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**Preserving and Sharing Church History** 



# How the Work<sup>Will be</sup> Finished

Since the Church is God's appointed earthly agency for the salvation of people, we as members of the Church are summoned to be witnesses. God desires that the beneficiaries of His grace be witnesses to its power. The question in this context is often asked, "What is a witness?" Webster defines a witness as "one who gives evidence," "one who has personal knowledge of something," or "something serving as evidence or proof."

When one witnesses, he gives evidence for, grounds for, proof of; he affirms, attests, or declares his beliefs and convictions. In essence, a witness is simply one who tells what he knows, tells what he has experienced, and tells what he has actually seen.

The disciples prepared to witness before the day of Pentecost by meeting together and putting away all differences, believing Christ's promise as they prayed in faith, claiming the endowment of power that Christ had promised, revealing Christ in their lives, and going forth preaching the Word.

When contemplating how the preaching of the Gospel will be finished, there are some variables to consider as they're couched in inspired writings:

#### WHO?

"Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from Heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the Earth, the warning will be given. Miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers," *Great Controversy*, p. 612.

#### WHAT?

"In visions of the night representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God. The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, even as was manifested before the great day of Pentecost. Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the Word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side, doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence. Great blessings were received by the true and humble people of God," *Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 126.

#### HOW?

"A great work can be done by presenting to the people the Bible just as it reads. Carry the Word of God to every man's door, urge its plain statements upon every man's conscience, repeat to all the Savior's command, 'Search the Scriptures.' Admonish them to take the Bible as it is, to implore the divine enlightenment, and then, when the light shines, to gladly accept each precious ray, and fearlessly abide the consequences," *Review and Herald*, July 10, 1883.

#### WHERE?

"There are many who are reading the Scriptures who cannot understand their true import. All over the world, men and women are looking wistfully to Heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in," *Acts of the Apostles*, p. 109.



Ron C. Smith, D.Min., Ph.D. President of the Southern Union Conference

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# Reasons Churches Should Know Their HISTOPY

BY R. STEVEN NORMAN III

Many churches seek to preserve and celebrate their history. If you were looking for a good reason to work on the history of your church or school, here are seven reasons to consider.

# One: Your church history is the record of God's saving ministry in your community.

The history of any church is the collected memory of the saving works and miracles of God in that congregation.

Isaac Fordjour, D.D.S., who led in the establishment of the Longview Heights Church Archives, says, "When the older members are able to share their stories, they recount the grace and goodness of God, and the miracles of God they have seen in the church. Sometimes they speak of the big things God did when we were a small congregation."

Good church histories will record occasions when the hand of God was seen answering prayer, solving or averting problems, and saving souls. These faith stories can be gathered from oral interviews with members and pastors.

#### Two: Knowing your history helps keep faith alive.

A sobering situation occurred after the Israelites who witnessed God bring them into the Promised Land died. "When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel," Judges 2:10. To help Israel remember God and His work, David said, "One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts," Psalm 145:4.

Every generation of believers needs to share their conversion and faith stories with their descendants to help them develop a strong faith in God and commitment to His Church.

#### Three: The story of your family is entwined with the history of your church.

The history of a congregation is woven from the stories of the individuals and families who are involved in the church. When the former Riverside Chapel in Nashville, Tennessee, burned, Lowell Benson stopped by to see the smoldering ruins. He stood looking for a long time and then said to me, "Most of my life was wrapped up in this church. I joined it when I came to work at Riverside Hospital. Then when our children were born, they were dedicated and later baptized here. Our daughter was married here. This church was our life."

A church family album can be created to preserve the stories of each family in the church. Give every family a scrapbook page and ask them to draw their family tree on the front side of the page, and write how they joined and have been involved in the church on the backside. Gather all of the pages into the church family album, and then select one or two families to be recognized each Sabbath. They should invite their entire family to attend church on the assigned Sabbath. In a brief ceremony, introduce their family, read how they joined the church, and close with a prayer for the family.

#### Four: A knowledge of history helps church leaders and boards.

Church leaders can gain valuable insights about a church and its culture by reviewing its history, reading the minutes, and careful listening during home visits.

Kennedy Luckett, pastor of Magazine Street Church in Louisville, Kentucky, has seen the benefit. "Knowing the history of my church helps me, as well as our church and school boards, keep a focus on our mission. When we were deciding what do about our school that will be 100 years old in 2015, we looked at the sacrifices and efforts our members have made over the years to provide an Adventist education for our children. This history became a rallying point for the members. We stand on the shoulders of those who preceded us, and do not want to let the school die under our watch."

Some of the helpful records that can guide leaders are the minutes and policies voted by the various boards and committees. If these records are preserved in a fireproof cabinet, and reviewed periodically, they can help churches avoid mistakes.

#### Five: The history is necessary for church anniversaries and homecomings.

Many churches have selected a church historian, and formed a church history committee that includes the clerk, church secretary, and other knowledgeable members to continually update and preserve the history of the church. This committee does oral interviews, collects historical records, oversees the church's records, and

#### Fourteen Important Sources for Church History Information

**1. Church Members –** photos, stories, records, audio and video recordings, etc.

**2. Court House Records –** deed, plot plan, former owners of property, etc.

**3.** Local Newspaper – articles about the church and its people.

4. Church Records – clerks' record books, clerks' reports, members, pastors, officers, baptisms.

**5.** AdventistArchives.org – church publications.

**6. School Board Chairperson** – school pictures and history.

7. Former Pastors – handbills, notes, photos, memories.

**8. Local Library –** city and county histories, newspaper articles, city directories.

9. Church Secretary – church bulletins, funeral programs, wedding programs.

**10. Local Conference Office –** clerks' reports, constituency reports, tithes and missions statement.

**11. ASDAL.org** – Links to Seventhday Adventist Obituary Index and other useful resources.

**12. Center for Adventist Research** at www.centerforadventistresearch. org.

13. Seventh-day Adventist Obituary Index – www.andrews.edu/ library/ASDAL/sdapiobits.html.

#### 14. Blacksdahistory.org -

History related to African-American Seventh-day Adventists and regional conferences. helps plan annual celebrations. This insures that the history is up to date and accurate when needed.

#### Six: A strong heritage inspires church pride.

Sometimes a church is motivated by their heritage of being a leader in their community and conference. Willie Taylor, pastor of Trinity Church in Athens, Alabama, and a former conference president, indicates that he has seen "church pride buoy the spirits of congregations when they meet difficult challenges. An awareness of their heritage, and how God has helped them accomplish major goals helps some churches sustain strong comprehensive ministries; that includes church growth, civic

involvement, and support of conference activities."

#### Seven: Knowing our history provides encouragement as we face the future.

Ellen White found encouragement in the history of the Church. She



*Isaac Fordjour, D.D.S., saw the need to preserve the history of the families and ministries of the Longview Church in Memphis, Tennessee, and led in the organization of a church archives.* 

wrote, "In reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say praise God! As I see what the Lord has wrought, I am filled with astonishment, and with confidence in Christ as leader. We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history," *Life Sketches*, p. 108.

These seven reasons are why we should research, write, preserve, celebrate, and share the history of the churches and schools.

#### **GUIDES FOR CHURCH HISTORIANS**

You may download the following resources for historians from the Southern Union website at www.southernunion.com/

#### Planning Your Church Anniversary, by R. Steven Norman III

This practical guide walks you step by step through planning your anniversary, organizing committees, creating the budget, preparing and presenting your history, publicizing your celebration, and follow-up. In additional to guiding you through the process, *Planning Your Church Anniversary* is packed full of ideas that will make your event a success.

#### How to Write and Research the History of the Church, by R. Steven Norman III

If you are the church historian for your congregation, you will appreciate this compilation of resources. It contains instructions on how to research and write your history, information on gathering forms, as well as sample narrative and timeline histories. It was written specifically for regional conference churches, but can be helpful to all churches.

#### Preserving the History of Your Church, by R. Steven Norman III

A short guide for church historians who want to know how to write the history of their church.

#### Manual for South Carolina Religious Archives and Recordkeeping, by Jeanette Bergeron

This 105-page guide is good for churches seeking to establish a church archives. You can download it free from the Internet when you search for it by name.

#### Southern Union Stewardship Feature

# HELDPINGHELDPINGA STRANGERA STRANGER</t

The sun was setting on a recent Friday evening as I did some last-minute shopping. With the Sabbath quickly approaching, I dashed into Walmart with my 14-year-old daughter, guilt-ridden and frustrated. I had already spent too much money at Sam's Club, but I needed a few more items for Sabbath dinner.

So we rushed into the store and divided the grocery list. My daughter went looking for paper plates, and I shopped for produce. That's when I noticed a cute little toddler sitting in a grocery cart, while his mother picked out vegetables. I gave them a quick smile and kept shopping.

"He's adorable." I told his mother as I rolled my grocery cart on by.

I really didn't have time for conversation, but his mother smiled and began saying something to me in a strong foreign accent. I realized then she spoke little English.

"Food," she said. "No money. Three kids. Please help."

Well, that was the last thing I needed that Friday evening. I had already blown my budget, and I just wanted to get home to welcome the Sabbath. But, when I looked in the woman's eyes, I saw a desperation I couldn't ignore. "Okay, I'll buy you groceries," I said reluctantly.

When my daughter returned, she wanted to know why the woman was following me around, filling her cart with food. I told her I had agreed to pay for her groceries, and would put it on my credit card.

"I really can't afford it," I said, "but God will replace the money somehow."

"Even if He doesn't," my daughter said, "we're doing the right thing."

I knew then that I had made a good decision.

We went to the checkout counter, and the woman's groceries came up to \$50. She thanked me, and then we hugged and went our separate ways. When my daughter and I returned home, we told the story to my husband and my older daughter. After that, I didn't give it much thought.

Three days later, I got a phone call from an editor. By the end of the conversation, my income increased by \$800. It was money I hadn't expected, and could have only come from God.

I told my daughter the good news, and she agreed. She knew all along that He would come through.

I learned that day that it pays to give,



Alva James-Johnson

even when it hurts. In life, you reap what you sow — and more.

This feature is the first in a series of short bi-monthly stories featuring God's providence in our lives. If you have a 300word stewardship story about how God has blessed you, and you would like to share it with the Southern Tidings readership, please email it to idouce@southernunion.com.

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#### Georgia-Cumberland Feature

# MAGABOOK MINISTRIES RAISES FUNDS FOR SCHOOLS by reneita M. SAMUEL

Frontline MagaBook Ministries (FMM) is the Youth Literature Evangelism Department of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference (GCC). FMM has two academies and one university it oversees, and operates its colporteur ministry throughout each school year. Each summer at least 100 young people, ages 16-25, join FMM as literature evangelists to earn tuition money for school, mission trips, and other personal needs.

In the fall of 2013, FMM expanded its ministry to include children (grades 5-8) who attend Adventist elementary and middle schools to help with school fundraising. The program started with one school in Duluth, Georgia. In the fall of 2014, FMM began the year with five schools (three more to join in the spring) throughout Georgia and eastern Tennessee that participate in the FMM school fundraising program. The schools receive 50 percent of the donations, which usually goes to the Worthy Student Fund for the school.



Students from the Columbus, Georgia, school raised more than \$2,000 in donations, and distributed nearly 100 books as part of the MagaBook ministry, that shares the Word of God and supports worthy student funds.

Just like academy and college students, these children are gaining powerful experiences with Jesus that are changing their lives. In November 2014, 13 students who attend the Columbus, Georgia, school participated in the program. They received only one hour of training from the assistant youth publishing director, Vlasta Hybl. After training, the students took home eight books (four different titles) to share with family and friends for donations. The books were in high demand that as the students brought the money back to school, the principal

> had to constantly restock their bags. After just two weeks, the students raised more than \$2,000 in donations, and nearly 100 books were distributed in their homes and communities. The students were beyond excited at the end of their

mission, and were rewarded with a small celebration and awards for the top two students.

From the students who participated in the Columbus program:

Michael — "I did not know what to do, but somehow I did it. I just learned little by little."

Michelle — "At first I was scared, and then as I went door to door, Jesus helped me not to be scared."

Emily — "You know many people say 'not interested,' but you have to go and be persistent."

Anna — "Often I wanted to run away, but every time I forced myself to overcome it."

If your school is interested in participating in the FMM school fundraising program, contact Hybl at 931-255-1105 or vhybl@gccsda.com.

If you or a young person you know, age 16-25, is interested in the FMM summer program, May 24 to August 2, 2015, please contact ReNeita M. Samuel, youth publishing director, at 615-516-4681; rsamuel@gccsda.com. 4/



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The sun rose on September 15, 2014, peaking through the early morning haze and shining brightly for the open house celebration of the Gulf States Conference, located at 10633 Atlanta Highway, Montgomery, Alabama.

Besides the 30,000-plus cars that pass by the Conference office daily, hundreds of our beloved members drove to the site from Mississippi, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Washington, D.C., and from all over the beautiful state of Alabama.

Everyone was excited and honored to be here for this special occasion. Walking down the hallway, I met Ron C. Smith, D.Min., Ph.D., president of the Southern Union, with a warm handshake. He praised God for the opportunity of being part of this celebration, reminding us "to remember to allow God to be our Leader, and He will direct our paths."

Hundreds gathered in the fellowship hall, excitedly praising God for this special event. Linda Carter, from the Roebuck Church, Birmingham, Alabama, was overwhelmed with tears of joy. "I thank God for leading Elder Eisele and the Conference executives pushing forward, and working to accomplish this mission for God."

Bob Santnee, from Birmingham, praised God, saying, "This office is gorgeous and a compliment to God's work."

The Gulf States Conference has a

membership of more than 11,000 and growing. With our churches and mem-

blessed with the perfect location, and I can't praise it enough. It is beautiful."

**Gulf States Feature** 



*Gulf States Conference and Southern Union Conference officials and guests prepare to cut the ribbon during the grand opening celebration.* 

bers in love with God, we pray daily for God's guidance and our conscientious commitment in service to Him.

Kay Buckner and her family lived for years in the Gulf States Conference, and now they are a part of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. "We heard about this grand opening and could not stay away. We are so proud and happy that you have this beautiful place here; it was definitely needed."

Eugenia Parker's husband pastors churches in Mississippi and Alabama. She says, "This place is absolutely beautiful. It is amazing how God Jose Hernandez brought some Adventist Brazilian students from Auburn University so they could witness and be a part of this special event. "This is surely going to be a spotlight for Jesus."

We have a mission to achieve for God. An enormous amount of work and money went into this beautiful monument for God, and our mission is here as God instructs in leading others to Him. Our goal: "We are now working towards the city which has foundations whose builder and maker is God," Hebrews 11:10. *(* 

# Adventist Health System

#### Florida Hospital Makes Historic Announcement to Address Homelessness in Central Florida

Florida Hospital recently announced the largest, onetime private donation to end chronic homelessness in central Florida history — a momentous commitment that will change the way this unique population is cared for and supported in years to come.

Building on commitments from the city of Orlando and Orange County, Lars Houmann, CEO and president of Florida Hospital, announced Florida Hospital is committing \$6 million over three years to address homelessness in the region.

"As individuals, we sometimes look away when we see a homeless person because the sight is painful," said Houmann. "We can no



longer do that. Businesses, hospitals, and the community must unite around this issue. We all have a moral obligation to take a stand to end chronic homelessness."

The city of Orlando has committed \$4 million over three years to support the "Housing First" model, a proven approach that provides housing with wraparound supportive services to the chronic homeless. The Orange County government will be budgeting more than \$15 million over the next three years for homeless housing, prevention, and related family programs, and anticipates increasing that number annually.

These financial commitments are the kick-off investment of the "Impact Homeless Fund," a new collaborative fund at the central Florida Foundation. This fund will serve as a new public and private investment-solutions vehicle to help those facing homelessness in Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties.

Additionally, the city has engaged the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) to provide technical assistance on this new strategy. CSH uses data and proven methods to strategically identify vulnerable individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness who will benefit from supportive housing, and are high users of services, especially costly crisis-emergency health care. -BY RAINEY TURLINGTON

#### Gordon Home Care High in National Performance



Gordon Home Care, a service of Gordon Hospital, has been recognized as one of the most successful home care providers in the United States.

Cory Reeves, chief financial officer for Gordon Hospital, says Gordon Home Care is one of five home care agencies in Adventist Health System to be recognized by 2014 HomeCare Elite, a listing of the top tier health care agencies in the United States based on performance measures.

"Gordon Home Care not only achieved the quality standing of being in the top 25 percent of the home health agencies, but our team was also ranked in the top 100 agencies in the country," Reeves says. "This is indeed an honor, and we are very proud of everyone involved for ensuring that our home care patients receive the best care possible."

Gordon Home Care also ranked in the top 100 in 2012. The data generated for the award fell under the direction of the current Gordon Home Care director, Candy Van Dyke.

Van Dyke explained that the scoring for the listing is a combination of patient clinical outcomes, process measures, HHCAHPS (Home Health Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems), and financial outcomes. The data for the study is based on publicly available information.

This review names the top 25 percent of agencies based on performance measures, including quality of care, quality improvement, patient experience, process measure implementation, and financial management.

"We are very proud to help carry an excellent health care reputation alongside our hospital team," Van Dyke says. "We thank everyone for their support."

-BY KAYLEE LANDRESS

# Adventist Health System

#### Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center Meets Milestone: Level II NICU Coming Soon

All babies are special bundles of joy, but to Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center, baby Lydia Blair Baker will always be remembered as an extra special baby. With her birth on November 23, 2014, at 4:46 p.m., she helped future babies in the community.

Baby Lydia was the 1,500th infant born at Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center in a rolling vear - from December 2013 through November 2014. By meeting this momentous milestone, Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center was able to apply and receive a Certificate of Need (CON) exemption from the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) for a Level II neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) designation.

A Level II NICU is equipped with incubators, ventilators, and specialized monitoring equipment and cares for sick and premature newborn infants born at 32-weeks gestational age or greater who need medical care related to various medical conditions. This includes caring for babies who can't stay warm on their own and need to be placed in an incubator or aren't strong enough to eat well and need assistance feeding. In addition, a Level II NICU can care for infants with mild health problems related to prematurity, such as jaundice or apnea of prematurity.

"The birth of a child is



one of the greatest miracles of life. A new addition to the family is a time of celebration, joy and love, as the newborn is welcomed into the world. Unfortunately, there are times when things may not go as planned and the baby may arrive premature or sick, requiring intensive nursing and medical care," said Becky Vernon, Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center director of women and children's services. "In 2013, approximately eight percent of Volusia and Flagler babies were born underweight. In addition, we've seen a sad and steady increase in

the number of babies born with an addiction to various drugs and prescriptions. These babies need specialized medical treatment, so there's a real need in our community for the Level II NICU to provide care to our smallest patients."

Level II NICUs are required to have neonatologists and neonatal nurse practitioners, in addition to Level I health care providers. Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center has had these skilled clinicians on-hand since 2009, and will be adding a third neonatologist in early 2015.

"We have been licensed

as a Level I Neonatal Nursery, but have been planning for a Level II NICU for quite some time now. For years, we have had the advanced technology, the specialized equipment and the skilled, expert medical staff needed to provide Level II NICU care, we just didn't have the designation from the state," said Vernon. "With this designation, at-risk mothers in the community will now have a choice in deciding where they would like to deliver their baby. Additionally, babies born at Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center that were not initially predicted to be at risk can continue their care at our hospital, instead of being transferred out of the community."

In preparation for the Level II NICU, the hospital will spend \$10 million in construction and equipment. This construction will expand the hospital's square footage by 16,332 feet by building on top of the hospital's third floor and connecting to the BirthCare Center's current unit on the fourth floor. This will add a 16-bed private room NICU in addition to the BirthCare Center's current 10 Level 1 nursery beds. All rooms will be equipped with state-ofthe-art incubators, radiant warmers, cardiac monitors, and ventilators.

The Level II NICU is expected to open by late 2016.

-BY LINDSAY REW

# Carolina News

#### Atlantic Natural Foods Plant Blessed

Atlantic Natural Foods (ANF) in Nashville, N.C., welcomed Rick Russell, Carolina Conference treasurer, to offer a blessing for their manufacturing facility on December 10, 2014. Jeff Sagala, pastor of Rocky Mount, N.C., Church, and Richard Peterson, D.Min., pastor of Raleigh, N.C., Church, participated in the ceremony, along with Mayor Donald B. Street of Nashville.

ANF recently acquired the Loma Linda brand of canned. shelf-stable, plantbased, alternative meat analog and Kaffree Roma products from The Kellogg Company.

The Loma Linda brand was established in 1921, and through the years has been the leader in developing products that support the plant-based diet and healthy lifestyle that the Adventist community

embraces. Kelly Krause, CEO, stated, "We honor the Seventh-day Adventists' dedication to a healthy lifestyle and the heritage of this iconic brand. As its shepherd, we

plan to

grow the traditional stable of Loma Linda/Worthington Foods canned products, reintroduce some iconic items that have been discontinued over the years, and create new and exciting items that will address changing consumer preferences. Our theme for this



year is heritage and health, and we are dedicating this regeneration to these basic principles."

In his blessing remarks, Russell discussed how important vegetarianism is as a part of the Adventist lifestyle: "Keeping our foods and diet clean and healthy



allow us to continue to be of service to our communities and to the world. Plant-based, sustainable protein products like Loma Linda help us lead long, healthy, and energetic lives."

J. Douglas Hines, chair of AFT Holdings, Inc., the

principal owner of Atlantic Natural Foods, opened the blessing ceremony, stating, "We are grateful and humbled in our position today and know God is behind all that we do, who we are, and what we will be." Hines announced gifts in the name of the AFDA distributors who sell Loma Linda products to retailers, the Carolina Conference, Southern Adventist University, and Loma Linda University. "We support the efforts of the young people from these fine universities in their efforts in the foreign fields for 2015. Hines closed, stating, "We believe in the future and want to share back a small portion of what we have been blessed."

Along with ANF stakeholders and associates, Loma Linda distributors, brokers, and retailers also attended the blessing. –ATLANTIC NATURAL FOODS

# Carolina News

#### Carolina Pathfinders Hold Campout in High Country Area





The first weekend of November 2014 has a grand history of camping for the Carolina Pathfinder High Country Area. This campout has drawn a lot of interest in the last few years because of the unusual camping arrangements provided by the Hollywild Animal Park in Wellford, S.C. Twenty-one Pathfinder clubs from the high country, mountain, and piedmont areas of the Carolinas traveled to this non-profit zoo for the unique opportunity to

camp out surrounded by wild animals. Pathfinders pitched their tents just a few feet away

from large predator animals, such as lions, tigers, panthers, and bears. It's hard to believe anyone got any sleep the first night.

The weather was cold and rainy for most of the Sabbath, but the activities and devotionals kept each Pathfinder motivated to be involved. In order to attend the campout, each club was required to sponsor and teach one honor. Two of the devotional speakers, Logan Stout and Jerry LaFave, and Brad Durby, principal of Eddlemon Elementary in Spartanburg, S.C., shared personal testimonies of how God has worked in their lives to bring about success. On Saturday night, the vouth were sent on

a treasure hunt with clues hidden by the animal cages. Talk about a wild adventure!

After an extremely cold night, the Pathfinders awoke to a day full of sunshine, perfect for completing the final requirement. After breakfast, each club took on a project for the animal park, helping to maintain and beautify their host facilities. Projects ranged from cleaning debris from the animal cages to repairing, painting, and restoring the animal shelters. All projects were successfully completed before the Pathfinder clubs returned home. Also, as a parting gift to the animal park, the Pathfinders donated several blankets for the monkeys to enjoy during the winter. The heater in the monkey cage had not been working the night before, so the monkeys were surely happy with this timely gift.

Tim Blake, High Country Mountains area coordinator, has developed a wonderful relationship with the Hollywild staff, who are willing to close their animal park to the public in order for the Pathfinders to have this adventuresome camping experience. Their volunteer employees have learned that a Pathfinder work force of almost 400 can accomplish huge projects in a short time. -BY STANLEY KNIGHT



# Florida <mark>News</mark>

#### Sunbelt Natural Foods Celebrates New Warehouse

Save for the sounds from a rolling pallet jack or tow motor or a departing delivery truck, a new Sunbelt Natural Foods distribution center and headquarters has quietly moved in to Apopka, Fla. Located on Benbow Court across from Walmart on US 441, the facility is unique.

Pablo Ayala, CFO of Sunbelt, said Sunbelt Natural Foods is a food distribution branch of Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. "We distribute to health food stores, institutions, and food services," he said. "We offer a wide variety of products and brands, including Kellogg's (Worthington, Loma Linda, MorningStar Farms, Gardenburger, and Kashi), Cedar Lake, Heritage Health Foods, Better than Milk, McKay's, Virgil's Sodas, Good Karma, Ginseng UP, Crystal Geyser, Vegenaise, and several others."

On October 29, Sunbelt held its grand opening celebration. Apopka Mayor Joe Kisheimer was there to assist with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, along with officials from Atlantic Natural Foods, Kellogg's national sales, Cedar Lake Foods, and Heritage Health Foods, as well as the staff and management of Sunbelt.

Sunbelt Natural Foods took shape in 2002 under the Florida Adventist Book Center (ABC) through the advice of Don Otis, national sales director for specialty foods at Kellogg's. As the demand for vegetar-



Sunbelt Natural Foods' spacious distribution center and corporate headquarters is in Apopka., Fla.



Sunbelt ribbon-cutting participants: Pablo Ayala (left), Sunbelt CFO; Joe Kisheimer, Apopka mayor; and Duane Rollins, Sunbelt CEO and Florida Conference treasurer. "When you see how God has opened unexpected doors, you have confidence to step forward," says Rollins.

ian alternative products increased in Florida and the Caribbean, it led to the creation of Sunbelt Natural Foods Distributors with three warehouses, in Hagerstown, Md.; and Miami Springs and Apopka, Fla.

According to Ayala, it was the former ABC general manager, Gerald Bond, and associate manager, Bruce Otis, who undertook the challenge. During the early years, Otis made all the deliveries with his own pickup truck as states were added to the distribution chain.

During 2008, under the leadership of Ayala, who was then ABC general manager, Sunbelt purchased a warehouse facility in Hagerstown, Md. Time passed, and high demand required more trucks, employees, and warehouses.

In December 2013 Sunbelt officially filed a corporate charter to become a for-profit organization, and untied itself from the ABC and its notfor-profit status. In 2014, a 30,000-square-foot property was purchased in Apopka and became the newest warehouse and corporate headquarters.

With a fleet of six trucks and 12 employees, Sunbelt is ready for continued growth. "We run five routes around Florida and ship containers to the Caribbean," says Ayala. "Sales this year are projected to top \$5.5 million after hitting the \$5 million mark in 2013."

While Sunbelt is a wholesale distributor, many of its products are sold locally at Hoover's Market, 1035 Academy Drive in Altamonte Springs, Fla., and at A Better Choice: Books • Deli • Natural Foods, 351 S. State Road 434 in Altamonte Springs. Visitors to the Sunbelt website at *sunbeltnatural.com* can find recipes for vegan dishes and other productbased foods.

"Sunbelt is committed to serving its customers with amazing service and the best health food products in the market," says Ayala. "In accordance with Bible teachings," he added, "it is Sunbelt management's sincere desire to continue submitting to His guidance to provide our customers with an alternative choice of foods that will honor their bodies and minds for the glory of our God who is soon to come."

To reach Sunbelt Natural Foods Distributors in Apopka, call 407-901-3713. –BY ROGER BALLAS, RE-PRINTED BY PERMISSION OF *THE APOPKA CHIEF* 

# Florida News

#### Forest Lake Academy Student Winner in Half-Marathon



Austin Rodgers finished in first-place in the male 15-19 age group at the Space Coast Half-Marathon, Cocoa, Fla.

When Forest Lake Academy junior Austin Rodgers crossed the finished line at the Space Coast Half-Marathon in Cocoa, Fla., on Sunday, November 30, 2014, his 1:38:35 time put him in first place, with an average pace of 7:31 for his age group. He was 63rd overall in a field of nearly 3,500 runners.

Rodgers has run in the Space Coast Half-Marathon for three years, and twice in the Daytona Beach Half-Marathon. For him, the feeling of accomplishment at the end of a race is worth the discipline and perseverance of training four to five days a week. He prefers the half-marathon distance and, at this point, does not see himself running longer races. "My goal is to do a 1:30:00 half-marathon," he says. In eighth grade, influenced by a friend, Rodgers decided to eliminate processed sugar from his diet — a practice he continues to follow. He calls himself a pescetarian, since the only meat he eats is fish.

benefits, running is a stress reliever for Rodgers. He takes his schoolwork seriously. "If I have a lot of homework, I go for a run to clear my head and come back more focused than I would be otherwise," he says. "If I go a few days without doing something active, I can tell the difference. If I want to reach my goal, I have to do it."

This same determination carries over into his schoolwork and his job. –BY MARVIN LOWMAN

Besides obvious health

# Bags of Love Comfort Kids in Crisis



Carol Janssen (left) and Elsie McClanahan pose with Bags of Love created for children in crisis. McClanahan, who read about the ministry and brought the idea to her friends at Florida Living Retirement Community in Apopka, Fla., decided, "I can do that!"

"Kids really love the bags. They get so excited," said Christina Gosch, an aide with Seminole County Child Protective Services, as she collected 20 Bags of Love in Apopka, Fla. Bags of Love are lovingly created by Florida Living Retirement Community residents and Florida Living Church members with assistance from Forest Lake Academy students. Every



Students from Forest Lake Academy, Apopka, Fla., assisted with the Bags of Love program. Sierra Scribner (left), freshman; Kiana Guerrero, sophomore; Darcie Denton, sophomore; and Max Bromme, junior, who said, "If I was one of the kids in crisis getting one of the Bags of Love, I'd feel special."

four months, a volunteer group puts 20 bags together to help children enduring a crisis such as abuse, neglect, poverty, homelessness, domestic violence, or an incarcerated parent.

The love bags, created to be age appropriate from infancy through 17, contain donated items such as a quilt, pillow with

case, towel, wash cloth, and two small bags. One bag holds toiletry items, and the other holds such things as

a flashlight, various toys and games, books, and stuffed animals.

-BY BETTY KOSSICK

# Georgia-Cumberland News

### Decatur Church Members Winterizing Widow's Home

It was the regular Wednesday night Prayer Meeting of believers at Decatur, Tenn., Church. led her to search for more understanding and love in her new loneliness. In addition, several health prob-



Members of Decatur, Tenn., Church were brought together as they worked to winterize the home of a local widow who was taking Bible studies.

Before continuing the study from the book of Psalms, the small group usually shared praises and prayer requests. One of the believers, Ellen Crosby, had recently received a local Bible study request from E.W. Dempsey, Conference adult lay evangelism coordinator. She had started the lessons a couple of weeks previously and shared her progress with the group. You could see the excitement in Crosby's eyes as she talked about her experience with the new believer.

"So what's she like?" someone asked. Crosby explained that Teresa had been studying the Bible for sometime, but had never been able to have many of her questions answered until she started studying with Dempsey and Crosby.

Teresa's husband, Daniel, died in 2010. That lems made it impossible for Teresa to work, and with the loss of her husband's income, she was now living only on disability. much needed money, Teresa had rented an extra bedroom. This proved to be a mistake. In exchange for lower rent, the renters had agreed to assist with routine house maintenance and yard work. Instead, the renters abused both house and yard. The entire yard was littered with trash and debris. This made it almost impossible to see needed house repairs.

After introductions and conversation, the outreach member asked Teresa if he could help with the yard work. Of course she said yes. He could tell by talking with her that she had once been proud of her yard and wanted it to look nice again. With her husband's death, neglectful renters,



Crosby said she thought that Teresa could use a little help with her yard. She said, "It appears to be more than she can keep up with." One of the outreach committee members volunteered to join Crosby on her next Bible study visit to look at the situation. What he found was a situation that could understandably be overwhelming.

In order to earn some

and her disability, the yard and house maintenance was now overwhelming her.

Some 90 days and five work bees later, the church members cleared most of the brush and trees from around the house. Three trips to the county landfill resulted in the removal of more than three and a a half tons of unwanted debris from the property. Three of the five work bees were made up of more than a dozen men and women each.

While cleaning around the house, workers noticed some much-needed structural repairs. Because of approaching winter, they decided to prioritize the house's structural projects to make it winter worthy. These projects included under-house plumbing repairs, floor reinforcement, and enclosing the perimeter of the house crawl space. Although some of the siding needs replacing, they felt that a good house wrap would get through the winter, and they could address the remainding repairs next spring.

Although the work was challenging, it brought the young and old, men and women, of the church together in God's work. As a church they have grown to know each other better and have developed a loving relationship with each other, Teresa, and her two grandsons.

And as for the progress of Crosby and the Bible study? The pastor recently announced that the small church family will be increasing soon. Teresa has asked Don Shelton, pastor of Decatur Church, to plan a Sabbath for her baptism.

The members are so excited to have a new sister to go to Heaven with them! They are also looking forward to next spring when they can finish what God has started through them. —BY JOHN ROBINSON

# Georgia-Cumberland News

#### Jasper School Brings Ancient Egypt to Life

The 5th-8th grade students of Jasper Adventist Christian School in Tenn., have been studying about ancient Egypt in their social studies class. Their teacher, Holly Abrams, visited the country of Egypt at age 14, and was able to tell the students first-hand what the pyramids looked like. She described how life-like the mummies still looked, and what it was like to ride on an Egyptian camel along the Nile River past the ancient Sphinx.

The students studied about farming along the Nile with its yearly flooding. They learned about papyrus paper, and practiced writing messages in hieroglyphics. They studied about the great pharaohs and details on the mummification process. They then made and wrapped a child-sized mummy and put it in a decorated Egypmade a model or replica of their topic, such as the Sphinx, the Great Pyramid,



Students in grades 5-8 at Jasper Adventist Christian School in Tenn. dressed up like Epyptians after their study of the ancient culture. The familiar Bible stories of old really came to life as they learned about Egypt.

tian coffin. Each student researched an Egyptian topic and wrote a report. Each the Valley of the Kings, papyrus boats, and Tutankhamen. These projects, along with the mummy, are on display in the Jasper Library.

The students also turned to the Bible to learn about Egypt. They read the stories of Joseph, Moses, and the children of Israel. The old familiar Bible stories came alive after studying about the ancient country.

To climax their unit, the class dressed up like Egyptians for the day. They set up a market place in the classroom with Egyptian foods stalls. Students then had to barter for their lunch. The ancient land of Egypt opened its doors and revealed many secrets and mysteries to the students that they will remember for years to come.

-BY HOLLY ABRAMS

# Loganville Makes Pillowcase Dresses for Orphans



Young members at Loganville, Ga., Church model the pillowcase dresses and matching dolls with Pam Reifsnyder.

For the past 10 years, the Loganville, Ga., Church has been supporting missionary work to Haiti. What's even better is the church has its own special missionary, Pam Reifsnyder. Reifsnyder and her team have been conducting missionary trips to the Lascahobas area of Haiti (about two and a half hours from Port Au Prince), where they currently partner with the Upward Bound Orphanage. Next year, when Reifsnyder makes her 2015 trip to Lascahobas, she will take with her enough sundresses to help outfit the little girls at Upward Bound, as well as those in the outlying communities. These are special dresses made by hand by the Loganville Church members.

It began when one church member heard about a project adopted by another organization called Little Dresses for Africa. The Haiti mission project she proposed for the church was to create 50 sundresses made out of pillowcases. After promoting the idea to the congregation, approximately 125 dresses collected in just a few short weeks, far exceeding the initially suggested amount of 50.

Reifsnyder and her team will be in Haiti from February 11-18. This will be her ninth year in Lascahobas, but the group has been going for the past 11 years. She was inspired by her daughter, Jenny. The team now includes her sister, brother in-law, a team doctor, and several others who have joined them through the years.

-BY SHERIL R. SMITH

# Gulf <mark>States News</mark>

#### Friends Earn Top Honors in Nursing Program



Amanda Shupe (left), Rhonda Shear, and Suzanne Reyes

Graduating with top honors in your class is always a satisfying achievement, but sharing top honors with two close friends makes it even more special. Ask Suzanne Reves, who earned the Valedictorian distinction in her nursing class at Jefferson Davis Community College in Brewton, Ala. Long-time friends Rhonda Shear and Amanda Shupe tied for second place honors. "God has been gracious toward me," said Suzanne, who for several years taught various health and nutrition classes at University Parkway Church in Pensacola, Fla., where she, Rhonda, and Amanda are members.

"My interest in nursing was greatly influenced by the Adventist church and its members," notes Suzanne. "I had the privilege

of working beside many other health care professionals in the Adventist "Coronary Health Improvement (CHIP) program." Among her mentors, she credits Ann Griffin, ARNP, who headed the church's health ministries program for several years, and Cathy Lanza, M.D. and John Lanza, M.D., for encouraging her to "realize her potential to serve God in a very exciting, new way." When she attended a CHIP seminar at Loma Linda several years ago, she said she discovered a passion for the sciences behind the health and wellness. "I realized I needed to go back to school in order to be prepared for all that God had in store for me. and nursing was a natural choice."

Amanda was pursuing

acceptance at a different nursing program, when Rhonda, who had been researching local area nursing program found that the one at Jefferson Davis Community College was highly rated. The program accepted students based on a point system; points were awarded for academic courses in the sciences and an entrance exam. Suzanne said she lacked some of the qualifying classes but scored very high on the entrance exam. "By the grace of God we were all accepted," said Suzanne. Both Rhonda and Amanda had

the qualifying courses, and "were a huge support and encouragement to me."

They started classes in January 2013, commuting together the 50 miles to the college and graduated last October. All three expressed their appreciation for the support of their families during the twoyear program. "I couldn't have completed it without my husband's total support," said Rhonda. Her interest in the nursing field was sparked by her desire to take care of others.

After their educational journey together, it appears the newly minted RNs will split up in their chosen profession field to work at different hospitals. Recently hired by Baptist Hospital in Pensacola, Amanda will use her nursing skills to help patients in the oncology

ward. Several years ago, she and her family served Adventist Frontier Missions in Albania. "I felt like I could have done more to help people if I had had the nursing qualifications back then." Suzanne will be starting a nursing job with the renal-respiratory section of Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, and Rhonda has prospects of a job in her preferred area of labor-delivery at West Florida Hospital, also in Pensacola.

As a reward for her hard work and graduation honor, a friend of Suzanne's from her grade school, who is a top-notch cardiac nurse, paid for her family to vacation in Hawaii. They only had to pay for their airfare." Hawaii was amazing, and I was so refreshed. I am now very enthusiastic about getting to work."

She added: "I think it is such a blessing that we could graduate together with all the top honors in the program. It is a testimony to God's grace. And I pray that He is glorified for His faithfulness toward us." –BY GLENDA HASS

# Gulf States News

#### Decatur Church Increases Membership Through Seminar

When a seed is planted, you may never know left), Madison Jones, Trinity Warren, and Cory War-

ren. Standing in support of the new members are Jim



Page, Bob Johnson, Angela Johnson, and Tony Pitt, pastor.

It doesn't stop there. Calvin and Alexis Powers, pictured below, heard about the Sabbath from a friend. Their interest grew when they heard Walter Veith on television. They had to learn more. Searching on the Internet for a Sabbath-keeping church, they came across Decatur. They visited once and decided they had found their new church family. The Powers were welcomed to join Decatur through profession of faith in December 2014.

The members feel blessed to have their church family grow. —BY PEGGY SMITH

the outcome. That is what Christians are asked to do — plant the seed, and the Holy Spirit will do the rest.

Tony Pitt, pastor of Decatur, Ala., Church, conducted a Hope Through Prophecy seminar in November 2014. Handbills were mailed to the citizens in Decatur, and some were given out personally. Through this seed planting, four individuals accepted the Adventist message and were added to the church family through profession of faith.

Pictured above are new members Peggy Roberts (second from



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#### Milton Church Members Hold Revelation Seminar



New members at Milton, Fla., Church include Kenneth Salter (left), Barbara McDaniel, Raymond Bonomo, and Mike Barber, M.D.

A Revelation Seminar was held at the Santa Rosa County Auditorium in Milton, Fla., from October 16, 2014, until November 22, 2014. There were numerous individuals who attended the meetings faithfully. Approximately 30-40 attended each night. The church members and non-members gained a blessing from each presentation.

The meetings were conducted by Johnny Mosquera, pastor. Each evening a *Strong's Concordance* was given away, and a free Bible was given to each person who attended 10 meeting. A Bible course was offered which went along with each topic.

As a result of the meetings, there were two baptisms on Sabbath, November 22. Kenneth Salter and Barbara McDaniel were baptized, and Raymond Bonomo and Mike Barber, M.D., joined on profession of faith.

-BY PAT WITT



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# Kentucky-Tennessee News

#### Ben Carson Featured Speaker at Somerset Christian School



Ben Carson, M.D., was the featured speaker at the Somerset, Ky., Christian School fundraiser on December 2, 2014. Carson was given a standing ovation at the beginning and at the end of his speech. The Somerset members sponsored a table at the event. Carson and his wife, Candy, attended the capacity event, and were entertained with the performances by the students.

Carson spoke about his profound belief that, "God created mankind in His image." He observed that the separation of church and state does not mean that faith is to be removed from all public life.

During a questionsand-answers session, Carson was asked if he would be a presidential candidate in 2016. He replied, "If God continues to open the way as He has been doing, yes, I will run for president." Asked who would be his vice presidential running mate, he answered, "I have no idea."

—BY DAVID CLARK

### Manchester Memorial Hospital Awarded Leapfrog Top Rural Hospital Distinction

For the first time ever, Manchester Memorial Hospital (MMH) has been named a Top Rural Hospital by The Leapfrog Group in its annual list of Top Hospitals for 2014. Out of the 1,400-plus hospitals that completed the Leapfrog Hospital Survey, only 94 were recipients of the award — MMH being one of them.

"This award signifies Manchester Memorial Hospital's ongoing commitment and dedication to providing the highest level of quality care and patient safety," said Erika Skula, CEO of MMH. "Our staff works diligently to place patient safety first, and it is an honor to be recognized at the national level for this distinction."



Leab Binder (left), president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group; Keith Reissaus, vice president at Nurse-Family Partnership and Leapfrog board member; Bill Finck, chairman, Leapfrog Group board of directors; Susan Meyers, director of quality and accreditation at Manchester Memorial Hospital; and Martin Hatlie, CEO, Project Patient Care and Leapfrog board member.

The award, one of the most prestigious in healthcare, recognizes the quality and safety of care at hospitals as measured by outcomes, how well patients do when they receive care at a given hospital, and whether a hospital has adopted practices that have been found to improve care.

"By achieving Top Hospital status, Manchester Memorial Hospital has proven it's a premier institution, and deserves to be recognized for its dedication to the families and patients in Clay County," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group.

This distinction has capped off a wonderful year for the hospital, where MMH has also been the recipient of the QUEST Citation of Merit Award for delivering high-quality, cost-effective healthcare.

-BY HURRIYAT GHAYYUR

# Kentucky-Tennessee News

### **Three Churches Participate** in Mission Guatemala



Most of the 98 new converts were baptized in the Machaquila River, as seen in this photo.

Mission Guatemala began as a collaboration between three churches ----Ridgetop, Highland, and Madison Campus. However, what began as a mission trip made up of three churches has now turned into something much greater. This year Mission Guatemala had teams that included small groups from Texas, east Tennessee, and Columbia County. In all, the team of 62 had representatives from at

least eight different countries. Stepping into the river, the cold water would take a person's breath away. Though the temperature of the water was cold, the atmosphere was full of excitement. People were singing praises to God all around while others stepped into



Eight countries, one mission... Mission Guatemala

the river to wash their sins away. The Gospel had been preached and, as a result, 98 individuals gave their hearts

to the Lord through baptism in Poptun, Guatemala.

What does Mission Guatemala do in order to have this kind of success at reaching spiritual needs? It's not new information. In fact, the following quote was penned more than 100 years ago: "As a means of overcoming prejudice and gaining access to minds, medical missionary work must be done, not in one or two places only, but in many places where the truth has not yet been proclaimed .... This work will break down prejudice as nothing else can," Testimonies for the Church, vol. 9, p. 211.

Here's a quick glimpse at what took place. The Vacation Bible School team helped the medical team with more than 1,200 patients in five different villages. While the medical team was ministering to the physical needs, the outreach team



was able to visit others in their homes and minister to their spiritual needs, and the construction team finished the electrical work on the new nursing building. Each day culminated with evangelistic meetings for both adults and children, averaging 1,000 individuals per night.

Truly the words that Jesus spoke in Luke 10:2 still ring true today: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Please prav for Mission Guatemala.

-BY IGNACIO SILVERIO

# Winchester Church Members Hold Investment Auction



Winchester Church members enjoy the Sabbath School investment auction fundraiser.

The Winchester, Ky., Church members and friends were delighted to donate more than \$700 to the Sabbath School Investment Program, netted from an auction

held on Saturday evening, November 22, 2014, Many said this was one of the most fun projects sponsored by the church, and they are looking forward to the next one.

Borrowing the idea of an investment auction from the Richmond, Ky., Church, the Winchester members have held several auctions in the past, but this year's was the best attended and most successful.

Items sold included hand-baked food, homecanned food items, farm fresh eggs, two gift certificates for farm-grown produce, hand crocheted pieces, kitchen tools, and many more donated treasures.

Auctioneer Ken Elliott and assistant Mickey Sparks added their sense of humor to the auction, with many funny comments coming from the audience. Nancy Robinson, investment leader; Christa Schmidt, church treasurer: Sharon Sallee, women's ministries leader; and several others provided a supper for participants

before the auction. Sallee also presented a Vespers program.

This is a fun way to add to the coffers of the Sabbath School Investment Program. Investment funds go to the General Conference, where 75 percent of the money is placed into the World Mission Fund to help support existing mission endeavors. The remaining 25 percent is divided equally among the world divisions for approved mission expansion projects.

-BY NANCY ROBINSON



# South Central News

### Women's Ministries Retreat: D.I.V.A.S. Thirst for God

A total of 325 women converged on the Wyndham Bay Point Resort on Thursday afternoon, October 25, 2014, ers who energized all with their spiritually endowed messages spoken from their life experiences and had free time to spend on the beach; have quiet time; go shopping or enjoy massages, the steam room, the opening session, Sabbath services, and the banquet, gave greetings. He presented keys to the city to the South-



Legendary D.I.V.A.S. bonored for their tireless years of service include Nona Robinson (seated, left), Kentucky; Anne Gray, central Mississippi; Laura Smith, Southern Union; Jessie Bradley, north Alabama; Lottie Berry, south Mississippi; Dorothy Sanders (standing, left), south Alabama; Angela Nicholas, Gulf Coast; Marvene Noel, east Tennessee; Minnie Whittaker, north Mississippi; Vickie Tyms, west Tennessee; and Gwendolyn Brown, middle Tennessee.

for a weekend of spiritual renewal and empowerment. The attendees came thirsty for the "water of life"; they left with cups overflowing. They came expecting; they left satisfied!

Was it the inspiring, spirited, and uplifting music all enjoyed as Gale Murphy led in praise and worship? Was it the sweet fellowship of sisters with kindred minds? Perhaps it was the anointed speakthe depth of their hearts. Or maybe, just maybe, a small part of it was the location...Panama City, Fla.

It was all of these things, and much more! God was there, the One who sees and hears all. He truly answered many prayers, and the attendees experienced Him in new, refreshing, and intimate ways.

After the Thursday registration, the women

sauna, and whirlpool. The free time did much to release the daily stresses of life, as well as the long rides on buses, airplanes, and automobiles.

During the opening session the state directors welcomed women from five states, while the Conference director welcomed special guests and women visiting from other conferences. Commissioner Kenneth Brown, who was present for ern Union president, Ron Smith, D.Min., Ph.D.; Brenda Billingy, pastor; and Shirley Scott, South Central Conference women's ministries director.

Smith was the speaker for the evening. He set a beautiful table for the weekend and served a delectable message from the Word of God.

Lori Azuru, Marcella Watts, and Gail McKenzie shared their life experi-

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ences during the general sessions, through the pain of broken relationships, the struggle to give God control, and the battle and victory over cancer. They told how Jesus, the Living Water, made all the difference.

At each session, the attendees extended their hands toward the speaker, and asked God for a fresh anointing as they lifted their voices and sang to Him in the words of the song by CeCe Winans, "O Lord, we were waiting, let your river flow, come flood our hearts again, quench our thirsty souls, we thirst for you." And, He certainly did.

During leisure time on Friday, the attendees were given outreach packages which contained a bottle of water with a Scripture, a devotional, and *Love Letters from Jesus* tract with instructions. They were to allow God to direct them to someone they could give this "living water" to, and witness to them about Him. The outreach was simple, yet profound. Both the giver and receiver were blessed.

On Sabbath morning the women were introduced to four springs of living water that they can experience in their walk with God. Alfred Johnson, North American Division adult ministries director, used humor as he related that Sabbath School offers an experience with God like none other. It included the study of the Word with believers, outreach, fellowship, and global mission.

For the worship service, Billingy entered from the rear of the room dressed like the Samaritan woman carrying her water pot. She shared with the attendees the encounter all must have with Jesus if they are to experience living water. It was an inspiring, refreshing, and invigorating sermon that told all how to refill their water pots when they empty them doing God's work.

Sabbath Vespers was held outdoors under the pavilion. Members of the planning committee dressed up like trees, and it helped to illustrate the fact that life is challenging. You experience uncomfortable growing pains as you pass through the seasons of life. Having Jesus as the Gardener makes all the difference.

The Saturday night awards banquet honored 11 esteemed legends. Women who had worked untiringly as women's ministries leaders were chosen for the 11 territories of the Conference, as well as the Southern Union director, Laura Smith, a legend in her own right. She has been serving in women's ministries since the inception in 1988. One of the honorees passed away before the retreat.

The honorees took center stage as the group noted their numerous accomplishments through the use of their time, energy, and resources to the cause of God in their churches and communities. Each woman received a purple glass overlaid treasure box with her name engraved on it.

To put the finishing touch to the evening celebration, Lola Moore, pastor, electrified the audience with her anointed singing. She touched many hearts and made their souls glad.

While the adults were in session, 20 collegiates enjoyed seminar sessions with Renee' Mobley, Ph.D., and Prudence Pollard, Ph.D. These D.I.V.A.S. (Divinely Imbued with Virtue, Astuteness, and Strength) learned life lessons concerning balancing the pressures of academics, social life, and choosing a major and career. The two dynamic life coaches teamed up to help the young women to identify ways they can cope with personal and interpersonal challenges, and to make the hard decisions of life while enjoying the beautiful surroundings.

The finale was awesome and God-inspired! Mobley spoke about what to do when your springs of living water dry up. The presence of the Lord was immense.

The camaraderie was seen and felt among the women as they crowded the session halls with love and friendship. Many confessed that the retreat met a special spiritual or social need, reflected by specific changes in their lives. Testimonies were shared, new friendships formed, barriers broken, hearts renewed, a spiritual revival was experienced, and spirits were energized. The women were empowered to go back and share the Good News.

Someone commented that she had come burdened and depressed, and God met her and lifted the heaviness. Another said she did not know how she would come, but she kept praying and God made a way. The planning committee would like to encourage the women to begin planning now for a time of refreshing in 2016, and to bring a friend. In the words of Dana Edmond, South Central president, "You gotta tell somebody to come and let your thirsty heart be quenched." See you in 2016!

-BY SHIRLEY SCOTT

#### Southeastern News

#### Southeastern to Host Hearts and Hands Abuse Summit

The Southeastern Conference (SEC) will host the Hearts and Hands Abuse Summit. February 20-22, in Orlando, Fla,. at the Rosen Centre. Organized by Nicole Brise, SEC women's ministries director, and to be conducted by the Southern Adventist University (SAU) School of Social Work, the summit will provide attendees with a better understanding of domestic abuse. and instruct members on

how to deal with the issue of domestic violence in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The event is free and is open to all.

Until recently, domestic violence has not been a mainstream topic in the United States. However, recent high profile cases in the U.S. brought the issue of domestic violence to the national consciousness.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence's website, "On average, nearly 20 people per minute are victims of physical violence by an intimate partner in the United States. During one



Eventually, Drumm desires to see each pastor in the Adventist Church act as a first responder.

Laurie Cooper, SAU research assistant, said she also believes domestic violence needs to become a point of education at all Adventist schools and churches (according to a statement on SAU's website).

Attendees of the summit will have the opportunity to participate in two certifica-

year, this equates to more than 10 million women and men. One in three women and one in four men have experienced [some form of] physical violence by an intimate partner within their lifetime. One in five women and one in seven men have experienced severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime."

Historically, domestic violence has been seen as a non-issue in the Adventist Church. Unfortunately, domestic violence is a growing issue in the Adventist Church.

"The number of

individuals that have come forward and shared with me that they have been victims of domestic violence in Southeastern is alarming," said Nicole Brise. "I want to raise the awareness that domestic violence is a growing issue in Southeastern."

According to a fund by The Winifred Stevens Foundation and conducted by René Drumm, Ph.D., M.S.W., seminar instructor and dean of the SAU School of Social Work, domestic violence among Adventists mirrors that of the general population in North America.

tion tracks: Christian Abuse Responder Education and Christian Abuse Responder Trainer.

Event presenters will include Cooperand Drumm, as well as Tricia Foster, SAU School of Social Work researcher; Edith C. Fraser, Ph.D., retired professor A&M University; and Douglas Tilstra, Ph.D., SAU director of outdoor leadership and education. To register for the summit, visit http://www.secsda. org/abuse, or contact Shirley Bony at 352-735-3142 or sbony@secsda.org. -BY ROBERT HENLEY

# Southeastern News

# Barry Bonner Appointed to Serve as Conference Youth Director



The Executive Committee of the Southeastern Conference appointed Barry Bonner, pastor of Bethany Church in Miami, Fla., to serve as the seventh youth director for the Conference. Bonner fills the post that was vacated by the untimely death of Caesar Robinson, who had served as youth ministries director since 2009.

As youth director, Bonner will direct the following ministries — youth, Pathfinders, Adventurers, young adult, and National Service Organization; and will oversee the following

federations — Pathfinders Federation, South Florida Adventist Youth Federation, M.C. Strachan Federation, Hispanic Federation, Haitian Youth Federation, Collegiate Federation, Bible Bowl Federation, Adventurer Federation, and the SEC Basketball Federation.

"I am humbled, honored, and excited to serve as the youth ministries director for Southeastern," said Bonner, whose first Conference event was the SEC Youth Convocation on January 24, in Orlando, Fla.

An ordained minister and Master Guide, Bonner is a graduate of Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala., where he obtained a bachelor's degree in theology and an associate degree in music.

Bonner began his ministry in Southeastern in 1984 as the pastor of Macedonia Church in Ft. Pierce, Fla. Throughout his 30-year career, he has pastored the following districts in Florida: Peniel Church in Ft. Myers, and Mt. Sinai Church in Sarasota; Mt. Pisgah Church in Miami, and First Ephesus Church in Hollywood; Lighthouse Church in Ft. Lauderdale; Progress Village, Westside Town, and Country churches in Tampa; and Bethlehem Church in Clearwater, and Bethany Church in Miami.

Bonner is married to Tracy Clark Bonner, and is the father of two sons, the late Brandon Bonner and Michael Bonner, a freshmen at Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala.

-BY ROBERT HENLEY

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#### Oakwood University

#### IMARI Means New Highlights in Sciences at Oakwood



The IMARI research group

The acronym IMARI stands for Increasing Minority Admissions to Research Institutions. During the fall semester of 2013, Oakwood University was awarded a five-year grant for \$1.5 million from the National Institute of Health (NIH). The principal investigator of the grant is Timothy McDonald, Ed.D., provost and senior vice president, with program coordination provided by Alexandrine Randriamahefa, Ph.D., affectionately known as "Dr. Rand," and Safawo Gullo, D.V.M., Ph.D., chair of the Department of Biological Sciences.

The focus of the grant is to increase the pool of competitive minority students electing to pursue advanced biomedical research careers, and better prepare a new cadre of young scientists for biomedical research careers. IMARI will provide early academic excellence intervention, advising, mentoring, and increased research participation and competence.

The motto of the program is "Preparing Biomedical Researchers for the Future."

Since the grant was awarded, the following has occurred:

• From the departments of Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Psychology, 32 students in the first grant year and 20 students in the second year were selected as participants.

• Students participated in a pre-research program that directed their understanding of their area of interest and provided training in laboratory procedures regarding the same.

• During the summer of 2014, students were matched with an intensive research institution for training in their area of interest to conduct research and subsequently present their findings at scientific meetings. The partner institutions were Cleveland Clinic, Duke University, Johns Hopkins University, Johns Hopkins University, Loma Linda University, Mayo Clinic, University of Cincinnati, University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill, and Virginia Tech.

• Following their rich summer activities, students made poster presentations of their work at the Annual Biomedical Research Symposium on OU's campus, on October 26, 2014. The event was well-attended and served to inspire an interest in research among the student body.

Oakwood students also made posters and/ or oral presentations on their research at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students in November 2014, in San Antonio, Tex. This conference was an opportunity for the students to advance in their professional development with mentors and peers.

Oakwood is pleased and blessed to be part of this dynamic opportunity, and congratulates the students and all involved in the program.

Note: Increasing Minority Admissions to Research Institutions (IMARI) is a research education project funded by the Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, Grant Number: 1R25GM106994-01. –BY CHERRYL GALLEY, PH.D.

# Oakwood University

#### **Oakwood Names Academic Vice President**



Tricia Penniecook, M.D., M.P.H.

Tricia Penniecook, M.D., M.P.H., current dean of the School of Public Health at Loma Linda University, has accepted an invitation to serve at Oakwood University as vice president for academic administration. Penniecook

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brings a wealth of national and international leadership experience to the Oakwood University position. She will close out the academic year at Loma Linda University and officially take up her responsibilities at Oakwood on July 1.

"My family and I are very excited to join the Oakwood University family as it prepares leaders to fulfill God's mission for their lives. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to engage with committed faculty, staff, and students who care about their community and are able to make a difference," said Penniecook.

The administration ex-

tends its generous thanks to George Ashley, Ph.D., and Chandra Mountain, Ph.D., for their contributions to the Division of Academic Administration in the "acting" roles they assumed this year. They will be finishing up projects commenced during this academic year before resuming their previous responsibilities on July 1. "Both Dr. Ashley and Dr. Mountain have our full support, as the work they continue to do is vital as we prepare for our fifth-year accreditation report," said Leslie Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., Oakwood University president.

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# Adventist University of Health Sciences

#### ADU Students Embrace Healthcare as Ministry

Adventist University of Health Sciences (ADU) students know that it takes more than clinical experipatients is a must in healthcare. Sometimes it is having a friendly conversation, or even something as simple This direct relationship with Florida Hospital gives students a competitive edge. "I am already



ence to become a successful healthcare worker. It also takes heart. The guiding philosophy, "Healthcare as Ministry," is based on the idea that true wellness is not achieved through medical care alone, but through healing relationships that speak to people's minds, bodies, and souls.

"We are taught to care for our patients as we would a loved one. We are not only learning the clinical aspects of the job, but also the healing touch that helps our patients overcome sickness," said ADU freshman Casey Sigafoose.

Students are taught from the beginning that showing compassion for as sharing a smile that makes all the difference to a patient's health.

Freshman Caitlyn Vallee said, "I like helping people. Healthcare is my thing, and that's exactly why I chose to attend ADU."

ADU is partners with Florida Hospital, one of the country's largest providers of healthcare, whose mission is to extend the healing ministry of Christ to every patient, every time. ADU professors teach under the philosophy of "Healthcare as Ministry" to prepare students to work in hospitals, like Florida Hospital, which strive to fulfill this mission. inside Florida Hospital. They know my name and see what I have to offer. It makes it easier to land a job after I graduate," stated junior Altawin Cason.

ADU professors teach students that what they do is not just a job, but an extension of God's work — touching patients' lives physically, spiritually, and emotionally. This added focus on ministry makes the students unique, and allows them to provide the best possible care to patients.

ADU practices what they preach, and truly cares about students on all levels. "My professors personally know me. It feels more like a family here than a school," explains Cason.

With the average class size of only 19 students,

professors take the time to get to know everyone on a deeper, more personal level. Lasting bonds are created, and students feel like they have the support they need to succeed.

"You know everyone; people open the door for you, smile, and genuinely ask you how you are doing. It's so friendly here at ADU," said Sigafoose.

In the growing healthcare field, it is important to remember that patients and students are not just a number. They deserve to be cared for on all levels: mind, body, and spirit. ADU does just that.

ADU's four vision words are nurture, excellence, spirituality, and stewardship. All four are intricately entwined in the curriculum, practiced by both faculty and students, and are what essentially sets ADU apart from other universities in the state of Florida.

The philosophy of "Healthcare as Ministry" not only creates exceptional healthcare workers, but also produces world-class individuals with the compassion necessary to care for patients' mind, body, and spirit.

-BY MEGHAN BRESCHER

# Southern Adventist University

# 2014-2015 Southern Graduates Create Scholarship as Class Gift

Approximately 300 students received their diplomas from Southern Adventist University during the Winter Commencement in Iles P.E. Center on December 17, 2014. The group will be remembered, in part, for establishing an endowed scholarship as its class gift for future students, and for including the first graduate from Southern's recently-created global community development master's program.

The new Student-to-Student Scholarship, based on financial need and academic merit, will be available to students who are demonstrating a commitment to their education by working on-campus jobs while enrolled at Southern. To make this fund a reality, organizers must raise a total of \$25,000 during the next three years to secure a large enough amount so that the interest can be paid out as scholarships. Though the target amount may seem intimidating, student lead-



Gordon Bietz, D.Min., Southern Adventist University president, bands a diploma to one of the graduates at Southern's Winter Commencement. The blue philanthropy cord around his neck means this student contributed financially to his class' senior gift, the Student-to-Student Scholarship.

ers for both the winter 2014 and spring 2015 graduating classes have pledged to support this project with their time, talents, and treasures, even after leaving campus.

To kick off fundraising, many seniors gave toward the project and wore a blue philanthropy cord during commencement as a sign of their contribution. Plans to create a yearly 5K race have also been set in motion, with proceeds from the event going toward the scholarship. Student leaders encourage friends, family, and parents of graduates to participate in this class gift by making a contribution at www.southern.edu/classgift.

Created in 2012, the global community development program helps students develop their specific calling for mission service. Courses in fundraising and field-based research methods prepare students for fieldwork in projects such as micro-finance, agriculture (fishing, gardening, livestock), literacy and health education, the environment, artisan handicrafts, and others. The five-semester degree offers a strong research component and plenty of hands-on experience that positions graduates favorably for jobs in a variety of international organizations. For more information, visit www.southern.edu/graduatestudies.

Steve Angle, chancellor for the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, provided the keynote address during commencement. The entire ceremony may be viewed online at www.youtube.com/ SouthernAdventistU.

-BY ELIZABETH CAMPS

#### Nonprofit Helps Single Mothers with Tuition



Two student scholarship recipients (center), are surrounded by campus administrators and an EWI representative (second from right) during the ceremonial check presentation.

Executive Women International (EWI) of Chattanooga, a nonprofit that addresses the businessperson's quest for personal achievement and drive for professional development, recently presented two \$1,000 scholarships to single mothers attending Southern Adventist University. Since 2010, EWI's contributions to the University have totaled \$9,400.

"Four years ago, we asked EWI to consider including Southern as one of the recipients of their Single Parent Scholarships," said Lori Thompson, office manager for advancement at Southern. "The EWI leaders thought it was a wonderful idea!"

The Tennessee nonprofit raises money through fundraisers — including raffles, pecan sales, and auctions — in order to give out its scholarships. Next year, the fund criteria will be broadened to include single fathers as well. —BY ELOISE RAVELL

### Obituaries



**BOND, E. Gerald**, 70, born Dec. 17, 1943 in Pilot, VA, died July 17, 2014. On July 16, he left his office at the Florida Adventist Book Center in Altamonte Springs, FL, with everything neatly in place and ready for his return, but that was not to be when he passed away suddenly on July 17 at his home in Longwood.

He graduated from Columbia Union College (now Washington Adventist University). While attending there, he met Sue Kirkham, the love of his life, and they were married on June 16, 1965. He was an athlete and excelled in sports, so it was only natural that he would impart this knowledge to his son, Scott. They would spend many evenings just playing catch. When it was time for Scott to marry Brandi, he asked his coach, his supporter, his friend, his dad to be the best man. "He left behind an amazing legacy in my life," says Scott. "He was a big, strong man who had a soft heart."

He spent more than 46 years working for the publishing arm of the Adventist Church. He began as an assistant manager at the Pennsylvania ABC, and then as an assistant manager at the Florida ABC. For several years he was the Book Department coordinator for the Review and Herald Publishing Association in Takoma Park, MD.

In October 1977, he became manager of the Florida ABC. During his tenure, he managed four stores and set up a wholesale food business. He had an affinity for finances, and continued with this aspect of the business even after retiring in 2010. Since his death, the new Sunbelt Natural Foods Distributors, Inc., building in Apopka was dedicated in his honor.

The full sanctuary at his memorial service was a testament to his life. As a member of Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL, for 35 years, the church became an important function in his life. On Nov. 30, 2014, the deacons paid tribute to him by unveiling a plaque to be placed in the Deacon's Room in honor of his years of serving as a deacon.

He loved his family foremost. In addition to Sue, his wife of 49 years, he leaves his son, Scott (Brandi); grandson, Preston; and three sisters: Dorothy (George) Ratcliffe of Pilot, VA, Mary Ann (Larry) Sheffer of Churchville, VA, and his twin, Geraldine (Martin) Dider of Collegedale, TN.

The Celebration of Life Service was conducted by Pastors Geoff and Alicia Patterson at Forest Lake Church. Interment was in Highland Memory Gardens in Apopka.



**HINDMAN, Charles Franklin**, 71, of Banner Elk, NC, born Oct. 24, 1942 in Cross Anchor, SC, died April 27, 2014 in Johnson City, TN. He loved the outdoors and all of God's creations.

He attended Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University) and graduated in 1969 with a bachelor's in theology. He then started full time ministry, and ministered many churches in North and South Carolina. He remained about his Father's business pastoring Boone and Banner Elk churches through his last Sabbath.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda; his mother, Frances Bailey Hindman of Union, SC; one son, Charles B. (Teresa) Hindman of Asheville, NC; one daughter, Kriston (Daniel) Vardiman of Tampa, FL; two stepsons: Larry (Dianne) Hodges, and Scott (Angie) Hodges; two grandsons: Jacob Charles Hindman and David Hindman; one sister, Karen Thompson; two brothers: Stanley Hindman and David Hindman; many nieces; and nephews. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Linda Miller Hindman; his father, General Ralph Hindman; and one brother, Jerry Hindman.

The funeral service was held May 3, 2014 at Banner Elk Church. Charles B. Hindman, Leslie Louis, and Haskell Williams officiated. Interment was at Union Memorial Gardens in Union, SC.

ALLEN, Minnie Grace, 89, born April 25, 1925, died July 2, 2014. She was a member of the Laurel, MS, Church. The graveside service was held at Ellisville Cemetery on July 4, 2014, at 11 a.m.

AUFDERHAR, Verlyn Keith, 63, born April 1, 1951 in Pendleton, OR, died Oct. 15, 2014 at his residence in Lawrenceburg, KY. He attended Milo Academy in Milo, OR. He met his wife, Rebecca Stirk, when he attended Southern Adventist University. Aufderhar was a member of the Lawrenceburg, KY Church. He held many church offices: elder, deacon, personal ministries, community services, and Sabbath School superintendent. His church was very important to him. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Rebecca; one daughter, Julie Lorraine; one sister, Kay Lynn Lascinsky; three brothers: Hal Julian (Rhonda), Royce Alan (Debbie), and Craig Franklin (Carol).

**BIGGS**, Judith, 65, born Sept. 15, 1948, died April 8, 2014 in New Port Richey, FL. She was a member of the New Port Richey Church for 30 years. She is survived by four sons: Arthur of New Port Richey, Michael of Florida, Adam of Florida, and Tommy of Texas; one daughter, Valerie of Mississippi; one brother, Don of Texas; one sister, Jeanne of Massachusetts; 20-plus grandchildren; and several greatgrandchildren.

**BOWEN, Dorothy Ora**, 90, born Aug. 12, 1924 in Merced, CA, died Oct. 10, 2014 in Westmoreland, TN. She was a member of Highland Church in Portland, TN. She is survived by one daughter, Virginia Snyder; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

**BROCK, Opal Lee**, 91, born Oct. 22, 1922 in Kentucky, died May 6, 2014 in Portland, TN. She was a member of the Highland Church, Portland, TN. She is survived by three sons: Richard, Robert, and Charles; four daughters: Linda Preston, Judy Hall, Barbara Busch, and Patricia Higginbotham; 15 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

BURCH, Alta D., 92, born June 1, 1921 in Long Island, AL, died April 2, 2014 in Altamonte Springs, FL. He was a member of Florida Living Church in Apopka, FL, for more than 16 years. For eight years, beginning in 1946, he pastored in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference in Mt. Pleasant, TN; Columbia, TN; Bowling Green, KY; Franklin, KY; Highland Academy, Portland, TN; and Madison, TN. From 1954 to 1967, he pastored in Florida at Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park; Tampa First; and Miami Springs. For 20 years from 1967 to 1987, he was the chaplain at Florida Hospital South. He is survived by his wife of more than 69 years, Tralece; one daughter, Bonnie Reed of Altamonte Springs; and one grandchild. He was predeceased by his son, Barrie in 1989. The service was conducted by Pastor James King at Florida Living Church. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

CAMPBELL, June J., 88, born May 4, 1926 in Don-

aldson, WI, died Nov. 3, 2014 in Altamonte Springs, FL. She was a member of Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL, for 15 years. She served as a nurse and lab assistant at Hinsdale Hospital, Hinsdale, IL. She is survived by her two sons: Larry (Donna) Campbell of Nashville, TN, and Jerry (Sherri) Campbell of Deland, FL; one daughter, Linda (Steve) Patrick of Apopka; three grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. A memorial service was conducted by Pastor Barbara McCoy at Forest Lake Church.

**CARSON, Samuel D.**, 91, born May 28, 1923 in Alberta, AL, died Dec. 6, 2014 in Jupiter, FL. He was a member of Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL, for 24 years. He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Ruthelee; one son, Barry (Lynne) Carson of Jupiter; one daughter, Kay (George) Webb of McCormick, SC; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. The memorial service was conducted by Pastors Noel Shanko and Floyd Powell at Florida Living Retirement Center Chapel in Apopka.

**COLE, Ethyle J.**, 90, born May 14, 1923 in Connellsville, PA, died May 4, 2014 in Apopka, FL. She was a member of Forest Lake Church in Apopka. She is survived by three sons: Fred (Cathie) Cole of Apopka, Don (Susan) Cole of Nicholson, PA, and Vernon (Patty) Cole of Sorrento; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Gordon Cole, on November 14, 2010. Her graveside service was conducted by Pas-

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tors Floyd Powell, John Robbins, and Cliff Robbins at Greenwood Cemetery in Apopka.

CROOK, Sylvia Rosalie Moak, 86, born Jan. 9, 1928 in Bogalusa, LA, to Arthur Leo Moak and Emma Lessie Nixon Moak (Altman), died Oct. 28, 2014 in Chattanooga, TN. She was a graduate of Southern Missionary College and received her master's degree in German from Vanderbilt University. She resided in Collegedale, TN, the majority of her life where she taught German, Spanish, and Art at Collegedale Academy for more than 20 years. She was a member of the McDonald Road Church where she and her family were charter members. In retirement, she and her husband, Don, traveled the world on more than 30 mission trips. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, J. Don Crook; daughter, Kathlyn Crook Schleifer and her husband, Kieth; daughter, Joelle Crook Ringer and her husband, Brian; daughter-inlaw, Evonne Kutzner Crook; grandchildren: Stephanie Schleifer Lozensky and her husband, Thad; Nikki Crook; Summer Schleifer Cronin and her husband, Scott; Donnie M. Crook and his wife, Jillian; Jory Ringer; Julie Schleifer Reynolds and her husband, Daniel; and great-grandchildren: Octavia Traugott, Mikael Cronin, and Asher Crook. Preceding her in death were her parents; sisters: Melba Moak Holden and Doris "Sunny" Moak Smith; and son, Donnie W. Crook.

DAVEAUX-HITCHMAN, Berrneta M., 89, born Nov. 17, 1923 in Nassau, Bahamas Island, died Sept. 26, 2013 in Nassau, Bahamas Island. She was a member of the Silver Springs Shores Church in Ocala, FL, for 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years. She was a talented pianist/ organist in many churches including Grants Town, Maranatha, South Ozone Park, and Silver Springs Shores. She is survived by her two daughters: JoAnn (Lee) Deveraux-Callendar of Nassau, and Melva Deveaux of Nassau; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastors Rahming, Johnson, Scavella, Brnnen, and Roach in Nassau.

**KELLY, Virginia Lenelle**, 82, born May 14, 1932, died July 6, 2014. She was a member of the Columbia, MS, Church. The graveside service was held at Antioch Cemetery on July 6, 2014, at 2 p.m.

LUDGATE, Carol Jean, 69, born Sept. 13 1945 in Loma Linda, CA, died Oct. 15, 2014 in Madison, TN. She was a member of the Highland Church in Portland, TN. She is survived by her husband, Don; two sons, Robert (Heidi) Sterner and Jonathan (Sharon) Sterner; two daughters, Heidi Sterner and Charlotte (Rick) Chandok; five grandchildren, Cheyenne, Dominic, and Hailey Sterner, and Priya and Anika Chandok; one brother, Scott Seeley; and three sisters, Katie Kerr, DeeDee (Randy) Herrman, and Martha Seeley.

MCBRIDE, Keith, 75, born Jan. 20, 1938 in Billings, MT, died Dec. 25, 2013. He was a member of Celebration, FL, Church. He was an Adventist minister. During his retirement, he enjoyed work as a realtor and Disney cast member. He is survived by his wife, Wanda; daughter, Bridgit (Dennis) Mitchell, Clermont, FL; step-child, Randall Wilson of Alabama; sister, Margie Meador, Billings; and three grandchildren. A memorial service was held in Clermont, FL.

**MURRAY, Grace**, 66, born May 5, 1947, died April 2, 2014 in New Port Richey, FL. She was a member of

New Port Richey Church for 14 years. She is survived by two brothers: Joseph Murray of Orlando, and John Murray of Fort Lauderdale. A memorial service was held on May 9, 2014.

**NELSON, Clifford Dean "Cliff"**, 91, born July 29, 1923, died Sept. 23, 2014. Nelson retired after driving a truck for Rocky Mountain Conference for

31 years. He served as an elder for the Mayfield Church for seventeen years. He is survived by his wife of over 67 years, Bess; one son, Marvin (Diane) Nelson; two daughters, Glenda Faye (Charles) Doughty and Teresa Lanette (Ernest) Phillips; ten grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; one greatgreat-granddaughter; one sister, Elizabeth Nelson Bright; and one brother Charles Nelson.

**NELSON, William "Bill"**, 63, born March 23, 1951 in Gary, IN, died Sept. 6, 2014. He was a member of the Jamestown, KY, Church and worked as a metal analyst with Bethlehem Steel. He is survived by one daughter, Erica; one son, Adam; nine grandchildren; one brother, Eugene; and one step-sister, Laura Kunz.

**NETO, Jack N.**, 95, born Dec. 6, 1918 in Apopka, FL, died April 16, 2014 in Apopka. He was a member of Florida Living Church for 15 years. He is survived by his wife, Virginia; one daughter, Yvonne Altman of Homosassa, FL; two grandchildren; and one greatgrandchild. The service was conducted by Pastor Jim King at the Florida National Cemetery.

**OXLEY, Marie G.**, 94, born Aug. 18, 1920 in Randlett, OK, died Nov. 21, 2014 in Altamonte Springs, FL. She was a member of Forest Lake Church in Apopka for 10 years. She is survived by her brother: Thomas Stanford of Maitland; three sisters: Norma Schutte of Denver, CO, Nilda Braden of Maitland, and Darlena (Wayne) Voegele of Maitland; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. The graveside service was conducted by Pastor Patrick Spannagel at Fairview Cemetery in Randlett.

**PRATT-FULLER, Lezie D.**, 47, born Sept. 23, 1966 in Takoma Park, MD, died May 12, 2014 in Jackson, MI. She was a member of the Spring Meadows Church in Sanford, FL. She was employed at Florida Hospital Orlando from 1995 to1999 as an EKG and cardiac pulmonary technician. She is survived by her husband, Gregg Fuller; one son, Ethan Robert Fuller; her parents: Ruth Pratt of Lake Mary, and Lester Pratt of Altamonte Springs; one brother, Lester (Teddy) Pratt Jr., of Jackson, MI.

**REYNOLDS, Lowell**, 78, born Dec. 13, 1936 in Dehue, WV, died Oct. 24, 2014. Reynolds was a member of the Ashland, KY, Church. He was a retired coal miner with Island Creek Coal Company. He is survived by one son, Harry (Veronica); one grandchild, Laken; one brother, Vern; one sister, Bernice Dent; a host of extended family; and friends.

SCOGGINS, Lillian, 80, born Nov. 30, 1933, died April 16, 2014 in New Port Richey, FL. She was a member of the New Port Richey Church for four years. She is survived by two sons: James of New Port Richey, and David; three sisters: Joyce Zapata, Delde Hunter, and Cynthia Voniccl; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. The service was conducted at the Blount & Curry Funeral Home in Tampa.

SHEEL, Rita Whicker, 68, born July 9, 1946 in

Townsend, MT, died Sept. 15, 2014 in Myrtle Beach, SC. She was a member of the Myrtle Beach Church. She was very active in the Church, especially supporting Christian education. Formerly, she was a member of the Waycross and Valdosta (GA) churches. She was preceded in death by her parents, Eppie and ZJ Whicker. She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Dr. Stephen Sheel; daughters: Tanya Sheel of Oakwood, OH; Julianne Johnson of Miamisburg, OH; Danielle Mueller of Woodstock, Ontario; Kimberly Sheel of Valparaiso, IN; and Tracy Less of Myrtle Beach, SC; three grandchildren; two sisters: Dena Birdwell and Tammy Micheff; and one brother, Hodd Whicker.

SHEPHERD, Betty Irene, 86, born May 11, 1928 in Bell Farm, KY, died July 20, 2014 in Oak Ridge, TN. She was a member of Stearns, KY Church where she was very active, served as a deaconess, and enjoyed her church work. She is survived by her husband, Carl; two daughters: Sue (Danny) LaFavor and Gilda Long; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; five greatgreat-grandchildren; and one sister, Minnie Ross.

THOMSON, Enid A., 91, born Oct. 6, 1923 in Port of Spain, Trinidad, died Nov. 5, 2014 at Ocoee, FL. She was a member of Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL, for eight years. Her denominational work included being a secretary and working in treasury in Trinidad, St. Croix, VI, and Barbados. She is survived by her two sons: Roland (Coleen) of Apopka, and Robert (Diana) of Ocoee, FL; one daughter, Rose Maycock of Ocoee; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

WALKER, Kenyatha C., 35, born Jan. 16, 1979 in Kingston, Jamaica, W.I., died July 20, 2014 in Tampa, FL. He was a member of Silver Springs Shores Church in Ocala, FL, for four years. He was a beloved member of the Adventist community. He frequently sang solos for the church services, sang with the praise teams, and directed or assisted youth choirs as music was his passion. He is survived by his three children; father; mother; grandmother; three sisters; two nieces; three nephews; five aunts; six uncles; and a great-grandmother. The service was conducted by Pastors P. Goodridge, B. Crockett, and Sabine Vatel at Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL. Interment was at Highland Memory Gardens in Apopka.

WARD, Jack P., 89, born July 27, 1925 in Lovelock, NV, died Nov. 23, 2014 in Orlando, FL. He was a member of Forest Lake Church for 50 years. He is survived by his spouse of 69 years, Louise; two sons: Dennis (Theresa) of Maitland, and Michael (Felicia) of Apopka, FL; one daughter, Patricia J. Manoucher of Orlando; nine grandchildren; and one greatgrandchild. The memorial service was conducted by Pastor Barbara McCoy at Florida Hospital Church in Orlando.

WILLETT, Crystal M., 76, born March 15, 1938 in McNominee, MI, died Oct. 8, 2014 in Orlando, FL. She was a member of Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL, for 10 years. She was a nurse at Washington Adventist Hospital, Washington, DC, Kettering Memorial Hospital, Dayton, OH; and Florida Hospital, Orlando. She is survived by her spouse of 43 years, Bob; two sons: Jesse (Shana) of W. Richland, WA, and Gregg (Terri) of Ooltewah, TN; and four grandchildren. A memorial service was conducted at Forest Lake Church in Apopka. The funeral service was at Rose Hill Cemetery in St. Claire, MI.



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UNION PATHFINDER BIBLE EXPERIENCE FINALS – March 28. Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, GA.

**UNION COLLEGE HOMECOMING – April 2-5.** Honor classes: 1945, '55, '60, '65, '75, '85, '90, '95, and '05. Contact the Alumni Office at 402-486-2503, 3800 S. 48th Street, Lincoln, NE 68506, or alumni@ucollege.edu.

LAURELBROOK SCHOOL/ACADEMY ALUMNI WEEKEND – April 3-5. Dayton, TN. Honor classes: 1950, '55, '60, '65, '70, '75, '80, '85, '90, '95, '00, '05, '10. Details: 423-775-3336. www.Laurelbrook.org.

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April 24, 25. Friday evening reception, 7
p.m.; Sabbath worship, 10 a.m.; registration
9:30 a.m. on campus. Honor classes: 1955,
'65, '75, '85, '90, '95, '05. Details: www.
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Weekend – Feb 7-9. Maggie Valley, NC. Romance at the Ranch –

Feb.13-15. NPR. Contact the Family Ministries Department for details.

Carolina ShareHim Campaign – Feb. 4-22. Details, see info@ sharehim.org or call 1-844-SHAREHIM.

Pathfinder Work Bee – March 13-15. NPR.

Mount Pisgah Academy Events March 15-17. Graduation Weekend.

April 17-19. Alumni Weekend. April 24-26. Academy Days.

**ALIVE Youth Rally** – March 20, 21. Spartanburg Church.

Adventurer Fun Day – April 5. NPR.

Pathfinder Drum & Drill Competition – April 11. Raleigh Church

**Church Planting Rally** – April 11. Spartanburg Church.

#### Florida

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Florida Keys Camp Meeting – Feb. 20-22. Camp Sawyer at MM34. Theme: What Adventists Know About the Future and What You Need to Find Out Now. Speaker: Lewis Walton, attorney and author. Potluck fellowship meals for lunch and supper. Details: 305-743-5268.

Women's Ministries Retreats – Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Theme: On Wings of Prayer. Cost: \$57.25-\$229 depending on meal and accommodation choice. All weekends include young adult and teen track. Registration: http:// www.campkulaqua.com/ Feb. 13-15. English Language. Speaker: Heather Dawn Small. Feb. 20-22. English-language. Speaker: Heather Dawn Small. Haitian track speaker: Joselle LaGuerre.

Feb. 27-March 1. Spanishlanguage. Speaker: Carolann de Leon.

**Men's Ministries Conventions** - Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Theme: Forgive to Live. Cost: \$30-\$224.50 depending on meal and accommodation choice. Registration: http://www. campkulagua.com/ March 13-15. Speakers: Leo Ranzolin, Shian O'Connor. March 20-22. Speakers: Leo Ranzolin, Dick Tibbits. **Retired Denominational** Workers' Retreat – March 20-22. Pine Lake Retreat, Groveland. Speaker: Gary Patterson, Reservation information to arrive in retiree mailboxes or call 407-331-8249 or 407-924-6486.

Greater Miami Adventist Academy 6th Annual Golf/Spa Event – March 29. Bonaventure Resort and Country Club, Weston. Theme: Jump Start the Dream! Registration begins 11 a.m. Cost: \$200/person. Golf fee includes green fees, golf cart, goodie bag, refreshments, and award reception buffet dinner. Spa fee includes goodie bag, all day spa, one treatment, and award reception buffet dinner. Proceeds benefit GMAA's new cafeteria and Master Plan. Details: http://gma. edu/html/events.html, 305-220-5955, x151, or 954-254-9249.

#### Georgia-Cumberland

Presidents' Day Holiday – Feb. 16. Conference office closed. Hispanic Couples' Retreat – Feb. 20-22. Winshape. Rome, GA.

Pathfinder Teen Event -

Feb. 20-22. Cohutta Springs. Crandall, GA.

Prayer Conference – Feb. 20-22. Registration deadline Feb. 10. Cohutta Springs. Crandall, GA.

Mid-Term Constituency Reports Feb. 21. Collegedale Community Church. Collegedale, TN. Feb. 28. Knoxville First Church. Knoxville. TN.

March 21. Atlanta Metro Hispanic Church. Atlanta, GA. **CONNECT: ACF Leadership Conference** – Feb. 27-March 1. Registration deadline, Feb. 8. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA. **Health and Personal Ministries Leadership Training** – March 7. Tifton, GA.

Hispanic Women's Retreat – March 13-15. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA. Disaster Response Training – March 14, 15. Registration deadline March 10. Savannah Church. Savannah, GA.

Women & Teen Spring Retreat – March 19-22. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.

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7-Up Retreat - Feb. 20-22.

Indian Creek Camp. **Board of Education** – Feb. 24. April 23. Conference Office. **Elders' Retreat** – March 6-8. Indian Creek Camp. **Highland Academy Board** – March 19. Highland Academy. **Music Festival** – March 19-21.

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**Committee** – March 24. Conference Office.

Louisville Festival of Faith – March 27, 28. Pewee Valley Church.

Prayer Conference – April 10-12. Indian Creek Camp. Pastors'/Elders' Retreat – April

17-19. Indian Creek Camp.

Eastern Kentucky Camp Meeting – April 24, 25. Prestonsburg United Methodist Church.

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Montgomery, AL	5:23	5:29	5:35	5:41	5:47	6:52
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