened. God compels me to share that love with all my students. It softens the hardest, frustrated heart."

Buisson considers her students her family, and she has never regretted her decision to become an educator.

"On those days when fatigue seems like it wants to win, I remember the im-



*Andy McDonald, Alumni Awards Foundation board member, presents Elticia Buisson the Alumni Awards Foundation 2014 Excellence in Teaching Award.*

pact my teaching is having, not only on their academic pursuits, but their spiritual accomplishments as well," Buisson said. "My reward is their success. Adventist education has made me a card-carrying believer in the adage, 'Do what you love and you will never work a day in your life.'"

Buisson's award ceremony was on Saturday, April 26, 2014, at Mt. Pigsah Church in Miami Gardens, Fla.

Andy McDonald, Alumni Awards Foundation (AAF) board member, presented the award to Buisson.

This award was sponsored by Buisson's alma mater, Oakwood University. AAF would like to thank Oakwood for partnering in this year's Excellence in Teaching Awards.

View Buisson's and other Excellence in Teaching Award recipients' stories on MUA's blog. You can also view photos in the gallery.

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—BY MYRON MADDEN

## OU Hosts 2014 Spring Board Meeting

Members of the Oakwood University Board of Trustees met April 21, 2014, to discuss and receive reports concerning the growth of the 118-year-old educational institution at its spring Board Meeting. Chaired by Dan Jackson, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, the board meets twice per year and includes leadership from the Seventh-day Adventist Church's world headquarters, local conferences, and unions, as well as lay members.

During the meeting, Leslie N. Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., president of Oakwood University, presented a report to the board members concerning a few major initiatives of the University. Highlights include the following:

### Industry Recovery

Priority number six of Oakwood University's Strategic Plan specifically outlines fiscal growth, responsible management, and long-term stability of Oakwood University. According to the action plan, "the Division of Financial Administration will secure the fiscal health of Oakwood University by the creation of non-tuition revenue by managing internal financial resources in harmony with the strategic mission of the institution, and by decreasing dependence on governmental sources of income through the recovery of industries appropriate for the 21st century." This priority, proposed by Pollard in his

first University address on January 25, 2011, challenged the financial reality of Oakwood University's budget — a budget dependent on 60 percent tuition and fees.

Oakwood operated a number of industries during the years: a laundry that serviced the Huntsville community and the Redstone Arsenal, a dairy with cows that produced milk for the Huntsville community, a bakery, horseshoeing, and other industries. One of the new businesses that Oakwood will be involved with includes purchasing a retail business that is mission compatible. Oakwood has been in recent conversations with the national Edible Arrangements® corporate office, and has decided to purchase an Edible Arrangements® franchise. Edible Arrangements® is one of most effective and growing franchises in America.

### Oakwood Online University

The Spring 2014 semester marked the official rollout of the first fully-online program offered by Oakwood University. Last fall, the Southern Association for Colleges and Schools (SACS) approved Oakwood's application to offer the organizational management (OM) degree completion program completely online through the LEAP (Leadership Education for the Adult Professional) program, as part of the academic offerings for Oak-

wood's School of Business and Adult and Continuing Education.

The SACS decision followed a grueling process involving extensive research and planning to make sure this initiative was properly aligned with the University's strategic plan. For the past year, Hyacinth Burton, dean of the School of Business and Adult and Continuing Education, and chair of the Oakwood Online University Committee, has worked painstakingly with a team of committee members to ensure the successful rollout of Oakwood Online University.

### Philanthropy

During the 2014 Alumni Weekend Celebration, Pollard received a pledged gift from Leroy and Lois Peters for the construction of Oakwood University's Media Center. This gift, in the amount of \$1.2M, will help to finish the construction of the Center scheduled for completion at the end of 2014. Pollard has led in a challenge to find more major gift donors — at least \$1M a year.

During the meeting, Keith Burton, Ph.D., director for The Center for Adventist-Muslim Relations, received official reaffirmation of his ministry by vote from the Oakwood University Board of Trustees.

Surrounded by his wife, Hyacinth Burton, dean of the School of Business and Adult and Con-

tinuing Education; Charles Bradford, retired North American Division president; Ted Wilson, D.Min., president of the General Conference, Harold Lee, D.Min., retired president of the Columbia Union Conference; Leslie Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., president of Oakwood University; Mervyn Warren, Ph.D., dean of Oakwood School of Religion; James Melancon, Ph.D., retired professor of New Testament; and Dan Jackson, president of the North American Division, Burton was complimented and prayed over by his spiritual fathers and supporters in the ministry. Burton officially resigned employment in 2004 from teaching ministry at Oakwood University because of a theological difference concerning the Seventh-day Adventist Fundamental Belief #3. Since that time, he has reaffirmed his unwavering belief in and support for Fundamental Belief #3. This restoration ceremony, growing out of Galatians 6:1, closed a door on a 10-year journey for the Burton family. Burton is also the author of this quarter's Sabbath School Lesson Study Guide.

At the conclusion of the reports, Calvin B. Rock, D.Min., Oakwood president from 1971 to 1985, gave accolades to Pollard and his administrative council for their leadership.

—BY GEORGE JOHNSON JR.  
AND MICHELE SOLOMON

## Graduate Students Honored for Social Work Policy Research

Graduate students from Southern's School of Social Work participated in "Day on the Hill" on March 26, 2014, and won the Policy Poster Winner Award for Tennessee in the Master of Social Work category.

"Day on the Hill" is an annual event attended by social work students, faculty, and practitioners from across the state. Each school that is in attendance brings one policy poster to put on display in the Legislative Plaza, from which a panel of social workers and policy experts select the winner.

"We produced a research poster, PowerPoint presentation, and a five-minute talk about House



*Students from Southern conducted critical analysis of statistics from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation regarding the trafficking of minors. They won an award for their research and presentation during a recent trip to Nashville.*

Bill 131/Senate Bill 447," said Brittney Bryan, graduate social work student. "This legislation proposes sen-

tencing enhancement for traffickers of minors and patrons of child prostitution, and calls for better

protection resources for minors who are victims of sex trafficking."

Kristie Wilder, '03, dean for the School of Social Work, says this is the first time that honor has been awarded to Southern. Other schools competing for the honor included The University of Tennessee and The University of Memphis, among others.

"I believe that our research team was empowered by the chance to present on this topic and advocate for one of Tennessee's most vulnerable populations," Bryan said. "It was a wonderfully eye-opening experience about the role social workers can play in policy action."

—BY ELIZABETH CAMPS

## It Is Written Moving Headquarters from California to Chattanooga

Southern has worked with It Is Written (IIW) since 2011 to offer the SALT evangelism program. Partnerships between the two institutions will dramatically increase as the venerable Adventist media group moves from California to Chattanooga in July. They plan to lease office space 15 minutes from Southern while building something more permanent that is closer to campus.

According to Alan Parker, professor and

SALT program director in the School of Religion, financial incentives to help IIW move east were made available by Southern, the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, and the Southern Union. Interest in the move extends beyond the School of Religion to other academic areas on campus as well.

"When It Is Written was based in California, it proved difficult for our students to intern there because of long distance

and the cost of living," said Stephen Ruf, associate professor in the School of Journalism and Communication. "We are excited because we know the staff there are pros; our students will learn a lot from them."

The opportunities resulting from IIW moving to the area are endless. Students pursuing careers in animation and film production, journalism, marketing, nonprofit administration, and evangelism will be part of a finished product seen

in 143 countries around the world, and nationally on the Discovery Channel, Hope Channel, and 3ABN.

"This is a door opening to another level, and will help me grow professionally," said Krantzy Boursiquot, senior theology major. "Learning that It Is Witten was moving to Chattanooga was like finding Narnia just beyond my dorm room's closet!"

—BY LUCAS PATTERSON

# Obituaries



**BURKS, Quanton Murray**, 76, born Oct. 29, 1935 in Birmingham, AL, died May 10, 2012 in Loxahatchee, FL.

At the age of 12, he was baptized and became a member of East End Church in Birmingham. In 1961, he received a B.A. degree in theology from Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University).

The Burks were married on Aug. 27, 1961 in Leesburg, FL. He then attended the Seminary at Andrews University for one year. He was employed by the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference for 15 years. One of the highlights of this time was to be a delegate to the General Conference Session in Vienna, Austria, in 1975, and also, with his wife, toured the Holy Land.

In 1976, he accepted an invitation to join the Florida Conference. While in Florida, he received a M.A. degree in public health from Loma Linda University. He retired Feb. 1, 2003.

His funeral was held at First Church in West Palm Beach, FL, where he pastored the last 14½ years of his ministry. His voice was heard at his funeral as an excerpt from his sermon "Homesick for Heaven."

He is buried near his parents, Ross and Flora Burks, in Birmingham. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Sharon; one son, Randall (Sandra) of Loxahatchee, FL; one daughter, Rebecca (Kevin) Heinrich of Chandler, TX; one sister, Sandra Burks of West Palm Beach; and eight grandchildren.



**CLAUS, Marsha Violet Chesnut**, 49, born Sept. 14, 1964, died Feb. 16, 2014 at Gordon Hospital in Calhoun, GA, surrounded by family and friends.

A teacher by trade, she loved children. She served as an elementary school teacher in Illinois from 1992 to 1994 and again at John L. Coble Elementary School (grades pre-k through 8) in Calhoun, part-time from 2005 to 2009 and full-time from 2009 to 2013.

She wore many hats and served as a librarian, yearbook sponsor, and taught a variety of topics including language arts and religion. She worked as a sales clerk for the Adventist Book Center in Wisconsin from 1997 to 2004. She also served as a deaconess and head deaconess at Calhoun Adventist Church.

She completed her bachelor's degree from Southern Adventist University in elementary education in 1992, also completed an associate's degree in office administration in 1986. In 2009, she completed a master's of education with an emphasis in curriculum, instruction, and assessment from Walden University.

She is survived by her husband of 21 years, Rick Claus of Calhoun; one son, Eric Claus of Calhoun; her parents, Norman and Rosa Chesnut of Martinsburg, WV; one brother, Robert Chesnut of Charleston, IL; and one

sister, Mary Rose Yoder of Lake Mary, FL. A memorial service was held March 15, 2014 at Calhoun Church.



**CRIST, Geraldine Alice**, 90, born Aug. 26, 1922 in Peoria, IL, died Aug. 17, 2013 in Orlando, FL. She was employed by Florida Conference Office as an office secretary.

She is survived by one son, Milford (Nancy) Crist of Apopka, FL; one daughter, Vicki (Milford) Whited of Apopka; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. The service was conducted by Terry Pooler at Baldwin Fairchild Chapel, Altamonte Springs, FL, with interment in Highland Memory Gardens in Apopka.



**GEARY, Virginia "Ginnie" Louise**, 84, born Oct. 2, 1928 in Unionville, IN, died July 12, 2013.

She attended public schools in the lower grades, but after her first year of high school, when a number of her friends were attending Indiana Academy at Cicero, she appealed to her parents to send her there so that she would be in a Christian environment. She did well; making top grades, and was chosen to be the sophomore class vice president. This is when she met Bill Geary, and since he was president of the class, they began working together on class projects.

In 1947, she graduated from Indiana Academy and the next year began college at Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University). Bill was working at Studebaker Corporation in South Bend, IN, and it was convenient for him to run to the college and see her. It was not long until they had won each other's hearts, and in a short time they were engaged to be married. The wedding took place on Feb. 13, 1949 in Lafayette, IN.

They settled in South Bend because of Bill's work. It was not long until Bill felt a call from the Lord to the ministry, and they moved to Berrien Springs, MI. She continued to work in South Bend as a secretary for an insurance company. Every day she made the long trip back and forth for four-and-a-half years until Bill graduated.

Their first call was back to Cicero, where Bill became principal of the elementary school. He then received a call to pastor churches, and Ginnie was always right at his side to see that he was successful in God's Work. Bill was next called to be education and youth director in the Indiana Conference, which brought him into the office. Ginnie began working in the conference office after the children were in school. She started her denominational service as a secretary to Bill in the Indiana Conference.

She spent the entire summer at summer camps as registrar, running the camp store as

well as purchasing crafts and keeping books. From that time until retirement, she served as a secretary for departmental leaders in the following conference entities: Upper Columbia in Spokane, WA; Ontario in Oshawa, Canada as secretary to the Kingsway College registrar; Carolina; Gulf States; Gordon Hospital; and the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, where she served as secretary to Elder Eugene Juhl in the Publishing Department until her retirement in December 1994.

She truly enjoyed working with the literature evangelists. Her retirement lasted only until March 1995, and she returned to work in the office part-time in the Treasury Department until Dec. 25, 2009.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, William Geary; daughter and son-in-law Walter and Nancy Sharp; son, David Geary; siblings: Mike (Nancie) Nickless, and Tammy Fletcher; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; several nieces; and nephews.



**GIEBELL, Elberta Marie**, 100, born April 16, 1913 in Pittsburgh, PA, died Dec. 1, 2013 in Mt. Dora, FL. She has bravely fought cancer since she was 90 years old.

On April 14, 2013 she celebrated her 100th birthday with her Umattilla, FL, Church family.

She was still reaching out to others after 80 years of being an Adventist. She worked in the Children's Department and spent 20 years in community service.

She was employed as a certified nursing assistant (CNA) and a licensed practical nurse (LPN), and worked for a combined 22 years at Loma Linda Medical Center, Loma Linda, CA, and Florida Hospital South, Orlando, FL.

She was married to Floyd Giebell for 66 years until he died in 2001. She is survived by two sons: Thomas (Kathy) Giebell of Waverly, OH, and Richard (Darla) of Wytheville, VA; three daughters: Peggy (Richard) Aiken of Umattilla, FL, Anita Carlson of Sorrento, FL, and Carolyn (Doug) Towles of Jellico, TN; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. The service was conducted at the Umattilla, FL, Church by Pastor Jim Appel. Interment was at the Ponceannah Cemetery in Paisley, FL.



**HEARN, Richard LeCompte**, 88, born June 9, 1925 in Pontiac, MI, died November 13, 2013 in Palm Bay, FL.

He was the only child of a Seventh-day Adventist mother and Baptist father. He attended Adventist Church School through the eighth grade and then public high school.

He was drafted into the army three months after reaching his 18th birthday serving as a medic during World War II. After the army

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he enrolled in Emanuel Missionary College (Andrews University).

He married Carol Elaine Morriss in 1949 and graduated college in 1950. He later attended Southern College of Optometry and graduated in 1961. He practiced optometry in Berrien Springs, MI, and later in Detroit.

After retirement, the Hearns moved to Florida where they were members of Melbourne Church for 21 years. They were active in the church as elder and in the music department.

In the mid-1990s they accepted a call to Cambodia where they served for two years. Carol developed a hymnal in the Khmer language and Richard dispensed more than 4,000 pairs of free glasses to the poor of Cambodia.

During the week they stayed in Phnom Penh for Carol to work on the hymnal, and weekends they traveled to outlying villages and held vision clinics often nailing an eye chart to a tree where Richard would examine eyes, send the prescription with the patient to Carol who would search through bags of glasses for something as close as possible to the needed prescription.

They survived a military coup and were airlifted out of the country along with a number of Adventist dignitaries who happened to be in Cambodia for a meeting, including Elder Malcolm Gordon, retired former president of the Southern Union Conference. After peace was restored, the Hearns returned to Cambodia to complete the tasks they had begun. The hymnal is now in its third printing.

In 2002, Richard was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. His health gradually declined until his death. A favorite saying of his was "The Adventure Continues" which he wanted on his tomb stone.

A memorial service was held in Michigan where he was well known and another at his home church in Melbourne. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Carol; three children: Hazel of Royal Oak, MI; Douglas of Reedsville, PA; and Jeffrey of Berrien Springs, MI; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He died in the blessed hope of seeing his Savior and being reunited with his loved ones on that glorious soon coming day.



**RAUSCH, Oswald H., 95**, born June 12, 1918 in Detroit, MI, died July 5, 2013 in Leesburg, FL.

He was a member of North Lake, FL, Church, and he was known by family and friends as Ozzie.

Upon reading the Bible, he felt he was receiving a message from the Lord regarding the true Sabbath day. At 21 years old he was baptized in Detroit, became a member of the Adventist Church, and for 70 years he remained a dedicated and faithful member serving the Church in many areas.

He began Church work as a colporteur before joining Michigan Conference as assistant publishing secretary from January 1944 to June 1948.

During the next 30 years, he served in publishing, Book and Bible House, and treasury work for the Wisconsin, Florida, Georgia-Cumberland, Alabama-Mississippi, Southern Union, Carolina, Southern California, and Minnesota conferences. He then served as a chaplain for six-and-a-half years at Medical Center Hospital in Punta Gorda, FL, to end his working ministry of more than 40 years.

He is survived by his wife of nine years, Ida Mae; one son, Robert (Judith) of Alabama; two step-daughters: Barbara (Paul) Shaw-Clemens of Horsehoe Bend, AR, and Janet (Gerald) Harms of Annandale, MD; one brother, Chester; one sister, Ruth Brown of Michigan; two grandchildren; one step-grandchild; and nine great-grandchildren. His first wife, Esther, died in 1995. His second wife, Gladys, died in 2002. The service was conducted by Pastor Ric Pleasants.



**WALSH, Horace Ed-ward, Jr., 93**, born June 14, 1920 in Hawley, PA, died Aug. 29, 2013 in Apopka, FL. He was a member of Florida Living Church in Apopka for 17 years, and pastor of that church until he retired in 2012 with 67 years of service.

As a young man, he trained as an Irish tenor and learned piano to accompany himself. He studied at the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, MD.

He then enrolled at Washington Missionary College (now Washington Adventist University) in Takoma Park, MD, in the pre-medical program, but soon he felt a call to the ministry. He began denominational work as a singing evangelist in Salisbury, MD. He later served pastorates in Delaware, New York, Florida, and Pennsylvania.

He was the first to receive a Master of Divinity degree from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, and the first Adventist minister chosen to become a military chaplain. After serving as a military chaplain, he became a chaplain at Loma Linda Hospital (now Loma Linda University Medical Center) in California, and taught Bible classes for 10 years.

He is survived by his daughter, Bronwyn (Bob) Jenkins of Saint Cloud, FL; one brother, Bryan Walsh of Nashville, TN; and two grandchildren. His first wife, Pat, died in 1977, and his second wife, Aimee, died in the mid-1990s.

The service was conducted by Pastor Floyd Powell at Forest Lake Church in Apopka. Interment was at Deltona Memorial Gardens in Deland, FL.



**WILSON, William J., 76**, born June 2, 1937 in Clinton, MA, died March 17, 2014 in Punta Gorda, FL.

He was a member of Port Charlotte, FL, Church for more than seven years. He was an ordained Adventist minister for three-and-a-half

years in West Virginia Conference, five-and-a-half years in Arizona Conference, 10 years in Washington Conference, and three years in Wisconsin Conference. He then served three years as personal ministries/Sabbath School director for Wisconsin Conference. He spent six years pastoring and 11 years as trust services director for the Minnesota Conference.

Upon retirement, he volunteered as administrative pastor for Port Charlotte Church.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Frances; one son, James (Darcie) of Cambridge, WI; one daughter, Tralese (Paul) Syvertson of Anoka, MN; three grandsons; and two granddaughters. He was preceded in death by his grandson, Ian Syvertson, and brother, Leland. The service was conducted by Pastor Brian Cassell and assisted by C. Lee Huff and Alex Voigt at Port Charlotte Church.



**WYATT, Ann Lora Victoria (Polston), 85**, of Zephyrhills, FL, born in Cincinnati Ohio, died Feb. 21, 2014 at Zephyrhills Health & Rehabilitation Center.

She moved with her husband, Ewell D.

Wyatt, and their three young girls from their Indiana farm to Zephyrhills in 1958, where she has lived intermittently since.

Having obtained her first degrees in business education from Emmanuel Missionary College, she went on to complete an elementary education degree from Southern Missionary College, and then her master's in education from Rollins College.

A strong believer in Adventist Christian education, during her teaching ministry, Wyatt taught in four Adventist schools including Zephyrhills SDA Christian School, Tampa Junior Academy, Forest Lake Elementary Education Center, and Mountain City SDA Christian School in Mountain City, TN.

An innovative and tireless teacher, avid gardener, accomplished seamstress, home designer/renovator, and bookkeeper-accountant, she has left a rich legacy to family, friends and students. She will be remembered most for her radiant bright-blue-eyed smile, quick wit, and contagious enthusiasm.

In 2008 she was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Ewell Denver Wyatt, and in 2010 by their daughter, Deanna Kay Wyatt. She is survived by two daughters, Sharon Cress Parker of Leesburg, VA, and Eulita (Mark) Heisey of Creston, NC; one grandson, Josiah (Babpsy) Heisey of Creston, NC; and one sister, Ramona Hanley, of Grapevine, TX.

# Obituaries

**BEAGLES, James I., 78**, died Dec. 6, 2013 in Nashville, TN. He was a well-known contractor and member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He is survived by his son, Mike (Sharon) Beagles; three daughters: Sherri Owens, Joy Brown, and Jeanie (Dwight) Danner; two sisters: Louetta Simmons and Jennie Linville; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel Beagles; and parents, Clyde Dean and Myrtle Thomas Beagles. Funeral services were held at the funeral home chapel on Dec. 10, 2013, with pastor Paul Eirich officiating. Interment followed in Rankin's Cove Cemetery.

**BLACK, Olna Pierce, 96**, died Oct. 22, 2013. She became a widow in 1964 when her husband Robert was killed in a car accident. She joined the Church when she was 20 years old, and attended First Church of Atlanta, GA, which later moved to Kirkwood. She was a charter member of Duluth, Stone Mountain, and Loganville churches. She remained active in the Church and provided beautiful bouquets from her flower garden many Sabbaths. She was blessed with four daughters before she was 25 years old. She is survived by three daughters: June Cranshaw (Richard) Henley, Janice (Don) Short, and Betty Norman (Tom) Tingley; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Anne Tyroff; and one brother, Walter (Barbara) Pierce. Her sister Virginia Pierce preceded her in death in 2006. Her youngest daughter, Joyce (Dan) Zacharias preceded her in death on July 5, 2013. One granddaughter preceded her in death in 2011, and another granddaughter preceded her in death in Dec. 2013.

**BURNHAM, Kenneth A., 65**, born March 25, 1948, died Nov. 3, 2013 in Harriman, TN. He was a Vietnam veteran having served in the U.S. Army. He retired as a postal clerk with the U.S. Postal Service working in the Collegedale community for 34 years. He was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Purple Heart Association, Stamp Club, and the Fifty Five Plus Club. He was a member of Collegedale, TN, Church. He is survived by his sister, Judy Archambault of Superior, WI; and one brother, Greg Burnham of Brookfield, MA. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Wendy and Sharon, and one niece, Mellissa. Graveside services were held Nov. 22, 2013 at Chattanooga National Cemetery with Dennis E. Smith and Chaplain James Durichek officiating. Military rites were conducted at the cemetery.

**GANTZ, George, 94**, born Feb. 10, 1919 in Oklahoma, died Aug. 26, 2013 in Palmetto, FL. He was a member of Avon Park, FL, Church. He was a pastor for many years. He is survived by his son, Edwin of Portland OR; one daughter, Georgne Norris of Palmetto, FL; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

**HAMM, Doris Emma, 87**, born July 31, 1926 in Harrisburg, PA, died Dec. 21, 2013 in Apopka, FL. She was a member of Forest Lake Church in Apopka. During her life time, she gave generously to the denomination and to Christian education. She personally paid or helped pay tuition for many worthy students. After retirement, she volunteered as a Pine Lady for the Adventist Health System. She was married in 1965 to William Hamm who predeceased her in 2012. She is survived by one son, Ray Clayton of Fairbanks, AK; one brother, Harry

Dietrich of Campbobbello, SC; and two sisters: Eileen Busch and Sally Rhynearnson, both of Columbus, NC.

**MARSHALL, Walter Armstrong, 83**, born 1929 in Nashua, NH, died June 17, 2012 in Purvis, MS. He was a pastor in Georgia-Cumberland, Gulf States, New Jersey, and Ohio conferences; and wills and trust services director in Gulf States, New Jersey, and Ohio conferences. He was a member of Bass Memorial Church. He is survived by his wife, Mildred Inez Marshall; one daughter, Linda Small of Indiana, PA; one son, Pastor Glenn Marshall of Lumberton, MS; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Pastors Glenn Marshall, Jeffrey Marshall, and Jerry Small officiated.

**NEIDIGH, Geraldine Bates, 93**, born March 9, 1920 in Akron, OH, died Oct. 12, 2013. She graduated from Knoxville High School in 1938 and married Rodger V. Neidigh on Sept. 17, 1944. She was a member of North Knoxville, TN, Church, and spent most of her life in the Knoxville area until moving to Michigan in 2005 to be with her daughter. Her life was filled with caring acts for others. She was famous for her chocolate chip cookies and her ring-a-ling pastries. She was very active in the Knoxville First Church as Vacation Bible School leader, children's Sabbath School leader, and church treasurer. She is survived by her daughter, Carol Neidigh Williams of Niles, MI; two grandsons: Michael of Oceanside, CA, and Bryan of Parker, CO; and one great-granddaughter, Charlie Williams of Oceanside. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, James; and husband, Rodger. Services were held in Niles, MI, and she was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Knoxville.



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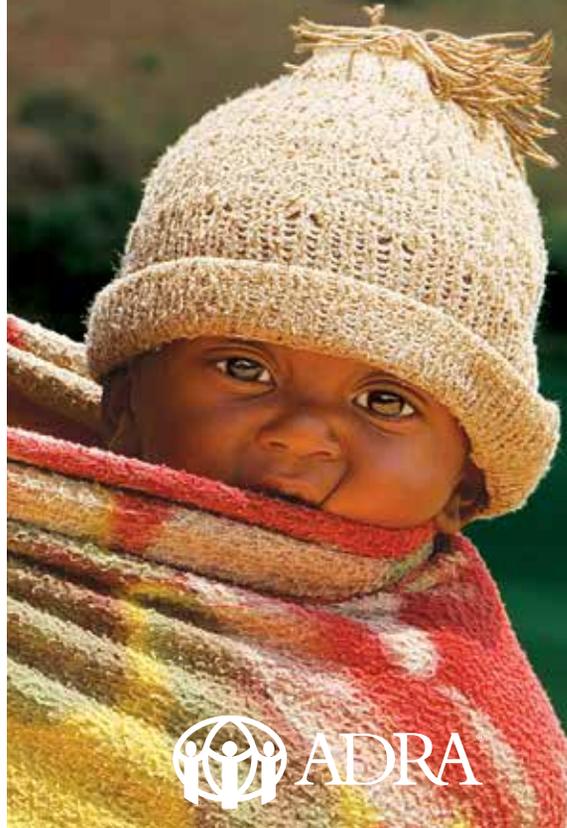
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# Events Calendar

## Carolina

**Elders' Certification:** Session #3 (Preaching) – June 14. Kernersville Church.

**Elders' Certification:** Session #4 (Evangelism) – June 21. Columbia Church.

**Family Camp (NEW DATES)** – July 1-14. NPR.

**Master Guide Training** – July 25-27. NPR.

**Sabbath School Workshop** – July 25-27. NPR.

**Pastoral Family Retreat** – July 27-30. NPR.

**Carolina Teachers' Convention** – Aug. 1-4. Gatlinburg, TN.

**Parenting Seminar** – Aug. 8, 9. Arden Church.

**Prayer Rally** – Aug. 9. Arden Church.

## Florida

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

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### Florida Adventist Bookmobile Schedule

July 6. Lauderhill, Plantation, Sunrise. (Southeastern Conference: Mt. Olivet.)

July 13. Winter Haven, Avon Park, Arcadia, Fort Myers Shores, Fort Myers, Cape Coral, Naples.

July 14. Port Charlotte, North Port, Sarasota, West Coast Christian Academy in Bradenton, Brandon, Tampa First.

July 20. Silver Springs Shores in Ocala, Ocala, Cross City, Perry, Tallahassee.

July 21. Belleview, Lady Lake, Inverness.

July 27. Daytona Beach, New Smyrna Beach, Pompano Beach, Ambassador in Lauderdale Lakes, Fort Lauderdale.

Aug. 3. Palm Coast, Palatka, St. Augustine, Orange Cove, Jacksonville First, Jacksonville Southpoint. (Southeastern Conference: Jacksonville Ephesus.)

### Planned Giving and Trust Services Clinics

June 28. Poinciana Spanish.

July 12. Bethel French.

July 19. Miami Central Spanish.

### Florida Conference New Office Grand Opening

June 1. 2:30 p.m. 351 S. State Road 434, Altamonte Springs. The new headquarters will officially open with a ceremony including former Conference Presidents Lewis Hendershot and Gordon Retzer. Altamonte Springs Mayor Pat Bates is also scheduled to participate. Open house tours will follow the grand opening ceremony. Details: <http://www.floridaconference.com/steppingstone/> or 407-644-5000.

### Edible Schoolyard Teacher Academy

June 11-12. Orlando Junior Academy. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Participate in discussions and activities at OJA's Nutrition Science Lab and Garden to help you build your own garden and cooking curriculum. Theme: An Edible Education Experience. Speakers: Kevin Fonzo, Sarah Cahill, Brad Jones, Anna Adkins. Cost: \$300, includes lunches. Registration: \$50 deposit by June 1. Learn more about the Edible Schoolyard at <http://thegardenatoja.wordpress.com/>. Details: <http://bit.ly/oja-esy-academy>, [janice.banks@oja-sda.com](mailto:janice.banks@oja-sda.com), or 407-898-1251.

**Impact Miami 2014** – June 22-29. Week-long mission trip to Miami. Ages 14+. Training an army of young poised and ready to make an impact in the major urban centers of Florida through the Mission to the Cities initiative. Cost: \$289/person. Registration deadline: June 1. <http://www.floridaconference.com/reservations/?ee=63>

## Georgia-Cumberland

### Cohutta Springs Youth Camps

Fit for Life I (ages 10-13) – June 1-20. Crandall, GA.

Junior II (ages 10-12), Paintball Camp II (ages 13-17), SIT Camp (ages 15+) – June 8-15. Crandall, GA.

Adventure Camp (ages 7-9) – June 15-20. Crandall, GA.

Tween Camp (ages 12-13)

– June 22-29. Crandall, GA.

Cohutta Springs Youth Camp: Ultimate RAD Camp (ages 13-17) – June 22-29. Crandall, GA.

Fit for Life Camp II (ages 13-17) – June 22-July 13. Crandall, GA.

Teen I (ages 13-17), Rock Solid I (ages 16-18), Basketball Camp,

Rock Solid Basketball Camp (ages 16-18), Whitewater/Kayak Camp, Gym-Masters Camp –

June 29-July 6. Crandall, GA.

Gym-Masters Day Camp (ages 7-18) – June 30-July 4). Crandall, GA.

Teen II (ages 13-17) Rock Solid II (ages 16-18), Gold Camp

II, Soccer Camp, Wakeboard Camp II – July 6-13. Crandall, GA.

**Health Rally** – June 21. Graysville Church, TN.

**Stewardship Sabbath** – June 21. Ellijay Church, GA.

**LEAD Evangelism Training** – June 21, 4-7 pm. Knoxville Grace Church, TN.

**Stewardship Sabbath** – June 28. Dalton Church, GA.

**Prayer Ministries Day** – June 28. North Knoxville Church, TN.

Register online at [registration.gccsda.com](http://registration.gccsda.com) or for Cohutta Springs Youth Camp go to [cs-yc.com](http://cs-yc.com).

## Kentucky-Tennessee

**Hispanic Camp Meeting** – June 6-7. Highland Academy.

**Conference Executive Committee** – July 15.

Conference Office.

**Ministers' Meeting** – July 27-30.

Indian Creek Camp.

**Hispanic Youth Retreat** – July 31-Aug. 3. Indian Creek Camp.

## Southern Adventist University

**SALT Evangelism Training** – June 22-29. The Summer SALT program covers the basics of personal and public evangelism, the evangelism cycle, and tools for outreach in your local church and community. Designed for busy people looking for intense evangelism training. Details: visit [www.southern.edu/salt](http://www.southern.edu/salt).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**“YE OLDE” CEDAR LAKE ACADEMY REUNION** – June 6-8. Alumni and schoolmates of 1964 and earlier at Great Lakes Adventist Academy, Cedar Lake, MI. Honor classes: 1934, '44, '54, '64. Details will be forthcoming by postal service. For further information you may contact GLAA Alumni office at 989-427-5181 or visit <http://www.glaa.net/>.

**WILDWOOD'S NATURAL REMEDIES SEMINAR “Weight Management: Lose, Gain, & Maintain”** – June 8-15. Details: [wildwoodhealth.org/seminars/home](http://wildwoodhealth.org/seminars/home), 800-844-1099.

**NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION/Great American Backyard Campout** – June 28. Details: [www.nwf.org/news](http://www.nwf.org/news).

## Sunset

	May 30	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27	July 4
Atlanta, GA	8:46	8:49	8:51	8:52	8:52	8:51
Charleston, SC	8:25	8:28	8:31	8:32	8:32	8:30
Charlotte, NC	8:35	8:38	8:41	8:42	8:42	8:40
Collegedale, TN	8:52	8:55	8:57	8:59	8:59	8:57
Huntsville, AL	7:57	8:00	8:02	8:03	8:03	8:02
Jackson, MS	8:05	8:08	8:10	8:12	8:11	8:10
Louisville, KY	9:03	9:07	9:09	9:10	9:10	9:08
Memphis, TN	8:11	8:15	8:17	8:18	8:18	8:18
Miami, FL	8:10	8:13	8:15	8:16	8:16	8:16
Montgomery, AL	7:50	7:53	7:55	7:56	7:56	7:55
Nashville, TN	8:01	8:05	8:07	8:08	8:08	8:08
Orlando, FL	8:21	8:24	8:26	8:27	8:27	8:26
Wilmington, NC	8:21	8:24	8:26	8:27	8:27	8:26

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