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Holy Spirit-filled Leaders in Transition

“And when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from Heaven a noise like a violent, rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance,” Acts 2:1-4.

The one for whom they were asked to “wait” had come!

What a difference the emphasis of one word makes in the description of a happening of such world-shaking importance! Before the day of Pentecost, the emphasis was on the word “ask.”

After Pentecost the emphasis was on the word “receive.” This is the Good News; we are no longer waiting for the Holy Spirit — He is waiting for us. We are no longer living in a time of promise, but in the days of fulfillment.

The members of the early Church, those men, women, and children who knew the reality of the Holy Spirit as a force, were totally transformed. The rush of power they experienced on the day of Pentecost is characteristic of the age that gave us the New Testament. The Holy Spirit was promised, the promise was fulfilled, the disciples were changed, and the glory of it for us is that He is present in every true believer today. And so His power is available today.

Elder Mel Eisele, a Holy Spirit-filled leader who has served the Gulf States Conference as treasurer for three years, and president for almost two decades with excellence and distinction, has chosen to retire. Not only has the Gulf States Conference grown dramatically in membership and assets, but also has developed through the building of multiple church and educational facilities to God’s glory. Most recently, it was under President Eisele’s administration that the new Gulf States Conference headquarters were constructed free of debt. We will miss the quick wit of Sister Phyllis and her special abilities to get into the hearts of all. Phyllis, a registered nurse, has ministered alongside Mel throughout their ministerial career. Truly, the Eiseles have been led by the Spirit of God to lead Gulf States Conference forward and upward. We pray for copious blessings and God’s favor to reward them as they transition.

Elder Dave Livermore, another Holy Spirit-filled leader, was overwhelmingly elected to succeed Elder Eisele as the new president of the Gulf States Conference. Dave came to Gulf States from the Upper Columbia Conference three years ago to serve as the executive secretary, and has done so faithfully and efficiently.

Dave grew up in a railroad family. When he graduated from high school, he worked on the Soo Line Railroad. Little did he know that 10 years later everything in his life would change when, in the caboose, he found Christ as his personal Savior.

After reading 1 John 1:9, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness,” Dave promised that he would never take for granted what Jesus had done for him. Dave was called from the railroad and left for Andrews University in 1985. He has a bachelor’s degree from Andrews University and a master’s degree from Andrews Seminary. He began his pastoral ministry in Wisconsin, continued his ministry in Hawaii, and then, in 1993, he began serving as a pastor in the Oregon Conference. He later accepted a call to be the personal ministries director for the Upper Columbia Conference.

Dave’s passions are evangelism and church health. He believes the best days for the Seventh-day Adventist Church are ahead of us. He has been married to his wife, Teresa, for 45 years; they have two daughters, Krista and Trisha, who have blessed them with five granddaughters.

Pentecost was the day of power of the Holy Spirit. It was the day the Christian church was born.

We must expect Pentecostal blessings when the conditions for God’s moving are met in these the final days of Earth’s history. We as Christians are to prepare the way. We are to be ready for the Spirit to fill and use us. We pray for President Dave and Sister Teresa and know that, as they receive the baton of leadership, they will allow themselves to be used by the Spirit for the continued work of Gulf States Conference.



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COVER: Each individual or family should develop an emergency plan. You may have the luxury of a watch or warning, but you might not.



BAD THINGS HAPPEN, BUT...

BY SHEILA ELWIN

Hurricane season. It's coming, and it's deadly. Hurricanes are huge, spiraling tropical storms that can blast you — your city, your church, your home — with winds of more than 160 mph, and an unbelievable 2.4 trillion gallons of rain in one day. Are you ready?

Maybe you don't live in the danger zone. Don't sit back yet. This summer could also bring tornados, floods, and fires. It doesn't matter whether you live on the hurricane coasts of Florida, Mississippi, or South Carolina; the tornado alleys of Georgia and Tennessee and Alabama; the lush vegetation zones of North Carolina and Kentucky — everywhere in the Southern Union territory is open to disaster. Having a plan may save lives. You can be ready for the threat, and you can be ready to help. Helping is where Adventists are especially blessed.

"Baptists are known for their chainsaw brigades, the Red Cross is known for their relief efforts at the site, and Seventh-day Adventists have a reputation for being the best at managing warehouses and

distribution sites for those affected," says Amireh Al-Haddad, director of Adventist Disaster Response (ADR) for the Southern Union Conference.

In the face of disaster, the Adventist Church is always on call for FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), because of its organization, experience, and training. You can be a part of this. "Training sessions are provided by the conferences of the Southern Union," notes Kevin James, associate director of ADR for the Union. "These sessions offer classes which cover a broad spectrum of disaster response applications.

There are courses on mass feeding, warehouse set-up and function, donation operations, crises care, forklift operations, and others. One can attend classes and take the courses onsite to become certified. Many classes are also offered offsite via the Internet. Certificate holders are then eligible to serve when a disaster strikes."



During the Southern Union ACS Disaster Response training, February 5-8, 2015, attendees learn how to safely operate a forklift.



Steve Stillwell (left) and Mike Bailey load supplies in Cleveland, Tennessee, during the 2011 tornado crisis. Bailey volunteered for the ADR team from another agency because he was impressed with the organization of the Adventist effort.

Contact your local conference's ADR office. Conferences regularly hold disaster response training, and, if there are none scheduled in yours this year, you may be able to learn about others planned in nearby conferences.

"People are always looking for something glamorous and 'front-lines' to do in a disaster, but in reality," says Al-Haddad, "what we do isn't exciting or glamorous. *But*, it's meeting the needs of people who've had everything taken away from them."

How Can My Church Help?

A disaster has happened in your community, and your local church wants to help. What should you do? Here are a few general tips and ways to serve.

First, make sure your church has a safety check plan and an evacuation plan in place, in case of emergency. If your plans are in place for keeping your members and facility safe, then it's time to see if you can reach out to others. Take an inventory of your space and equipment:

- electricity and plumbing, including generators, lighting, outlets, pipes, shut-off valves, wiring;
- assets you may have outside the city which could be used for staging areas or warehouses;
- the physical stability of your building and whether it has any limitations;
- how much square footage can

you offer, and how many areas;

- whether you have room for non-perishable food items and storage; and
- an evaluation of your kitchen and bathroom and shower capacity.

Coordinate with your local conference's ADR. Talk to nearby houses of worship to see if there is a way to merge efforts. And, decide if

you are uniquely positioned to serve a specific population group — disabilities, medical issues, cultures, age groups.

Remember, there may be a variety of ways to serve that you haven't considered. You might be a...

- safe space for the community for prayer and emotional/spiritual care,
- location for disaster-related funerals,
- respite center for workers,
- volunteer staging/training area,
- temporary space for displaced victims to receive services and information,
- feeding center,
- host site for service groups from your denomination or another congregation,
- location for community information meetings.

"Each local church is encouraged to have CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training in the community that its church resides in to help not only church members but the community as well be prepared

in the event of a disaster," says Barbara Barnes, co-director of ADR (Adventist Disaster Response) for South Central Conference.

Visit Adventist Community Service/Adventist Disaster Response at communityservices.org for many tips and resources.

What Should My Family Do to Prepare?

The ADR manual has this to say: "Each person should take some simple steps to prepare for, and respond to, emergencies, including natural disasters and terrorist attacks. Individuals can do three key things: 1) assemble an emergency supply kit (see sidebar), 2) develop a family emergency plan, and 3) be informed about the different types of emergencies that could occur and their appropriate responses. Everyone should have some basic supplies on hand in order to survive for at least three days if an emergency occurs."

Each individual or family should develop an emergency plan. You may have the luxury of a watch or warning, but you might not. Your family might not even be at home when disaster strikes. Here are a few important things to include in your plan:

- Escape routes: How will you get out and where will you meet?
- Communication: Can you designate an out-of-area relative or friend to use as a report-in contact? Make sure each family member has that info in a wallet-sized card to carry at all times.



Disaster responders are intensely involved in their discussion during February training at the Southern Union in Norcross, Georgia.

- Utilities: Shut off electric, gas, and water services if locally requested or if it seems safer.

- Having a location for insurance and important records: Review your policies regularly, take pictures, and keep important documents away from your home. Also consider an emergency savings account, and keeping a small amount of cash at home in case of evacuation.

- Special needs: Does anyone in your family have special needs? Factor any extra steps into your plan.

- Caring for your pets/live-stock: Many emergency shelters don't permit animals. Make a plan for how you would care for or transport your pets if you must evacuate.

- Safety skills: Learn basic first aid, CPR, and how to use a fire extinguisher — as well as where extinguishers are located.

“Always remember this rule of thumb: You must be prepared to take care of yourself and your family first, during and following a disaster of any kind,” states Terry Haight, Southern Union special assistant and disaster coordinator. “All state Emergency Management Agency (EMA) websites have lists of things to do to prepare, and can be accessed online. Ask your conference how to receive training in how to care for your family, and how to train to help out in the Church’s official disaster response mission.”



72 Hour Evacuation Kit

- Backpack (approx. 14” wide x 18” high x 6” deep) or similar bag
- Food (i.e. emergency food bar or shelf stable food) and water for 72 hours
- Radio – AM/FM with fresh batteries or hand crank radio
- Flashlight with fresh batteries or hand crank type
- First aid kit
- Hand sanitizer
- Facial tissues
- Personal travel-size toiletries
- Particulate mask
- Waste bags
- Rubber gloves
- Whistle
- Duct tape
- A few days supply of prescription medications if needed
- A change of clothing
- Emergency thermal blanket
- Small, soft comfort toy for each child
- Family photographs (one for each person)
- Extra set of car, home and safe deposit box keys
- Credit/debit card and cash
- List of important phone numbers
- Copies of essential documents (original documents should be kept in a safe deposit box) (Could be kept on a memory stick)
 - Birth certificates
 - Tax returns for past two years
 - Driver licenses
 - Passports
 - Social Security cards
 - Credit/debit cards (both sides)
 - Deeds
 - Vehicle titles
 - Insurance policies
 - Appraisals of valuables

LOOKING BACK

By Kevin James

Nowhere is the light of God’s love and compassion shown more brightly than when His followers respond to disasters that tear apart people’s lives. As far back as 1874, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has ministered to those affected by Mother Nature’s fury in an organized way. As part of Adventist Community Services (ACS), Adventist Disaster Response (ADR) has served wherever calamity struck for more than 140 years.

These misfortunes inflict a great human toll in loss of life, limb, and possessions, often in a matter of seconds. At these times Adventist Disaster Response is called upon by state agencies, such as VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters), of which ACS became a charter member in 1969; and federal entities such as FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), in which we have partnered since 1974, to establish warehouse staging centers for distribution of food and donated goods in or near the impacted areas. Trained volunteers are the backbone of this easing of human suffering.

What Manner of Man is This?

BY AMY SMITH MAPP

A conference president, state politician, church pastor, executive assistant, budding attorney — people from all walks of life struggled for words to describe a towering figure as he prepared to celebrate his 70th birthday and retirement from professional life.

It was this dual celebration for C. Bernell Mapp that brought friends and loved ones, acquaintances and strangers, together. Guests and attendees came to share heartfelt remembrances of special times with Mr. Mapp. To some he was a “gentle giant,” while others praised his “silent strength,” “incredible patience,” and “steadfast discipline.” Some remembered the faithful church member, colleague, boss, mentor, and executive board member who had touched their lives. By the end of this special occasion, a clearer picture of the man emerged.

Gifted Businessman

Blessed with a rare diversity of gifts, Mapp served as CEO of Health Services, Inc., a non-profit primary healthcare delivery system that provides care to residents from all walks of life, including persons with little or no insurance. During his 25-year tenure with the organization — 18 of which as its CEO — Mapp oversaw a \$24 million annual budget and 285 staff personnel providing comprehensive medical, dental, and behavioral health services to more than 37,000 patients per year. Under his leadership, outpatient facilities increased from five to 12.

Along the way God blessed Mapp to develop productive relationships with hospital administrators, mayors, governors, and congressmen, who readily supported his efforts to bring affordable healthcare to poor and underserved populations. Among his signature accomplishments is the River Region Health Center, a 50,000-square-foot facility. Mapp and his team solicited federal grants and area hospital contributions totaling more than \$20 million dollars to construct the facility, along

with two other wellness centers.

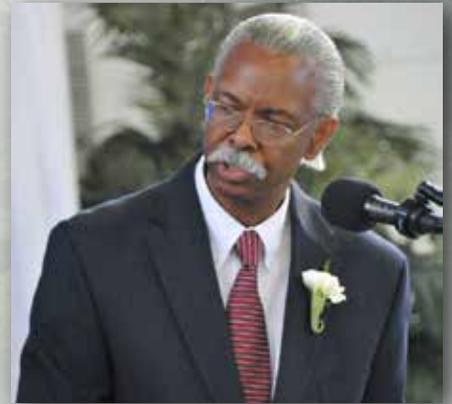
The River Region Health Care Center initiative helped earn Montgomery, Alabama, the *2014 All America City Award*, which recognizes communities for successfully addressing pressing challenges, such as housing, government innovation, job development, educational improvement, and neighborhood and commercial revitalization. This landmark achievement was the result of Mapp’s vision to forge stronger working relationships among city, county, and hospital officials for the well-being of the community, something that had never before been done.

Mapp has been recognized for his stellar work. He is the recipient of the *Gentlemen’s Quarterly Humanitarian Achievement Award*, which is given to philanthropically-driven men who demonstrate unyielding dedication to social and civic initiatives in their community. He has also received an award for ethics in financial management from a local Montgomery organization. Perhaps it is no wonder, then, that Mapp has served on several state and community boards, including the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce. He is also immediate past president of both the Alabama Primary Health Care Association and the Montgomery Wellness Coalition.

A Godly Servant

While C. Bernell Mapp has been recognized and celebrated for his many professional accomplishments, it is his relationship with God that impresses those who know him. “He never makes an important decision unless he hears from God on how to proceed,” says his executive assistant. “When he is pressed against the wall on an issue, he retreats to his office and prays.” One state legislator attending the event remarked, “Whenever I meet Bernell for lunch, he prays with me.” He then added, “I have never known a more godly man.”

Mel Eisele, president of the Gulf States Conference, spoke of “a gentle



C. Bernell Mapp

leader” who reminded him of the person who dominates the first four books of the New Testament. “Bernell reminds me of Jesus,” he added, as Mapp listened humbly. Mapp’s love for Jesus has led him to serve the Church in many different capacities. He has been a member of the Gulf States Conference Executive Committee and board member for the Amazing Facts television ministry for several years. Mapp has also served as first elder of Montgomery First Church for more than 15 years.

Mapp’s love for God is also seen in his faithful service to his family. He is married to Amy Smith Mapp, a loving, devoted wife who has walked the journey of life by his side, and without whom his achievements may not have been possible. They have three adult children and eight grandchildren.

What manner of man is this? In 1 Timothy 6:11, the Apostle Paul writes, “But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness.” The “this” spoken from which Paul urged Timothy to flee was the love of money and its attendant ills. Instead, he urged his young charge to pursue nobler virtues that last a lifetime. This verse seems to best fit the life and work of Mapp. He is a man whose life and service have been shaped by his love for God, and total dependence on Him. All who are fortunate to come under his influence cannot help but be warmed by the light that shines through him. ☦



Palm Beach County Churches Come Together in Mission to the Cities' Total Health Expo 2015

BY ABEL PAULIN

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At the beginning of 2015, Palm Beach County churches and pastors came together to make a difference under the General Conference theme of Mission to the Cities. The strategy evolved into inviting county residents to a major impact event, preceded by a "Season of Service," and followed by public evangelism in area churches.

Season of Service

Many members, including youth, began using the *Season of Service* devotional book by Roger Hernandez, Southern Union Conference ministerial and evangelism director. This book contains 40 devotional readings and many ideas for service. Churches and individuals implemented these ideas, such as painting houses, feeding people, thanking police and public servants, cleaning public areas, and collecting clothes for thrift stores.

From the pulpit, pastors encouraged members and guests to get involved by distributing invitations to the upcoming Total Health Expo

2015, and praying for the Holy Spirit to impact the city. Several media outlets attended a press conference, and funds were allocated for radio and television advertising.

Impact Event

More than 3,000 people gathered February 28 for the Sabbath emphasis on spiritual health and family, presented by speakers Des Cummings Jr., José Rojas, Roger Hernandez, and Ivan Omana; and singing artist Steve Green.

Early Sunday morning, more than 300 volunteers were on hand to assist with Total Health Expo 2015. After the early morning 5K race/walk, Des Cummings Jr. presented a devotional on CREATION Health principles, which was followed by seminars, exercise demonstrations, and other activities on the main stage. Palm Beach County Mayor and Commissioner Shelly Vana and Wellington Mayor Bob Margolis welcomed the attendees.



PHOTOS: FERNANDEZ MEDIA

Des Cummings Jr. was the main speaker for Total Health Expo 2015. His messages highlighted principles from Florida Hospital's CREATION Health lifestyle program.

National and local organizations, including Walmart, Walgreens, Florida Atlantic University, Mission Medical Center, Health Care District of Palm Beach County, Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County, FoundCare, OneBlood, and Diabetes Coali-

"We are grateful for God's grace and faithfulness in blessing this effort with great results. However, the work is just beginning as there are great challenges and much left to do in our Mission to the Cities."

—Abel Paulin, Florida Conference Evangelism Director



ANGEL DEL TORO

During Season of Service, prior to Total Health Expo 2015, church members and friends performed service-related activities such as beach clean up.



ANGEL DEL TORO

Christian musician Steve Green shared the Gospel through song in both English and Spanish.

tion of Palm Beach County, partnered with the Expo to offer free health screenings and services. The various healthcare providers performed more than 1,000 tests, and approximately 2,500 people visited the 100 exhibits.

evangelistic meetings. Many people were baptized as a result of these meetings, and more individuals are studying and preparing for future baptism as reaping efforts continue. ❖



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The 100 exhibits were visited by more than 2,500 people. More than 1,000 tests were provided by various health care providers, including Walmart, which performed vision screenings.

Public Evangelism

As a follow-up to Total Health Expo 2015, 20 churches in Palm Beach and Broward counties held



ANGEL DEL TORO

Daylis Barrios was one of eight people baptized by Bible worker José Telleria at West Palm Beach Spanish Church during one of 20 follow-up evangelistic series held in Broward and Palm Beach Counties.



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Early Sunday morning, 202 runners competed in a 5K Race/Walk certified by a local organization, South Florida Runs. All runners received a medal, and awards were given by age category.

José Rojas, president of MOVEMENTUM, presented the Sabbath morning sermon at the Spanish service





Sharing JESUS in Unique Ways

BY DENISE POPE



cycle of an ordinary day, pressure to be the best, Internet, money and ambition, and the desire to be away from Jesus totally.

After the confessions from the hearts of the students, Jesus beckoned each one to come and turn their problems over to Him, to surrender completely to Him. The students began to go forward and place their items of bondage on the arms of Jesus. The handcuffs of stealing, headphones of constant music, expected academic achievement cords, brand name clothes, bondage of monotony, a precious sports jersey, a cell



Students surrender all.

phone, and money were all turned over to Jesus. But, what about the desire to live life free of Jesus? Will that person give his life to Christ? Yes, he came sprinting down the aisle to the outstretched arms of Jesus. It was a powerful reminder that Christ offers freedom from the burden of sin to everyone. ☯

Who touched Me?

It was a special Sabbath for everyone who attended Madison Campus Church in Madison, Tennessee. Students from both Madison Campus Elementary (MCE) and Madison Academy (MA) participated in a very encouraging, inspirational service on February 28, 2015.

The congregation was blessed by the portrayal of “Snapshots of Jesus” by students from MCE, with Byron Corbett, pastor, playing the part of Jesus. Imagine, as lights are raised, that you see a portrait of the birth of Jesus portrayed. The lights go off, and the group depicts a new scene from His life as the lights are raised. You see Jesus being baptized, people gathered at His feet as they listen to the Sermon on

the Mount, a woman touching the hem of His garment. You feel as though you are experiencing the life and ministry of Jesus in a real way. And then the lights come on and you see the Second Coming — the glorious return of our Lord and Savior.

Madison Academy students presented a dramatic skit titled “Freedom,” which was about the temptations young people face and sometimes get tangled up in. D.J. McKenzie, MA teacher, played Jesus, and stood on the platform with outstretched arms. Students, sitting among the congregation, stood up one by one and told the story of their daily struggles: struggles with stealing, constantly listening to music, expectations of excellence, the desire to fit in, the mundane

Remembering Elder Alfred Hill

BY MARVIN L. ALLISON SR.

The Man

The genesis of a God-given soul is often a journey. It is riddled with paths of ups and downs, highs and lows; however, it is the story of hope and the vision of love that God has given us an opportunity to love. Alfred Hill was born on June 16, 1950, to Ira and Ida Hill in Memphis, Tennessee. Alfred was like any traditional young man growing in his age and time. It was his life experiences, challenges, and successes which molded his benevolent character.

Upon graduation from North Panola Vocational High School in Como, Mississippi, in 1968, Hill set out on a mission. His quote from that year was, "The key of knowledge unlocks the doors of success." His definition of success was not as the world would define it. He learned from pain, but his pain begot love. He was baptized in 1969 in Detroit, Michigan. He accepted the call to ministry and graduated from Oakwood College in 1983. During his ministry, he had the privilege of pastoring First Church in Tunica, Mississippi; Faith Temple in Batesville, Mississippi; Christ is the Answer in Hurtsboro, Alabama; Better Living in Phoenix City, Alabama; First Church in Union Springs, Alabama; Shiloh in Greenwood, Mississippi; Jesus is the Way in Indianola, Mississippi; Canton Church in Canton, Mississippi; Lithonian in Yazoo City, Alabama; and First Church in Huntsville, Alabama.

Through many trials, tribulations, and challenging situations, Hill maintained his integrity and faithfulness before all mankind. He was never judgmental. His focus was to spread the Gospel. As a living epistle, he developed many programs and ministries in efforts of obedience to the great commission given by Jesus Christ to "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." His love for God was exemplified in his

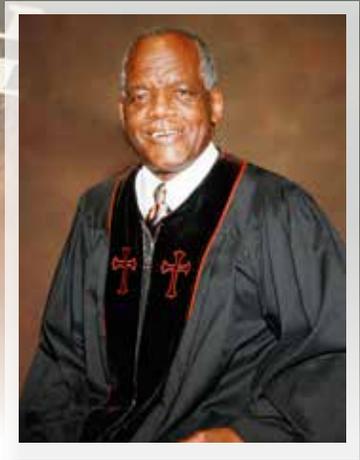
love for his wife, children, family, and all mankind.

Hill fell asleep in Jesus on Friday, March 27, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Catherine; three children — Marius (Jasmine), Myron, and Manasha; three grandchildren — Wesley Foster, and Gabrielle and Gavin Hill; one sister, Glenda Hill; and nieces, nephews, and a host of adopted daughters and sons. It is through them his legacy will continue to grow as a testament to his faith.

Hill was a husband, father, mentor, counselor, protector, friend, and a beacon of hope to whomever he had the opportunity to know. It was his faith, hope, and prayer that as many who will come would see the love of God in all of his actions and deeds. Though he's laid to rest, every trait of his character lives on to all he has touched.

Reflections

Dana Edmond, South Central Conference president: "Mrs. Edmond and I are tremendously saddened at the loss of Elder Alfred Hill. I first met Elder Hill when he was a student pastor over 30 years ago at our church in Harvest, Alabama, when my father was the lay pastor. My parents recommended Elder Hill to President C.E. Dudley, who sent him to Tunica and Batesville, Mississippi, which was 25 miles away from where I was pastoring. I enjoyed working together with him in those days, when we were young pastors. When I became youth director, I asked Elder Hill to work with me during Camp Meeting. We had a wonderful time working together as young pastors. He was one of the nicest, most faithful workers I have ever seen. When I would call him or visit him, instead of encouraging him, he would encourage me. His passing is an enormous loss to his



Elder Alfred Hill

church, our Conference, and to me personally."

Ben Jones, South Central ministerial director and friend: "I have known Alfred for 25 years now. We served together as a pastoral team at First SDA Church in Huntsville for almost 10 years. We referred to each other as our 'twin.' He had an unquenchable spirit, a belief that in all things God was about to do something amazing if you would just hold on and wait on Him. The Lord gave Al an uncanny sense of timing. Just when you needed a word of encouragement or needed to talk to someone or just needed a hug, he would call or stop by. He liked to give little gifts, his specialty was a little bag of popcorn seasoned with his secret ingredients and lots of love. In the pulpit he had a special gift. Al could present the Word in such a way that it would first grab your attention, then it would make you laugh, and then it would touch your spirit with such power you would never forget it. You could ask any member of our church family and get almost the same response, regardless of whether you were talking to some youth or some senior member, they all would tell you that Pastor Hill was a genuinely kind, Christian man who made you feel that someone cared, and that you had at least two people who cared about you, Alfred Hill and Jesus. I shall miss my twin."

To read more on Elder Hill's funeral, visit www.scc-adventist.org/ communication. ❖



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Health Initiative Plans to Make Oakwood the Healthiest Campus in America

BY GEORGE JOHNSON JR.

Healthy Campus 2020 is Oakwood University's organized and focused plan to study, track, and enrich the health status of the Oakwood student body. Prudence Pollard, Ph.D., M.P.H., RD, SPHR, who serves as the principal investigator and study design author, states, "HC2020 represents the culmination of years of conversation and concern over how our educational activity is impacting the health choices of Oakwood students. When the president said to me in a meeting one day, 'Why don't you use your skills in research design to devise a study similar to LifeCore, but with the emphasis on health!' Healthy Campus 2020 was born." Pollard, a registered dietitian and public health professional, had served as co-investigator for a state-funded, cardiovascular, risk-reduction program, earlier in her career. After she interviewed Howard Shaw, Ph.D., chair of the physical education program, and he

shared his concern for the physical fitness of students on high school and college campuses, the decision to plan and organize was settled.

The Vision

President Leslie Pollard's Vision 2020 challenged the campus to launch innovative missional activities to ensure that Oakwood students "Enter to Learn" and are prepared to "Depart to Serve." Campus physician Janice Thomas, M.D., indicated that for years she had observed a lack of student awareness concerning healthy lifestyle choices. "Many of the students came to Health Services with questions concerning various aspects of wellness," said Thomas. She knew that Health Services needed to develop something that would help to educate the students about the choices they were making. "I believe that good health is essential to optimal success in college," said Thomas.

Shaw and Thomas were not alone

in their thoughts about educating students. In 2011, Maxine Garvey, D.P.T., M.H.S., chair of the Allied Health Department and Professor Claudia Follette, former dietetics director, began a two-year pilot study on student obesity and published the reports in two academic journals. Elaine Vanterpool, Ph.D., M.S., associate biology professor, was also instrumental in teaching proper hand-washing techniques to the pre-school students in Oakwood's Childhood Development Lab, and has now extended her influence to Oakwood Adventist Academy elementary students.

Although various entities were, in their own areas, trying to bring about greater health awareness about various elements of wellness, a centralized effort did not exist. It was not until a presentation to the UNCF in 2012 by former Surgeon General Regina Benjamin, M.D., that Leslie Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., saw in concrete terms what Oakwood

could do as a mobilized campus. “Dr. Benjamin’s charge was, to HBCU presidents, very simple — go back and try to create non-smoking campuses,” said Leslie Pollard. After her talk, he approached Benjamin, and she indicated that she was fully aware of the health commitments of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and Oakwood’s non-smoking policies. “Dr. Benjamin’s observation caused me to contemplate how we could crystallize years of conversation into a specific, measurable, scientific study about student health practices and how can we impact those practices,” he said.

The Proposal

Region IV of the United States Health and Human Services is divided into eight state regions: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. The Centers for Disease Control have identified health disparities in these regions, such as obesity, hypertension, and diabetes. Although Oakwood University is located in Alabama, a great part of its student population has permanent residence in the above-named states, as well as about 40 other countries around the world. What has Oakwood University administration decided to do about the problem of preventable diseases? Prudence Pollard has crafted a proposal outlining how to educate the entire campus regarding healthy lifestyle choices. On December 12, 2014, Oakwood University signed a memorandum of understanding with Florida Hospital in Orlando, Florida, as a key partner for the on-campus phase of the Healthy Campus 2020 initiative.

The Plan

Healthy Campus 2020 is a longitudinal plan of 10 years. The first cohort, will finish in four years, the average time it takes for a student to complete their studies at Oakwood University. However, the University will continue to track information on the students after they leave the University, to see if the practices they learned were continued.

Upon entering Oakwood, stu-

dents will be given a health transcript. This document, accessed by an Oakwood health coach/counselor, will allow students to be measured in the following areas: spiritual health, physical health, rest assessment, outlook (mental/emotional health), and their biomedical indices. “So many of our students don’t understand how they have been designed — that the promise of John 10:10 applies to them. So, incorporating knowledge of whose they are, they begin to understand how they have been created, and how they should be stewards of their health,” said Prudence Pollard. In the process, scientific data will be presented to the students.

Healthy Campus 2020 will also provide the opportunity for Oakwood to integrate health education more broadly into its curriculum and degree programs. Students preparing for careers in nursing, nutrition, dietetics, and health will receive more intensive training and preparation to teach health principles to the community.

Oakwood’s residential property on the north side of Huntsville will be transformed into a health and wellness action clinic. “Learning is enhanced by doing,” said Prudence Pollard. Science and health science students working at the clinic will practice what they have learned by teaching health principles in the community.

Oakwood administration also plans to develop activity stations around the inner loop of the campus. Students will be encouraged to practice health principles while walking the one-mile inner loop of the campus.

The Implementation

Oakwood administrators plan to officially launch Healthy Campus 2020 this August, during its Colloquium session, to begin the school year. “It is important that our faculty and staff fully understand what is involved and model it, ourselves. We can’t teach it to the students unless we are modeling it, ourselves,” said Leslie Pollard.

“The United Student Movement has wholeheartedly bought into this concept,” said David Knight, vice

president for student services. He, along with other student services personnel, will help to identify “Health Champions” from the student body to help with implementation.

Healthy Campus 2020 helps to fulfill the value of innovation at Oakwood University. “This initiative is the result of thinking outside the box, which will break precedence and implement major changes in how Oakwood executes its mission,” said Leslie Pollard. “HC2020 also elevates the seriousness of educating the whole person — spiritually, mentally, and physically. We are seeking donors who believe that an Oakwood education can and will be a comprehensive experience for our students.”

Donors who wish to financially support the Healthy Campus 2020 program should call the Advancement & Development Office at 256-726-7201 or visit www.ougiving.com to make a donation. ❄

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Number of CREATION Health Coaches Rising Across Adventist Health System

The number of CREATION Health coaches serv-

ing at Adventist Health System facilities has steadily risen during the past several years, recently reaching an all-time high of more than 1,000. CREATION Health coaches are employees who use their passion for whole-person health to inspire their coworkers to live abundantly. One way they do this is by building a culture of wellness based on the eight principles of



Trust in God, Interpersonal Relationships, Outlook, and Nutrition — into everyday life on hospital units. For example, Amy Houck-Dominy, CREATION Health coach for the laboratory at Florida Hospital DeLand, keeps her department engaged through bulletin boards, providing healthy snack options, and cheering them on in their

personal health goals.

“It’s been amazing to see how making small changes in our workplace has inspired so many members of our team to live a healthier lifestyle,” Houck-Dominy said. “Since I have become a CREATION Health coach, our department placed second in the regional Live Fit cardiovascular campaign.”

Jill Piazza, assistant vice president for health promotion and wellness for the East Florida Region, has also witnessed remarkable changes since implementing the CREATION Healthy Facility strategy across the five hospitals in her region. “Our employees are benefiting from CREATION Health in a meaningful and tangible way, and our wellness culture scores reflect this,” Piazza said.

For instance, in 2013

Florida Hospital DeLand scored a 78 percent on their Employee Culture of Wellness Survey. After implementing a CREATION Healthy Culture in 2014, their scores jumped to an impressive 93 percent.

“CREATION Health coaches are touching nearly 23,000 employee lives with the message of hope found in John 10:10, ‘I have come that you may live life to the fullest,’” said Mandy Persaud, director of corporate relations, who has managed the CREATION Healthy Facility rollout since 2013.

To date, 25 of Adventist Health System’s member hospitals are engaged in the CREATION Healthy Facility strategy, with Florida Hospital Connerton and Florida Hospital Carrollwood coming on board in the first quarter of 2015.

—BY ANGELA LEHMAN

Grant to Help Disadvantaged, Overweight Children Learn Healthy Habits

Florida Hospital for Children received \$50,000 through the Orlando Magic Youth Fund (OMYF), a McCormick Foundation Fund, to support the Center for Child and Family Wellness in early February 2015. On March 4, 2015, Florida Hospital for Children was in the spotlight and honored for the grant at the Amway Center during an Orlando

Magic home game, as their home team took on the Phoenix Suns.

The OMYF is committed to helping children in central Florida realize their full potential, especially those most at-risk, by supporting non-profit organizations offering youth-based programs. These programs promote healthy living practices for children and families in low-income com-

munities in the areas of education, housing, and health and wellness programs. For more information, visit www.omyf.org.

Florida Hospital for Children will use its funding to enhance services to



economically disadvantaged children, ages six to 17, through a community-based,

family-centered approach in partnership with central Florida YMCA. Program participants will have access to the YMCA's safe and nurturing environment, and a personal trainer, dietitian, and psychologist to help them achieve their health and wellness goals. The project aims to increase physical activity, promote healthy eating behaviors, and improve self-esteem.

"We are so thankful for

this grant and the opportunity to change the lives of central Florida children and their families," said Marla Siliman, senior vice president and administrator at Florida Hospital for Children. "Not only can we change lives today, but we can instill the importance of nutrition, physical activity, and overall wellness at an early age. We hope to equip children with skills that will positively impact them for life."

With this grant, Florida Hospital for Children strives to improve health behaviors, prevent future obesity, and engage low-income children to lead a healthier life. Within this program, children will visit Angela Fals, M.D., medical director of the weight management program at Florida Hospital for Children, at a YMCA location.

"More than 26 percent of children, ages 10 to 17,

are overweight in our state. As a community, we need to assist these children with education and the resources that help break this cycle," Fals said. "With this grant, we have the opportunity to turn lives around and encourage a healthier community. Together with our partner, kids are empowered to take charge of their health and wellness in the YMCA's fun, active environment."

—BY JENNIFER ROBERTS

Florida Hospital Fish Memorial Improves through Cultural Transformation

During the past few years, Florida Hospital Fish Memorial has undergone a cultural transformation that has resulted in a significant increase in their employee engagement and safety attitude scores. The journey began in 2011, when the hospital was facing numerous obstacles related to team effectiveness and public perception.

The first step toward improvement was creating curriculum focused on trust, belonging, and hope: change management, crucial conversations, compassion behaviors and image standards, and service recovery. All of the hospital's leaders — from frontline leaders on up — were taken through these courses that formed the foundation for cultural change.

Tony Dottino, one of the authors of *Grass Roots Leaders: The BranSmart Revolution in Business*,



helped implement leadership frameworks and build grass roots innovation teams. These teams, composed of five or six cross-departmental employees, were each assigned an issue, and asked to redesign and implement workplace changes.

"It's an absolutely amazing process — very educational," said Nancy Palmer, RN, CNOR, BSHA, the hospital's director of surgical services. "It empowers the frontline staff to speak up and recommend process improvement change. It also gave everyone a new-found

respect for their coworkers, because in coming together, you learn what other teams are dealing with and how to see things from their perspectives. Serving on the grass roots innovation teams makes everyone stop and look at what is best for the hospital as a whole instead of just one department."

"As a result, the hospital has seen dramatic improvement in five pillar areas: team, service, clinical, finance, and market. They have also witnessed a significant increase in employee engagement and

safety attitudes questionnaire scores during the past few years. But, the journey is not over yet. The hospital is continuing to improve through conversations that help employees identify their individual high, solid, and low areas of performance — essential information for coaching and developing a team," Ed Noseworthy, president/CEO of Florida Hospital Fish Memorial, said.

"The last frontier for our balanced scorecard performance and our priority focus for 2015 is the patient experience area, defined in pillar terms as 'service,'" Noseworthy said. "The future is bright, and this year is well on its way to being a positive, meaningful step in the cultural transformation of Florida Hospital Fish Memorial.

—BY DEBI MCNABB AND RAINEY TURLINGTON

University City Church Holds Evangelistic Series



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“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,” Matthew 28:19 (NIV).

At the University City Church in Charlotte, N.C., Gary Moyer, vice president for administration/secretariat for the Carolina Conference, held an evangelistic series with an interesting twist. Group Bible studies

were incorporated before the lecture each evening.

Each night the meeting started with several songs, then the attendees split up and had 15 minutes for small-group Bible study and discussion, followed by Moyer’s presentation.

“I will never do evangelistic meetings without this component. It was powerful! People got connected with each other and with God’s Word,” said

Ryan Ashlock, pastor of University City Church.

As the six-week meetings came to a close, eight people joined the church, six by baptism and two by profession of faith. All of these people had either been attending church previously, or had some form of Adventist contact in the past.

While the meetings were being held in the sanctuary with the adults,

the children were having their own meetings that were presented by their peers. As a result of those meetings, eight children said that they would like to start baptismal classes.

The presentations placed the beautiful truths of God’s love and truth in a package



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that drew these precious souls to make their commitment. One couple who had been attending church before the series started, were asked to lead out in facilitating one of the study groups. By the end of the second week of the meetings, they had made their commitment and joined God’s Church by profession of faith.

There is no small evangelism. “Even if the series reached one person, it would have been worth it,” said Moyer.

—BY GARY MOYER, RYAN ASHLOCK, AND COURTNEY HEROD



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Conference Sponsors Mission Trip to Honduras



MARY ROMERO

“Verily I say unto you, in as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have do it unto me,” Matthew 25:40.

This was the purpose of the recent Carolina Conference mission trip to Honduras — to help those in need. Twice a year, a group from the Carolinas dedicate their time to the children at a local orphanage. Every afternoon a Vacation Bible School is held for the children. They love to sing, do crafts, listen to Bible stories and, the best of all, receive gifts and chocolate!

This year, Mary Gilmore, a dental hygienist, went with the group to teach the children how to properly take care of their teeth. A dentist from Charlotte, N.C., donated small bags with a toothbrush, toothpaste, and floss to give to the children.

While there, their time was divided to work in different areas. Nathan Williams, M.D., frequently takes a group of medical professionals to work at the local hospital. They provided free surgeries



MARY ROMERO

for special cases, usually for cancer patients. Their labor is greatly appreciated, and the hospital personnel always look forward to their visit.

Samuel Romero, director of hispanic ministries, and Phil Rosburg, director of young adult, mission

trips, Hope for Humanity, and associate pastor at Foster Memorial in Asheville, N.C., dedicated their time to paint a building that is going to be dedicated for dental care, and eventually for a mammogram clinic.

It’s a very rewarding experience for everyone. The group came home with thankful hearts because they knew they had served as the Lord wanted them to in Honduras.

—BY MARY ROMERO



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Deltona Adventist School Hosts Health Fair

"It was exciting to have this opportunity," said Deltona Adventist School fifth-grader Samantha Medina, referring to the Kids Care Health Fair hosted March 15, 2015, by third-, fourth-, and fifth-graders. "Usually adults would do something like this. It made me feel like I can do even more things than I thought I was capable of."

In the classroom, I teach my students that, although they are young, they can make a big difference in the world. Since we were learning about health, hosting this event was the perfect time to join these two concepts and make them applicable.

The students were involved every step of the way, from brainstorming the name for the event, to writing phone scripts, making phone calls for donations, making and mailing the flyers, researching and constructing their health exhibits, set up and take down, and writing thank-you letters.

"I learned teamwork," said fifth-grader Collin Velbis, "by participating in a group, sharing ideas, and working together to accomplish our project and help teach people about health."

In our technology-driven society, personal communication skills are becoming obsolete. "Kids, these days don't usually want to communicate person to person, especially with adults," said



Deltona Adventist School students in grades 3-5 displayed their project exhibits at the Kids Care Health Fair.



Fourth-grader Luke Velbis (left) and third-grader Gabriel Johnson served as greeters at the first annual Deltona Adventist School Kids Care Health Fair.

fifth-grader Joshua Sierra. "We learned how to communicate with adults during this project."

There were door prizes, healthy food samples and recipes, a Florida Hospital Fish Memorial representative with handouts

and goodie bags, a nurse practitioner conducting blood pressure screenings, and exhibits with hands-on activities and research by the students.

"It felt really good to do this health fair," said fourth-grader Satrese Franklin. "A

lot of kids don't get an opportunity like this, and I am thankful."

"All the activities were geared toward creating a learning environment for the students," said Principal Manny Barajas. "They planned the activities and provided opportunities that promoted a healthy mind, body, and lifestyle."

"The students took their jobs very seriously," commented attendee Gizelle Best. "They stayed by their stations the entire time to educate guests about their projects. I was most impressed by the enthusiasm they showed during the entire event."

The parents also appreciated watching their children's excitement about learning. "The Kids Care Health Fair demonstrated our children's understanding and concern for health-related issues," said Lizette Sierra, mother to Joshua. "It showed the students that they are never too young to be involved."

As an added benefit of the fair, the students are now more aware of their health decisions such as diet and exercise. "If you stay healthy, by making good food and exercise choices, your body will reward you," said fourth-grader José LeGrand.

As a teacher, my best reward from this experience was hearing the students say, "I love science now!"

—BY MICHELLE VELBIS

Dreams Realized at South Orlando Spanish Church

More than a decade ago, a few mission-minded church members joined their pastor in a journey of faith as they decided to go forward with plans for planting South Orlando, Fla., Spanish Church. Because of an unknown field, a huge debt, and other tough obstacles, it seemed more an impossible dream than anything else.

By God's grace, 130 members packed the small building on October 4, 2014, to witness the celebration of a most significant milestone — the mortgage burning. Several grateful church members responded



Seth Medina, church treasurer, holds the "Mortgage Paid in Full" document as Abraham Guerrero, pastor, encourages the church to keep moving forward.

with a loud "Amen!" when church treasurer Seth Me-

dina announced the accomplishment while holding the

framed "Mortgage Paid in Full" document.

"We are grateful for this accomplishment," said Abraham Guerrero, pastor, "but we can't afford to think we're done. Lots of people out there need to hear the Gospel, and we have the responsibility to reach out to them."

The mortgage burning milestone is part of the church's 2014-2018 strategic plan, which includes reaching the 200-member mark, and having a stronger impact in the surrounding community.

—BY ABRAHAM GUERRERO

Béthesda French Lehigh Church Members Dedicate New Facility



Kathy Deering (left), Florida Conference property development director, joined Béthesda French Lehigh lay pastor Kernizan Monestime, and his wife, Yvonne, for the ribbon cutting.



Béthesda French Lehigh Church is part of a complex that includes additional facilities that are being rented to local businesses.

Béthesda French Lehigh Church building and complex in Lehigh Acres, Fla., was dedicated on December 6, 2014. This congregation of more than 135 members purchased a 19,544-square-foot property that contained a church facility of 12,800 square feet

for their worship needs, plus rental property for two businesses, a day care center, and another church facility. In addition, Béthesda also rents its space to another church on Sundays.

In 2003, a church group began after lay members met in each other's homes for Bible study and prayer. Later, a Sabbath School program was added under the direction of Elim French Haitian Church in Naples. By 2006, the congregation was organized into a company, and now they have achieved church status with Kernizan Monestime as the lay pastor.

—BY GLADYS NEIGEL

Prayer Conference “Elevates” Members



DUSTIN JOHNSON

Prayer Conference attendees are invited to write their prayers and share them on a bulletin board set up for the weekend. This young one is sharing his prayer.

With the theme “Elevate,” Prayer Conference attendees were blessed in, with, and through prayer Feb. 20-22 at Cohutta Springs Conference Center. Guest speaker Ron Clouzet, musician Jim Moon, and special prayer time made this a great event.

Frank Sierra enjoyed the conference, saying,

“We did a lot of praying, getting in groups. That is the other beautiful thing about this meeting with so many different people from so many different churches and ministries. You learn what they are doing and it brings joy to know that you are not alone. There are people of God everywhere.”

Although he wished

Prayer Conference lasted three to four days, instead of two, Norman Grey, from Kennesaw Ga., said, “I really enjoyed being here, the atmosphere, and Ron Clouzet. He had some really great, interesting points on the fruits of the spirit and how God takes us in different aspects of our lives.”

Wanting to be the spark that ignites his church for prayer was one thing that excited Tony Sawyers, who was attending his third conference. One thing he enjoyed was “quiet time. You have prayer walks around the lake, and the prayer room upstairs. I love the woods and I walk and I got to each of the 12 stations. Each station has something for you to do. It is just you and God.”

“Come with an open spirit, open mind. Come

to learn, come to live, and overall come to learn so you can go back and share. Come empty so you can be filled up,” said participant Ginou Pocna.

Mark Piotrowski, prayer coordinator and pastor of the Savannah, Ga., Church said, “The weather was a big issue, but the Lord answered our prayers and most members were able to arrive safely at Cohutta by late Friday afternoon. Of the 235 who registered, 203 made it to the conference. There were about 49 churches represented.”

The 2016 Prayer Conference will take place February 19-21, 2016, with guest speaker Pavel Goia.

—BY TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER

Samaritan Center Expands with \$3 Million Project

To celebrate the culmination of a major \$3 million project that has expanded and revitalized its campus, the Samaritan Center held a grand opening and ribbon-cutting celebration March 20, 2015, at their Center in Ooltewah, Tenn. The program and ribbon-cutting was followed by refreshments and tours.

“Through the years, our community’s continued support has helped make the Samaritan Center a vibrant force for good in East Hamilton County,” says Tony Dahlberg, Samaritan Center executive director. “We

have set aside this time to appreciate the generosity of those who have supported this project, and celebrate how it enables the Samaritan Center to be an even greater blessing for good.”

The program included remarks by Jim Coppinger, Hamilton County mayor, a presentation of the history of the Center, and a recognition of Bill and Harry Hulsey and their families for their long-time leadership at the Center.

The construction project includes expanding the Center’s thrift stores by 50 percent, constructing a large

new thrift-sorting center, modernizing the Center’s

façade and entrance, updating the Center’s client services and office area to improve handicap accessibility, and adding an addi-

tional client services office.

—BY EDDIE SCHWISOW



DON LUZNYNSKI

Community and Center leaders join in the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the renovated Samaritan Center in Ooltewah, Tenn.: Larry Grohn (left), Ethan White, Ben Wylgal, John Mullins, Jim Coppinger, Tony Dahlberg, Chester Bankston, Gail Williams, Ed Wright, Kathy Lee, Bill Hullander, Michelle Harstine, Josh Michalski, Larry Henry, and Jamie Kyle.

Singles Serve Community with Heaven's Bounty

Collegedale, Tenn., area Southern Singles' Ministry director, Deborah Burns, sat down and shared with Jerry Fore, Conference general vice president, about their outreach ministry, Heaven's Bounty.

Why did you start a food ministry?

Heaven's Bounty started in 2009 because one of the singles did not have any food. She was going through the dumpster digging for food, got caught, and people heard about it. We started by just going to Bi-Lo's in Ooletwah to get food to help those who do not have food. It all started in a garage, we then moved to a basement, and now we are a food bank located at 11302 First Street, Apison, Tenn. Bill Hullander, Hamilton County Trustee and Apison resident, greatly discounted the space for Heaven's Bounty to support the effort.

When are you open?

Heaven's Bounty is open Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 1:30-3 p.m.

Thursdays we distribute food from the pantry, including dried goods, and whatever we have available. We distribute fruits and vegetables other days.

Who is served?

There is no official screening, just come. The food bank requires an application that helps report with information including the number of house-



JERRY FORE

Heaven's Bounty is a part of Southern Singles' Ministry, a chapter out of Georgia-Cumberland Conference. Sharon Faotz (above) helps replenish the shelves with produce. Craig Bartett (below) helps Deborah Burns, Heaven's Bounty director, stock shelves. The ministry helps 465 individuals on average each month.

holds, adults, children, and seniors. Six reports are required at the end of each month for the food bank.

Where do people come from? Who?

Above Cleveland, Dayton area in Tenn., and Georgia. There is really no limit where you live as long as you need help. We serve anyone in the community — single mothers, families, and the elderly.

How does this work?

Most of the staff who volunteer are part of Southern Singles' Ministry. Several area grocery stores donate produce regularly. Those who are in need can get the food free. Heaven's Bounty serves as the coordinator and distributor.



JERRY FORE

How does Heaven's Bounty meet needs?

Some people use Heaven's Bounty when their food stamps run out. Others have no way of supporting themselves and need the food. Others do not even have gas money to come and get the food.

There are many stories and there is a great need.

How many do you serve?

In 2014, Heaven's Bounty served 136,741 pounds of food. On average, they assist 150 families and 465 individuals per month.

—BY JERRY FORE

Evangelistic Campaign Helps Grow God's Kingdom



LYNNETTE ALDRIDGE STRUNTZ

Arliss Ramirez Flores (center), 17, shares his testimony at one of the evening meetings held at the Cody Road Church in Mobile, Ala. Orlando Guillen (left), Hispanic leader at Cody Road Church, translates, while Nilton Garcia, Conference Hispanic coordinator and communication director, looks on.

"I felt like God was just leading me to this church," said 17-year-old Arliss Ramirez Flores, one of 12 individuals baptized the weekend of March 28, 2015, at the Cody Roach Church in Mobile, Ala. Each night of the weeklong Hispanic campaign, Nilton Garcia, Gulf States Conference Hispanic coordinator and communication director, preached powerful messages to the group that averaged more than 50 people nightly. These meetings were the culmination of more than four months of faithful prayers and planning. The church members held Bible stud-

ies, conducted community surveys, and participated in regularly scheduled 4 a.m. prayer sessions in preparation for the meetings held March 20-27. Their hard work and faithful prayers were blessed by 12 new converts. In addition, several other baptismal candidates are now studying Bible truth in preparation for an upcoming baptism. Flores and his mother, Rosa, had watched his father battle cancer for three years before succumbing to the illness. He felt lost in his former church as the pastor offered inadequate answers on subjects such as the Sabbath. Now he is

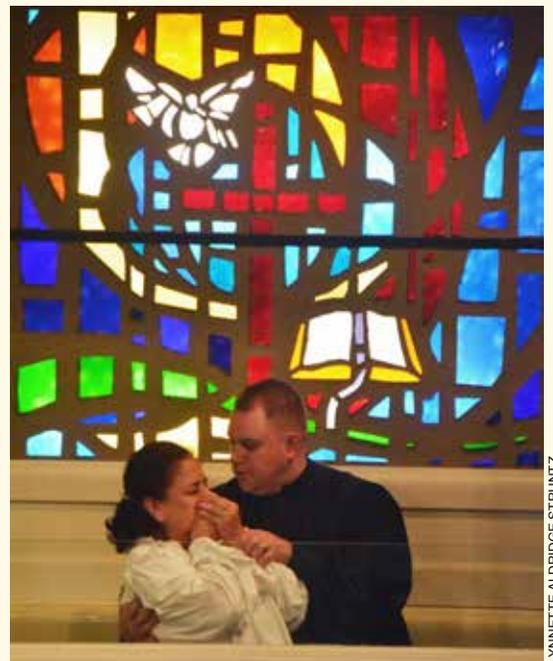
certain that he is exactly where he is supposed to be.

"This is not just another thing I am getting into. This is the truth, and it is in the Bible," Flores adamantly explains. He is already taking an

tized with him — exactly one week shy of the first anniversary of his father's death.

Flores' story of how God led him to the truth was just one of the many unique personal testimonies from those who were baptized. Rebeca Stober Linares has travelled the world telling others about God, but yet she felt somehow incomplete. She kept searching for the missing pieces in her own life. Although she had faced her share of challenges — losing her job, battling cancer, and losing her voice to the disease — her faith grows stronger each day.

Linares was recently



LYNNETTE ALDRIDGE STRUNTZ

Ted Struntz, pastor of Cody Road Church, baptizes Rebeca Stober Linares during the Friday night baptismal service.



LYNNETTE ALDRIDGE STRUNTZ

Nilton Garcia, Conference Hispanic coordinator and communication director, preached nightly to the group who faithfully returned to learn Bible truth. Garcia's daughter translated his messages into English.

rehired at her previous job. "I know God is with me; I am not scared anymore," she says with a peace that seems Heaven-sent. Linares' voice is slowly beginning to recover, and the pain from the disease has lessened. She adds, "I am ready to tell people about God, and to keep learning the way God wants us to be by studying the Bible." Like Flores, her prayer is that God will also use her to help others learn about Him.

"It is powerful to see how God has been

working in each of their lives to lead them to Him at just the right time," says Ted Struntz, pastor of Cody Road Church. "Their stories are good reminders to our members just how

much God cares for each one of us, and He's always yearning to bring us back into a relationship with Him. I am so proud of our Hispanic leadership team and the tremendous work

they have done. We are so thankful to have expanded our church family, and we look forward to growing closer together in Christ."

—BY LYNNETTE ALDRIDGE STRUNTZ



LYNNETTE ALDRIDGE STRUNTZ

Pastors Garcia and Struntz stand with newly baptized members and outreach team members who helped with the Hispanic meetings.

Pastors Receive Advanced Discipleship Training



Christopher Rollins gives a presentation on the Armor of God.

Melvin and Juliet Santos conducted “Advanced Pilot Pastors’ Discipleship Training” for nine pastors from the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference on March 2-3, 2015. This was the third annual training event by Santos, pastor of the Nashville First Church in Nashville, Tenn., to equip pastors to transform their congregations into “disciple-making churches.” Pastors who complete the training are not left on their own, but engage in a monthly Webex Internet meeting with Santos for additional presentations, peer networking, support, accountability, and coaching. These pastors also help train additional pastors in future training events.



Training attendees: Chuck Koble (left), Michael Foraker, Tom Kyser, William Little, Tony Kelley, John Johnston, Christopher Rollins, Melvin Santos, Juliet Santos, David Clark (back row, left), Terry Carmichael, Joel Sutherland, John Baker, Fred Calkins, and David Hartman.

At the conclusion of the March training, John Baker remarked, “I wish I had this program many years ago ... but, it’s given me the basic understanding

in how to grow a church.” David Hartman, Conference ministerial director, commented, “Churches that implement the ‘Master Plan of Discipleship’ are stron-

ger in evangelism because its members are naturally interacting with their friends and neighbors.”

When asked why he’s so passionate about discipleship training, Santos replied, “I’ve been a recipient of other pastors who coached and mentored me. I now want to help other pastors become effective disciple-making pastors, so their churches can be revived and engaged in expanding the kingdom of God.”

The vision of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference is to see its members living deeply with God, and others resulting in lives transformed, disciples multiplied, and churches planted. Advanced Pilot

Pastors’ Discipleship Training is just one means to that end.

—BY DAVID HARTMAN AND MELVIN SANTOS

Lin Powell Retires After 36 Years of Service



Lin and Sandy Powell

secretary, Powell has the distinction of presently being the longest serving trust director in the Southern Union, and perhaps uniquely, has done so while serving as the pastor of the Gratz, Ky., Church.

In 1977, Powell was appointed the business manager for the Kenneth Cox evangelistic team, and after experiencing a personal call to ministry, he completed his theology degree from Southern Adventist University and began serving the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference as a full-time evangelist, a position he served in until 1984.

For the next 10 years, Powell served as a local pastor in several districts until he began his present assignment as trust director, association secretary, stewardship director, and ASI liaison.

For nearly four decades, Powell, together with his wife and ministry partner, Sandi, has advanced the mission of the Church and built the Kingdom of God through

preaching, teaching, personal friendships, and kind and attentive service to those who have entrusted their legacies to the Conference. As he enters retirement later this spring, he will be forever remembered as a man who loves ministry, loves people, and with great wisdom and compassion has made a lasting impact that will continue into eternity. Even in retirement, always desirous of being of service, the Powells will continue providing pastoral leadership to the Gratz congregation.

On behalf of the nearly 15,000 members of the Conference, thank you for your life of service to your Church.

—BY STEVE HALEY, PRESIDENT

For many of the church members in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, the name “Elder Lin Powell” is synonymous with the ministry of trust services, where he has served with excellence for the past 21 years. Together with his responsibilities as association

Before entering full-time ministry, Powell’s professional background included a degree in business administration from Eastern Kentucky University, serving as a regional manager for a life insurance company, and owning his own successful business.

Highland Academy Students “Spread the Word”



for the student body last year.

The entire student body of HA divided

into groups with faculty, and dispersed to eight churches throughout the Conference to present a Spread the Word church service. Students spread the Word in speaking, singing, praying, telling the children’s story, performing special music, and by giving personal tes-

timonies. Initially, students were nervous, but found themselves and the congregation truly blessed. For some students, this was the first time to ever preach or give a personal testimony in front of an entire congregation. Junior student Isabella DeWeez shared, “It was a great experience to step out of my comfort zone and share my love for Jesus with new people.” The experience proved to be such a wonderful success that HA will

have two Spread the Word weekends next school year,



once each semester. Pray for these students as they prepare for next year that God will again use them in a mighty way!

—BY KEN HALLAM AND AMY CIRIGLIANO

Highland Academy (HA) students “Spread the Word” on Sabbath, February 28, 2014. The program empowered HA students to share God’s Word throughout the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. School administration made the Spread the Word weekend a strategic goal

into groups with faculty, and dispersed to eight churches throughout the Conference to present a Spread the Word church service. Students spread the Word in speaking, singing, praying, telling the children’s story, performing special music, and by giving personal tes-

Adventist University of Health Sciences Student Awarded The Newman Civic Fellow Award for 2015



Newman Civic Fellow Adam Casaceli (front row, sitting) with therapy dog, Hope, and fellow ADU OTA students

Adventist University of Health Sciences (ADU) occupational therapy student, Adam Casaceli, has been named a Newman Civic Fellow of 2015 by Campus Compact. Campus Compact is a national coalition of nearly 1,100 college and university presidents who are committed to fulfilling the civic purposes of higher education. Casaceli was given this national honor for being engaged within the central Florida community, and representing the next generation of civic leaders.

From across the country, college and university presidents — all members of Campus Compact — have nominated promising

student leaders who have demonstrated an investment in their community to be Newman Civic Fellows, and Casaceli was one of the few that was selected.

“Adam is the perfect example of the role that higher education can and does play in building a better world,” explains David Greenlaw, D.Min., ADU president. “He lives ADU’s mission to provide the best possible care to patients.”

Through service, research, and advocacy, Casaceli is making the most of his college experience to better understand himself, the root causes of social issues, and effective mechanisms for creating lasting change.

“I found my life’s passion after falling in love with my University’s program in occupational therapy, and because of that I try to participate in and be involved with as many activities related to my future profession as I can,” explains Casaceli.

ADU’s occupational therapy program has given Casaceli the unique opportunity to engage with patients, and to incorporate their interest into their personalized therapy. One way he is doing this is by enlisting the help of a therapy dog.

“I have seen Hope, ADU’s therapy dog, firsthand impact the lives of patients, and it inspired me to research the benefits, and eventually present my findings at the Florida Occupational Therapy Association Conference,” adds Casaceli.

Through service-learning courses and other opportunities for community engagement, ADU is

developing students’ public problem-solving skills, such as the ability to analyze community needs, the willingness to participate in public processes and debate, the commitment to raise awareness about challenges, and the ability to inspire others to become part of solutions.

“Adam provides fresh energy and perspective within our Occupational Therapy Department. He deserves to be recognized for his hard work and passion about helping those who need it the most. We are proud to have him here at ADU,” says Nicole Scheiman, program director of ADU’s occupational therapy assistant program.

Not only is Casaceli researching pet therapy, he also provides support and advocacy while working with Surfers for Autism and MicheLee Puppets. His ultimate goal is to empower patients by increasing their happiness.

Being named a Newman Civic Fellow by Campus Compact highlights the remarkable impact he has already made within the community, and will continue to make as he lives out his passion of becoming an occupational therapist.

—BY MEGHAN BRESCHER

Origins Speaker Encourages Biblical Worldview

The Biology Department's annual origins event featured a presentation on April 9, 2015, by Tim Standish, senior scientist at the Geoscience Research Institute at Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, Calif. The program epitomizes Southern's commitment to traditional Seventh-day Adventist education.

"You will always have a worldview," Standish said, "and my talk explored how we might see things differently if we embrace the biblical versus the materialistic worldview."

For many years now, Southern has put a strong emphasis on origins. Keith Snyder, Biology Department chair, said research has



Tim Standish is senior scientist at the Geoscience Research Institute at Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, Calif.

shown that a frequent reason youth leave the church is because they believe that the Bible and science can't mesh. He views Southern as a strong force in the fight against that tide.

"What we want students to understand is that these two complement one another," Snyder said.

In addition to the

annual origins events, the Biology Department has hired professors who specialize in origins, started a community group to produce new educational materials on the subject, and partnered with the School of Visual Art and Design to create the Origins Exhibit, a permanent, museum-quality display in the hallways

of Hickman Science Center.

Standish was impressed by these efforts and believes the University has proven itself a leader in the discussion on origins.

"Southern needs to be lauded for choosing well-informed staff," Standish said. "It has done an exceptional job with faculty development. They are trying to ensure students graduate truly educated about vital questions surrounding origins, and the implications of the answers."

For more information about the Origins Exhibit and the University's work on this topic, visit www.southern.edu/faithandscience.

—BY JULIA BONNEY

Premarital Training Offered to Engaged Couples



Alan Parker, School of Religion professor, was one of the main presenters.

Love is in the air after a recent weekend of premarital counseling on campus. Led by Alan Parker, School of Religion professor, 16 engaged couples spent March 20-21, 2015, growing together and learning ways to

build a successful marriage grounded in biblical principles. Attendees were primarily students, but a handful of University staff and community members also participated in this event co-sponsored by Southern's School of Religion and the Chaplain's Office.

Parker and Barry Tryon, School of Religion professor, were joined by their spouses and offered alternating husband/wife perspectives during presentations that covered a series of critical topics, including personality and gender differences, sexuality and affection, and communication and conflict resolution.

A major focus of the weekend was learning to

understand connections between holiness and happiness. The Parkers and Tryons taught that when two people are becoming more and more like Jesus — and make ministering to their partner a priority — they will find that a holy marriage is a happy marriage.

"We believe that a marriage with God is so much stronger than one without Him," Parker said.

Along with the personal accounts of married life from these trained professionals, couples also used the online assessment tool Prepare/Enrich (a leading relationship and skill-building program) to help identify their unique strengths and growth areas. Combined with the semi-

nars, it's a wise investment of both time and emotions. According to Parker, the two-day training can shorten a couple's premarital counseling by as much as half.

Paul Miller, senior biophysics major, attended the event with his fiancée, Kaitlyn Verrill, senior pastoral care major. "It was important for us to start our marriage out on the most positive foot possible," Miller said.

This marked the second year Southern has committed to offering this type of instruction, and Parker hopes the success of the project — it was operating at near capacity this year — will bring expansion in the future.

—BY STEVEN COLLINS

Obituaries



CADAVERO, Richard "Cad," 74, born March 12, 1939 in Yonkers, NY, to Alfred and Justine Cadavero, died Sept. 19, 2013 in Collegedale, TN. He graduated from Greater New York Academy in 1956, and received his bachelor of arts degree in religion from Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, MA, in 1962. He received his master of arts degree from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, MI, in 1972.

He served in the U.S. Army as a private first class medic from 1963 to 1965. He was stationed in Munich, Germany, where he and Barbara Farley were married in 1964.

He served 44 years as an educator in the Seventh-day Adventist school system before retiring as Bible teacher from Collegedale Academy in 2009. He impacted the community through his love and passion for the children at the Chambliss Home in downtown Chattanooga. He was instrumental in recruiting students from Collegedale Academy to support this ministry.

In the early 90s, he launched Project 5000 in which he challenged students from Collegedale Academy to collect and distribute 5,000 cans of food to feed low income families in the community. He poured so much enthusiasm into this project that by 2003, the combined effort of Collegedale Academy and Spaulding Elementary School students were collecting more than 40,000 cans.

In 2009, the Project was renamed "Cad for Hope" in his honor, and continues to inspire young people to give to their community.

He was the earliten Sabbath School teacher at Collegedale Church for 20 years, and was a member of the Collegedale Community Church.

He is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Barbara Farley Cadavero; son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Julie Cadavero of Murphy, NC; son, Jeffrey Cadavero of Collegedale; daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Will Johns of Fishersville, VA; five grandchildren: Marcus and Madeline Cadavero of Murphy, NC; and Bryn, Noah, and Lila Kate Johns of Fishersville.

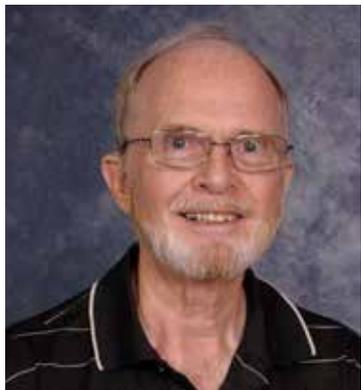
REINER, Harold Leon, 85, born April 8, 1929 in Calgary, Canada, died Jan. 14, 2015 in Apopka, FL. He was a member of the Forest Lake Church in Apopka for 11 years.

His father, David, was a minister and Harold's greatest mentor. His father's godly influence inspired Harold's dream of telling others the Good News of Jesus Christ. He went to Union College in Lincoln, NE, and graduated with a theology major.

He served as a pastor in Nebraska and Michigan. In Lansing, he became an integral part in establishing the It Is Written ministry led by George Vandeman. He moved to Takoma Park, MD, and worked for It Is Written when it became part of the General Conference. After seven years, he joined the Communication Department as an associate director, which expanded his opportunities for blending his interests in writing, radio, and photography into a new communication channel for the Church. Along with Walter Scragg, department director, he pioneered the formation of Adventist World Radio that today blankets the globe providing the Gospel message in more than 50 languages.

In 1979, he used his administrative and creative talents to direct the Adventist Media Productions Center in Thousand Oaks, CA. He then was employed for the Southern California Conference Trust Department in Glendale, CA. He retired from active employment after 40 years of service and continued to work as a volunteer for the Adventist Disaster and Relief Agency, played tennis, and traveled with his wife, Ellen, to many of the places he especially loved and wanted her to see. He was an exemplary role model for his three children, and seven grandchildren, who he was affectionately known as Buddy, and used his soft-spoken humor and mischievous wit to entertain them.

He was a fierce defender of his Church, and a man of character who continually demonstrated a deep passion and love for God and his family. In his final days, he often stated, "My bags are packed, and I am ready to go home." He is survived by his wife, Ellen; three children: David (Gail) Reiner of Imperial Beach, CA; Julie (Lars) Houmann of Apopka; and Scott (Margo) Reiner of Loomis Hills, CA; and seven grandchildren.



RICKARD, Clinton Leroy, 76, born Sept. 12, 1938 in Luray, VA (with his twin brother, Leon, as the last two in a family of 11 children), died Feb. 1, 2015. He was a member of Forest Lake Church, Apopka, FL, for five years. In August 2014, he and his wife, Gloria, relocated to Spokane Valley, WA, to be near one of their daughters. Two months later he was diagnosed with malignant melanoma, and after a valiant battle to overcome the disease, he passed.

His 38 years of denominational service began in 1959 at the Book Bindery at Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, VA. In 1962, he was asked to help start a Book Bindery at Forest Lake Academy in Apopka, and worked there until 1964. In 1972, he worked as an assistant claims manager for Adventist Risk Management in Riverside, CA, and later claims manager. He then served at the General Conference as assistant claims manager, and as assistant director of the Captive Underwriting Department until his retirement in 2005.

He was an avid reader. He loved to read God's Word, and made notes in any space available to write. He had many Bibles, and searching the Scriptures was his passion. When he retired, he read, highlighted, and underlined the eight-book series of the Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary as well as the Handbook of SDA Theology, so as not to forget many precious passages.

He is survived by his wife of more than 55 years, Gloria; two daughters: Kara (Tim) Chickering of Damascus, MD, and Kristen (Allyn) Ankerbrand of Spokane Valley, WA; and one brother, Robert Rickard of Luray, VA. A life reflection service was conducted by Pastor Mark Weir at the Valley Church in Spokane.

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ASHLIN, William J., 97, born Sept. 8, 1917 in Washington, died Nov. 28, 2014 in Port Charlotte, FL. He was a member of Port Charlotte Church for 88 years. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Norma; one son, Robert (Cindy) of Port Charlotte; and one daughter, Sarita (Richard) Hampton of Sharon, MA. The memorial service was conducted by Pastor C. Lee Huff at Port Charlotte. Interment was in New Harmony, IN.

BOWEN, Dorothy Ora Jones, 90, born Aug. 12, 1924 in Merced, CA, to the late Howard and Edna Jones, died Oct. 10, 2014. She grew up in Livingston, CA. At the age of 12, her piano teacher had her playing the piano for church. There is where she developed her love for music. She also liked to play the accordion, which she used in remote areas where they had no piano. She also played the ukulele, a small pump organ, and the violin. Her high school years were spent at Mountain View Academy in Cherry Valley, CA, where she met a young, red-headed printer/linotype operator by the name of Robert Bowen. They were married on Nov. 17, 1942. Shortly after that they moved to Lodi, CA, where Robert became press manager. After Robert completed college at Pacific Union College near St. Helena, CA, they received a call from Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University) to manage the press in Collegedale, TN. They stayed three years at that post and had two babies. In November 1946, they received a call for Robert to be the treasurer of the Pacific Press Publishing House in Cristobal, Panama. With two babies, Ronnie, 2, and Ginger, 10 months, they boarded a plane for Panama. They lived in a duplex five blocks from the ocean, and drove an army surplus jeep. After a seven-year stretch with Pacific Press, the plant was moved to Brookfield, IL, where they stayed for three years. They were in touch with friends from Pan Canal Co. through a yacht club where Robert kept his boat, one of them notified him of an opening in the general audit division. They were happy to leave the cold northern winter. So, they packed and headed back to Panama, but this time on the other side of the Isthmus. That's where they lived, worked, and played until Robert's retirement in 1979. Dottie always had a desire to help educate people. She used to go to the San Bias Islands and purchased their "molasses" and sold them to contacts in the states, and used the proceeds to educate the first member of a family, with the agreement that they would educate the next sibling, and so forth. She also had a desire to do something for the Army boys and their families. She and Robert took it upon themselves to be Mom and Pop to them, having Friday night Vespers, church in English, Sabbath pot lucks, and Saturday night socials to keep the boys off the streets and out of the bars. She used to say she wore her knees out praying for them. She kept a record of them, and kept up with a lot of them. Robert traded in his sail boat for a little Cessna airplane, and they were off to Honduras where Robert was treasurer of a little hospital, and a bush pilot for the many doctors and church officials coming through. Dottie worked crowd-control at the hospital while she was acting contractor for the home they were building there. After a three-year stretch, the political situation became dangerous, so again they packed and headed to Chattanooga, TN. Dottie started a non-profit crisis line and meals on wheels, along with playing the piano and giving Bible studies for their church in Hixon, TN. Being widowed in

1995 just before their 53rd anniversary, she decided to move to North Carolina to be closer to Robert's sister and brother-in-law. There she worked in the office of the retirement villa where she lived. She was also involved in yearly medical mission trips to Mexico, Cuba, Panama, and other places as a translator. She hosted an inter-faith Vesper service in her home on Friday evenings, and was doing prison ministry. Before too long, her sister became her neighbor, and they spent their time doing meals on wheels together. After her brother-in-law died, and her sister went back west to live with her daughter, she became lonely and realized she wasn't doing too well by herself. She decided to move to Westmoreland, TN, to be with her daughter, Ginger. At the age of 86, she jumped into playing the piano and doing prison ministry for her little church in Lafayette, TN, until she became too forgetful to play the piano. She enjoyed activities with the Westmoreland seniors, as well as painting. There is where she celebrated her 90th birthday. She is survived by her daughter, Ginger; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

BRADY, Myrtle T., 84, born Sept. 22, 1930, died Nov. 29, 2014 in Hawthorne, FL. She was a member of the Gainesville, FL, Church for 61 years. She is survived by her sons: Randy and Mark of Hawthorne, Neil of Adairsville, GA, and Terry Brady of Lakeland, FL; her brothers, Ted Bristow, Phillip Bristow, and Ray Bristow all of Hawthorne; 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. The service was conducted at the Forest Meadows Funeral Home in Gainesville. Interment was in the Hawthorne Cemetery.

BUSH, Alan F., 91, born May 1, 1923 in Berrien Springs, MI, died July 27, 2014 in Apopka, FL. He was a member of the Markham Woods Church in Longwood, FL. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Thetis; two daughters: Pamalan Mitsck and Janelle Burke; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. A memorial service was conducted by Pastor Ron Torkelson on Sept. 20, 2014.

CAMPBELL, Kathleen A., 95, born May 5, 1919 in Jamaica, died Dec. 14, 2014 in Ocala, FL. She lived many years in Florida. She was a retired registered nurse with a B.A. degree in health administration, and a M.S. degree in health services. She spent many years in missionary work in the Bahamas. She was very active in many clubs and organizations, as well as her church in many offices. She was one of the pioneers of the Silver Springs Shores, FL, Church. She enjoyed traveling the world. She is survived by two step-sons: Fredrick Campbell of Brooklyn, NY, and Rutherford (Vera) Campbell of Irvington, NJ; several grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rutherford B. Campbell.

CARSWELL, Hazel Brittain, 87, of Hendersonville, NC, formerly of Morganton, NC, born Feb. 8, 1927 in Burke County, NC, died Aug. 31, 2014. She was the daughter of the late Tilghman McDowell Brittain and Lillian Morrison Branch Brittain. She was a member of Morganton Church where she taught Sabbath School and was a super J.M.V. leader. She retired from Grace Hospital. She is survived by her children: Carol Marie Wynn and her husband, Clifford, of Morganton; Barbara Ann Neal and her hus-

band, Frederick, of Zephyrhills FL; Doris Elizabeth Vaughn and her husband, Kenneth, of Hendersonville, NC; and Mildred Janette Houser and her husband, Phil, of Vale, NC; 12 grandchildren: Christy Martin, Sonya Plante, Rodrick Neal, Myron Neal, James Neal, Danny Neal, Debra Neal, Charles Heatherly, Butch Heatherly, Ginger Bentley, Brenna Boulanger, and Melissa Monison; 29 great grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; three sisters: Lillian Elizabeth Walker, Mary Alyce Carswell, and Mildred Etta McHenry; a number of nieces; and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Hollis Carswell; one grandson, Garland Heatherly; and two sisters: Jean Brackett and Ruth Irene Brittain. The funeral was held at Morganton Church with Pastors Darryl Bentley, Phil Houser, and Ted Brackett officiating. Burial followed in the Seventh-day Adventist Cemetery.

CHAPMAN, Barbara, 90, born July 19, 1924 in Providence, RI, to the late Ellard Carlton Merrill and Mildred Jeanette Harris, died Aug. 17, 2014 in Decatur, AL. She was a long-time member of Decatur Church. She lived her life to the fullest. After graduation, she joined the work force and moved to Pearl Harbor to start a career in civil service. She left this position later and returned to the states three days before the bombing of Pearl Harbor. She married and later returned to New England; a single mom raising two children on her own. She worked hard throughout her life, holding down two or three jobs to make ends meet. Although she spent much time away working, family functions and gatherings remained an important aspect of her life.

While residing in California, she met and married Gerald Chapman and moved to Alabama. Retirement brought much reward to their lives. Missionary work was first and foremost on their list of things to do, and they made several trips to Mexico doing charitable work—distributing clothing and goods in poor and remote areas with children and the elderly as their focus. They also volunteered at the Adventist-operated Montemorelos University in Nuevo Leon, Mexico. Their journey also took them to the Holbrook Seventh Day Adventist School in Holbrook, AZ, while residing a few years in Arizona. They donated a van that Gerald bought locally and fixed up, so that the children could be picked up to attend a Christian School. They returned to their home in Alabama to finish out their retirement years still traveling to California and Rhode Island to see family and friends. She celebrated her 90th birthday with her church family, whom she treasured so dearly. She is survived by two daughters: Carol Weaver and Cheryl Hall; one brother, Carlton H. Merrill; and one grandchild, Ronald E. Tucker. She was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers: Avis J. (Carey) Merrill, and Richard E. Merrill. A memorial service was held at Decatur Church with Pastor Tony Pitt officiating.

CONNER, Sr., David W., 74, of Nebo, NC, born March 26, 1940 in Hornell, NY, died Feb. 7, 2015. He was the son of the late Raymond Dount Conner and Anna Durky Conner. He was a member of Morganton, NC, Church, and was very dedicated to his church family. He enjoyed riding his Harley, taking his wife out in his London Roadster, and especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Anna Conner; one son, David Conner Jr. of Morganton; one daughter, Crystal

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Cogdell and her husband, Ken, of Lenoir, NC; step-children: Raymond Hawley and his wife, Dawn; Harold Hawley; and George Hawley and his wife, Charlotte, all of New York; 24 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; four brothers: Lanny Conner of Hendersonville, NC; Phil Conner and his wife, Beth, of Lincolnton, NC; Bobby Conner and his wife, Mabel, of Maryland; and Alfred Conner of Maryland; one sister, Rita Phipps and her husband, Chuck, of Texas; a number of nieces; and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Raymond Conner; and one sister, Patty Conner. The memorial service was held February 20, 2015, at Morganton Church with Pastor Rick Mercer and Pastor Barry Mahorney.

COUEY, Dorothy Faye, 94, born Aug. 30, 1920 in Decatur, AL, to the late Bertha Wade and Floyd Jacobs, died Oct. 11, 2014. She was a long-time member of the Decatur Church. She held the position of deaconess and Sabbath School Primary leader for many years. She is survived by her daughter, Janice (Russell) Johnson; grandchildren: Jesse Smith, Clint (Hannah) Johnson, Leah Johnson; great-granddaughter: Gemma Johnson; one sister, Aleta Dawkins. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Orvelle; and son, Jimmy. The service was conducted by Pastor Tony Pitt at Ridout's Brown Service Funeral Home with interment at Mt. Tabor Cemetery in Hartselle, AL.

COX, Merle, 76, born Dec. 23, 1937 in Argyle, ME, died Nov. 28, 2014 in Portland, TN. He was a member of the Hendersonville, TN, Church. He was a master plumber. He is survived by his wife, Lillian; two sons: Douglas (Gretchen) Cox and Christopher (Melinda) Cox; two step-sons: Bill Gallion and David Gallion; two step-daughters: Diane Messer and Julianne Loeb; two brothers; nine grandchildren; and seven step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Jeffery Cox, and two brothers.

CRITES, Dessie Naomi, 86, of Morganton, born June 5, 1928 in Sutton, W.VA, died Jan. 25, 2015 at Burke Hospice and Palliative Care Center. She was the daughter of the late Nicholas and Lillie Jackson Keener. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and homemaker. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Calvin Crites. She is survived by her daughter, Brenda Crites Edwards; three grandchildren: Daniel Raper, James Raper, and Sherry Raper; four great-grandchildren: Calvin Bame, Amber Raper, Joey Raper Durham, and Jaimie Raper Hill; and four great-great-grandchildren: Aleigha Raper, Alona Soto, Ayden Durham, and Elijah Durham.

CROWDER, Mary Nell, 99, born June 20, 1915 in Parrottsville, TN, died Jan. 28, 2015 in Lawrenceburg, TN. She was an active member of the Lawrenceburg, TN, Church for 73 years. She volunteered countless hours and devoted tireless energy to her church, the American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, the Lawrence County Library, Home Demonstration Club, and other local charities. She never hesitated to assist those in need whenever and wherever she was needed. Her home and her heart were always open to family and friends, and she welcomed everyone with loving kindness. She is survived by three sons: James (Sue) Crowder, Jack Crowder, and William

(Maria) Crowder; one daughter, Jane McCullough; and nine grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. William Crowder, Jr.; and one son, Jon Crowder.

DAVIS, Leona, 77, born Jan. 12, 1931 in Bell County, KY, died Nov. 29, 2014 in Manchester, KY. She was a nurse's aide, caregiver, and a member of Manchester, KY Church. She is survived by one daughter, Barbara King; three sons: Steven (Charlotte) Davis, David (Peggy) Davis, and Denver Davis; six grandchildren: Jonathan (Sabrina) King, George Davis, Whitney Davis, Steve Davis, Derek (Tosha) Davis, and Cassandra Davis; three great-grandchildren: Chandler, Bryleigh, and Jacob; three sisters: Fran Harper, Betty Campbell, and Rose Ramsey; and two brothers: Lewis Ramsey and Alan Ramsey. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer; her parents, Tilmon and Almira Ramsey; one grandson, James (Jimmy) King; and one sister, Marie Overbay.

DUBOSQUE, Florence F., 85, born Oct. 23, 1929, died Feb. 22, 2015 in Apopka, FL. She was a member of Forest Lake Church in Apopka, for four years. She is survived by three sons: Jack (Esther) of Joshua, TX, David (Joanne) of Port Charlotte, FL, and Ken (Linda) of Woodbury, NJ; one daughter, Robin (Tim) Fisher of Apopka; 14 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. The memorial service was conducted by Pastor Geoff Patterson at Forest Lake Church, and interment was at Highland Memory Gardens in Apopka.

EURICK JR., Dewey J. "DJ," 86, born June 19, 1928 in Selma, AL, died Aug. 24, 2014 in Hoover, AL. He was a member of the Birmingham, AL, First Church for 38 years, and an elder since 1980. He served two years in the U.S. Navy prior to graduating from Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University (SAU) in 1952 with a bachelor's degree in business. In 1964, he began his career in pharmaceutical sales as a Syntex professional medical representative in Georgia. He was quickly promoted to district manager of the Atlanta district, and in the early 1970s became regional manager of the western region. He ended his 28-year career in 1992 as district manager of the Birmingham district. After retirement, he enjoyed volunteering as a recruiter for Bass Memorial Academy. He attended the SAU homecoming (SMCites 1945-55) as much as possible, and thoroughly enjoyed the special celebration for his honored class in 2012, along with the 2013 reunion accompanied by his daughters. He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Shirley; three daughters: Cindy (Lester) Johnson, Alice (Phillip) DiGiorgio, and Christell (Brownlee) Fiveash; two sons: Steve (Paola) Sparks and Greg (Tammy) Eurick; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a special brother-in-law, J.D. Bledsoe; and three nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Dewey Jacob Eurick and Elizabeth Maurice Sample; first wife, Caroline Gibson Eurick Morris; sister, Margaret Jo Bledsoe; brother, Howard Eurick; and grandson, Loren Johnson. The service was conducted by Elder Melvin Eisele at Birmingham First Church on Aug. 27, 2014. Interment followed in Jefferson Memorial Gardens.

EVANS, Dora Ann, 73, born Oct. 26, 1940, died Oct. 2, 2014 in Ashland City, TN. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Alex "Poochie"; two sons: Harold and David (Laura) Evans; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Loy T. White and Beatrice Prosser Greene; one son, Stephen Evans; and one sister, Millicent Dowlan.

GLASS, Peggy Nell, 85, born Oct. 16, 1929 in Nashville, TN, died Nov. 4, 2014. After living her first four years in Ridgetop, TN, she lived her growing up years in Houston, TX. There she attended the Adventist elementary school where she admitted to giving the teacher too much trouble by talking to her school mates during class. In her late teens, she began working in the literature ministry to earn money to go to college. This was during World War II, and she specialized in selling These Times magazines to soldier boys on the streets. A group of them would go with a sponsor to San Antonio where the soldiers were. The soldiers would buy the magazines then throw them down. She would pick them up and sell them again. The Lord helped her sell enough to earn a scholarship to Southwestern Junior College, better known today as Southwestern Adventist University. There she met Hallie Glass. Their friendship progressed and they were married in 1948. Since SWJC was only a junior college, the young couple moved to Union College where he graduated with a B.A. in religion and an A.A. in secretarial science. Those were the days when secretaries had to learn the language of shorthand to take dictation since there were no computers or copy machines. After graduating, they were called to work in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference in evangelistic meetings. During song service, he played the piano and she the organ. They especially enjoyed working with the Stanly Harris-Henry Barron team. By this time, their family had grown to include two young sons, Marvin and Melvin. After pastoring such churches as Hammond and Lake Charles, LA, they were called to teach music and Bible at Ozark Academy where they served for eight years before being called to Highland Academy to teach. Roots went deep there as that became the home place to which they retired after spending 16 years teaching for Highland Academy. In her later years, Peggy's health began to decline, but because of strength, she lived well beyond the three score and 10 years allotted in the Scriptures. She is survived by her husband, Hallie; two sons: Marvin and Melvin; and seven grandchildren.

HALL, Dorothy E., 84, born Jan. 25, 1931 in Spanish Town, Jamaica, WI, died Feb. 8, 2015 in Altamonte Springs, FL. She was a member of Forest Lake Church, Apopka, for 48 years. She is survived by one son, Peter (Olive) Hall, Kingston, Jamaica, WI; two daughters: Ruth (Ken) Coberly of Apopka, and Audrey (Jeff) Dell of Spring, TX; three brothers: William Hooker of Middlesex, England, Desmond (Essie) Hooker of Summerfield, FL, and Raymond (Sheila) Hooker of Middlesex, England; one sister, Angela McClure of Kingston, Jamaica, WI; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. The service was conducted by Pastors Floyd H. Powell and Harold Howard at Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home in Altamonte Springs. Interment is in Highland Memory Gardens in Apopka.

HOWARD, Doris E., 92, born July 21, 1922 in Michigan, died Dec. 6, 2014 in Dade City, FL. She

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was a member of Avon Park, FL, Church. She is survived by her son, Richard of Zolfo Springs, FL; her daughter, Virginia Stunkard of Dade City; seven grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Frank Gonzalez at the Avon Park Church. Interment was in Coopersville, MI.

JERNIGAN, Billy D., 78, born Sept. 16, 1936 in Cross Plains, TN, died Dec. 24, 2014 in Cross Plains. He was a member of the Cross Plains Church. He is survived by one daughter.

JOHNSTON, Kathleen Whisman, 81, born April 9, 1933 in Lee County KY, died Jan. 4, 2015 in Winchester, KY. She was a member of the Winchester Church. She is survived by one daughter, Karen (Lacy) Wright; one brother, Dwight Whisman; one brother-in-law, Glenn Johnston; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; several nieces; and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Johnston, and one son, Thomas Johnston.

LAWLESS, James Eugene, 60, died March 2, 2015 in St. Petersburg, FL. He was a member of Fort Myers, FL, Church. He is survived by two sons; one daughter; five grandchildren; and one sister, Sheila Frazier of Kissimmee, FL.

LOGAN, Vinnor Taylor, 79, born Oct. 5, 1935 to the late Lessimoor and Pauline Whiteside Taylor in Detroit, MI, died Dec. 28, 2014 in Huntsville, AL. She had six siblings: Edna Jean, William, Mary (Susie), Rachel, Robert, and Richard. Her heritage was graced with various talents, faith, and strength. Just as a garment takes shape through careful measuring and proper fitting, the Lord had a tailor-made plan that guided her life and allowed her to bless others. As a child, she developed a relationship with her Lord and Savior and attended church faithfully as a member of the Church of God. She loved learning and graduated from Cass Tech High School, attended Wayne County Community College and studied nursing and nutrition. Her grandmother, Vinnie Whiteside, was instrumental in leading her mother, sister, and others into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She became a baptized member of Burns Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church as a young mother. She later became a member of Emmanuel Church, in Chicago Heights, IL, First Church in Huntsville, AL, and Oakwood University Church in Huntsville. She enjoyed serving as head usher, and in the treasury, hospitality, Sabbath School, and Dorcas Society departments. She married Lacey C. Logan in 1954, and to this union four children were born: Darek, Kirk, Kim, and Renee. Her life's work and energies were devoted to the care of her children and the needs of her family members and others. She worked for the City of Detroit as an operational clerk, and for the state of Michigan as a case manager until she retired in 1994. In 1994, she moved to Homewood, IL, and finally to Huntsville in 2003. Her life was textured with rich experiences that made her life one of a kind. She enjoyed the world of creativity. As a woman who was passionate about sewing, she challenged herself to use this talent that God gifted her with. She was very particular. She always sought after the right fabric and the right pattern. Like Dorcas in the Bible, every creation was a labor of love. Not only did she make clothes for her daughters, she sewed for others, and in recent years she enjoyed making special pillowcases for the sick and shut-in and

children, as special gifts. She was a thread that helped to form the fabric of each life she met. Never wanting to waste anything, she saw the value in everything and everyone. She looked for individuals that she could help to relieve a burden or share an act of kindness. She enjoyed gathering with others and loved to play games, especially Dominoes and puzzles. Her strong mind seemed to always be moving as she researched new ways to do things, found healthier ways of eating and living, and provided advice on things such as how to cure a headache, and ways to develop one's spiritual life. Whenever a call was made to support a cause, she would do her part. She also was the honorary member and "co-designer" of the many organizations that her children became leaders of. She was a scholar in the use of the English language. As her children matriculated through school, they knew the value of speaking correctly and articulately. Her car was used for service as she lovingly drove people to different places to meet their needs, and used it to carry items of food, clothing, and other items to give away to the less fortunate. She truly believed in serving "the least of these." She is survived by: Mary (Susie) Graham of Detroit, MI; Rachel Anderson of Detroit; Kirk (Cassandra) Logan of Corpus Christi, TX; Dr. Kim (Arthur) Logan-Nowlin of Detroit; Renee Humphreys of Tinley Park, IL; 10 grandchildren: Christina Morton, Shawnte Allen, Laki-sha Carter, Jason Nowlin, Micha Logan, Daija Logan, Austin Humphreys, Jaren Humphreys, Kirk Logan, and Erin Nowlin; five great-grandchildren; three nephews: Dr. Ricardo (Audrey) Graham, Robert Anderson, and Robert Taylor; five nieces: Jacinta Davis, Lorri (Keith) Anderson, Karen Anderson, Kimberlyn Anderson, and Sherise Anderson; a dear cousin, Patricia Benton, many other relatives; and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; four siblings: Edna Jean, William, Robert, and Richard; Lacey Logan, Darek Logan, and her son-in-law, James Humphreys.

MORRELL, Dionnisia Atil, 68, born April 9, 1946 in the Philippines, died Sept. 18, 2014 in Lake Placid, FL. She was a member of Avon Park, FL, Church. She is survived by her daughter, Jonie of Avon Park; and one grandchild. The service was conducted by Pastor Frank Gonzalez in Avon Park.

MORRELL, Eli P., 77, born Sept. 25, 1937 in Puerto Padre, Cuba, died Jan. 10, 2015 in Ocoee, FL. He was a member of Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL, for 25 years. He is survived by two sons: Jorge (Tracy) Morell of Titusville, and Al (Leslie) Morell of Orlando, FL; two daughters: Lisete Deemer of Lincoln, NE, and Loryann (Alex) Ortega of Oregon; two brothers: Ezekial (Haydee) Perez of Cleveland, TN, and Pedro Perez (Elisa) of Cleveland, TN; two sisters: Edilma Perez of Cleveland, TN, and Elina (Arlir) Amado of Altamonte Springs, FL; and six grandchildren. A service for the family was held at home, and interment is in Lincoln, NE.

MORSETTE, Henry L., 83, born in Bates, MS, died Dec. 26, 2014 in Tullahoma, TN. He was a member of the Tullahoma Church. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean era, and was a combat engineer with the Second In-

fantry Division. He first saw his wife, Mary, at Highland Academy in Portland, TN, and knew she was to be his future wife. He officially met her at the Southern Publishing Association while binding and stacking books. They married Dec. 23, 1954. The Morsettes were always busy happily serving their Lord and community. He is survived by one daughter, Brenda Morsette Wilson; one son, Henry (Nancy) Morsette; three grandchildren: Ryan Bulgar, Joey Bulgar, and Erin (Bug) Davis; two great-grandchildren; one brother, Edward (Anita) Morsette; nieces; and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Mary Bryant Morsette.

SILVERA, Ivy L., 95, born June 10, 1919 in Kingston, Jamaica, died Jan. 10, 2015 in Altamonte Springs, FL. She was a member of Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL, for 30 years. She is survived by her daughters: Marguerite of New York, NY, and Claudette of McCloud, CA; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Floyd H. Powell at Forest Lake Church. Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery in Gotha, FL.

TRACY, Richard W., 69, born April 19, 1945, died Dec. 13, 2014 in Port Richey, FL. He was a member of New Port Richey, FL, Church for four years. He is survived by his wife, Carole; one son, Todd; and one daughter, Lisa. The memorial service was conducted by Pastor Glenn Aguirre at New Port Richey Church.

WATKINS, Norma Ann Grubb, 76, born March 4, 1938 in Portsmouth, Ohio, to the late Norman J. and Dorothy Grubb, died Dec. 24, 2014 in Huntsville, AL, after a short illness. She graduated from Southern Adventist University in 1960 with a degree in nursing. She worked at Decatur General Hospital for 22 years, and retired in 1991. She was an active member of the Decatur, AL, Church. She held the office of women's ministries leader as well as other duties. She was preceded in death by two brothers: William Harrison Grubb, and Norman Dale Grubb. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Charles L. Watkins of Decatur; and one daughter, Alison Watkins of Montclair, VA; two sisters: Rhonda (Bob) Beswick of Lakeland, FL, and Sharon Angelle of Haines City, FL; and a host of nieces; and nephews. A celebration of her life was held Dec. 29, at Roselawn Funeral Home in Decatur, with Pastor Tony Pitt and Pastor Neal Dye officiating. Interment was in Burningtree Memorial Gardens.

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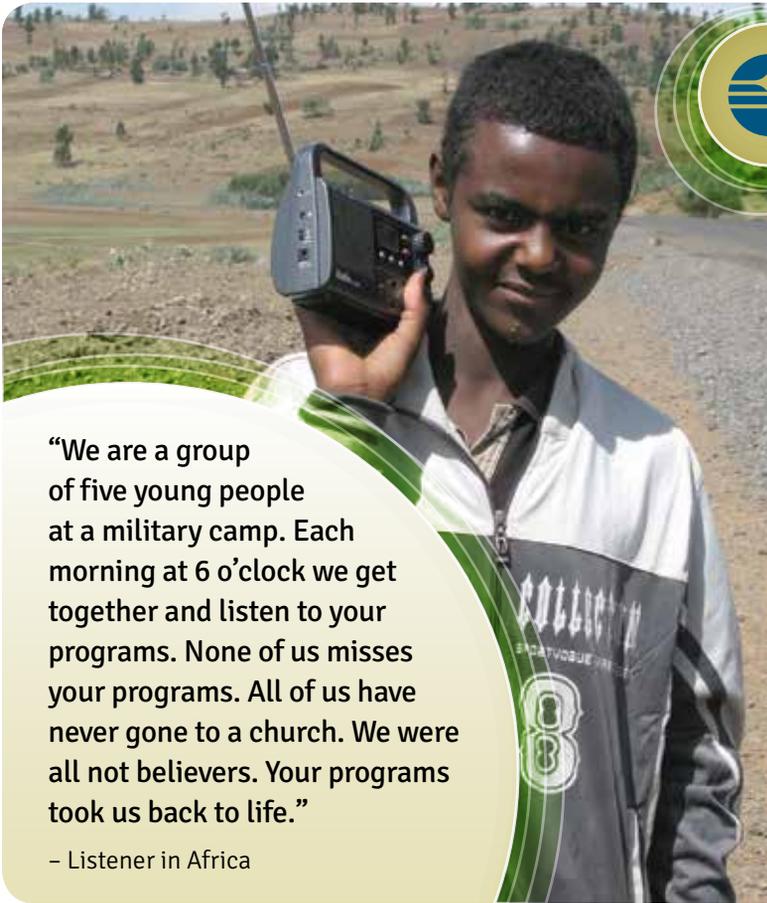
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Events Calendar

Carolina

Hispanic Camp Meeting – May 1-3. NPR.

Elders' Certification – May 8-9. Kernersville Church. The lesson discussed for this session will be "Personal Evangelism" Session # 4.

MPA Graduation Weekend – May 15-17. MPA.

Homecoming – May 25. Waynesville Church. Guest speaker: Leslie Louis.

Camp Meeting – May 24-31. Lake Junaluska, Maggie Valley, NC.

Carolina Teachers' Convention – July 31-Aug. 6. MPA.

Florida

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Singles' Ministries events and mailing list information.

Spiritual study groups, fellowship dinners, outings, and more. <http://www.floridaconference.com/iyam/childrenandfamily/events/>, djmiller4000@gmail.com, 407-703-3050, or 407-721-3036.

Planned Giving and Trust Services Clinics

May 30. Avon Park Spanish.

June 6. Jacksonville Southpoint.

June 13. Ebenezer Spanish.

July 25. Fort Myers Spanish.

Aug. 22. Fort Lauderdale Spanish.

Aug. 29. Margate.

Sept. 12. Cooper City.

Nov. 7. Avon Park.

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Florida Adventist Bookmobile Schedule

June 7. Winter Haven, Avon Park, Arcadia, Fort Myers Shores, Fort

Myers, Cape Coral, Naples. June 8. Port Charlotte, North Port, Sarasota, West Coast Jr. Academy in Bradenton, Brandon, Tampa First.

June 28. East Pasco in Zephyrhills, Brooksville, Homosassa, Spring Hill, New Port Richey, Clearwater, St. Petersburg.

July 5. Silver Springs Shores, Ocala, Cross City, Perry, Tallahassee.

July 6. Belleview, North Lake, Lady Lake, Inverness.

July 12. Lauderhill, Plantation, Sunrise. (Southeastern Conference: Mt. Olivet.)

July 19. Daytona Beach, New Smyrna Beach, Titusville, Pompano Beach, Ambassador in Lauderdale Lakes, Fort Lauderdale.

July 20. Margate, Boynton Beach, Victory in Port St. Lucie. (Southeastern Conference: Ephesus West Palm Beach.)

July 26. Cocoa, Fort Pierce, Midport, West Palm Beach First. (Southeastern Conference: Palm Bay, Port St. Lucie First.)

Aug. 2. Palm Coast, Palatka, St. Augustine, Orange Cove, Jacksonville First, and Jacksonville Southpoint. (Southeastern Conference: Jacksonville Ephesus.)

Aug. 7-9. Ministerial Leadership Summit at Bonaventure Resort & Spa in Weston.

Edible Schoolyard Teacher Academy – June 16, 17, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Orlando Junior Academy, 30 E. Evans St., Orlando.

Discussions and activities in OJA's Nutrition Science Lab and Garden to help you build your own garden and cooking curriculum customized to your resources, needs, and ability. Speaker: Chef Kevin Fonzo, Chef Sarah Cahill. Garden coordinator: Brad Jones. Cost: \$300, lunch included. Details: janice.banks@oja-sda.com

Georgia-Cumberland

Korean Camp Meeting –

May 15-17. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.

Health Rally – May 23. Maryville Church, TN.

Hispanic Singles' Retreat – May 22-24. Cohutta Springs Campsite, Crandall, GA.

Collegedale Camp Meeting – May 27-30. Speaker: Dwight K.

Nelson from Andrews University Church. Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, TN.

Ascension Matt25, Young Adult Multi-site Camp Meeting – May

28-30. Service outreach during the day. Evening meetings with Albert Handal, associate pastor at Keene Church, Southwestern Adventist University campus. Main Site: Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, TN.

Satellites at Marietta, Peachtree City, GA, and Knoxville, TN.

Camp Staff Training – May 28-June 6. Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.

Association Board Meeting – June 3. Conference office, Calhoun, GA.

Personal Ministries Rallies

June 6. Chattanooga First Hispanic Church, TN.

June 20. Cohutta Church, GA.

Hispanic "Messy" Day – June 7. Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, GA.

Cohutta Springs Youth Camp – June 7-14. Junior I, Golf Camp I, Paintball I, Rock Climbing, Fit for Life (June 7-26), WIT Camp.

Olde Time Camp Meeting – June 11-13. Deer Lodge, TN.

Cohutta Springs Youth Camp – June 14-21. Junior II, Mountain Bike Trip, Paintball Camp II, SIT Camp, WIT Camp.

Most events require pre-registration at registration.gccsda.com.

Gulf States Conference

BMA Graduation Weekend - May 15-17.

Camp Pitch - May 19-22.

Camp Meeting - May 22-30.

Teen Mission Trip - July 12-27. Details: Tania Mangum 334-272-7493, x123.

Pathfinder Leadership Weekend – Aug. 14-16.

Kentucky-Tennessee

Prayer Conference – April 10-12. Indian Creek Camp.

Pastors'/Elders' Retreat – April 17-19. Indian Creek Camp.

Board of Education – April 23. Conference Office.

Conference Executive Committee – May 5. July 21. Conference Office.

Highland Academy Board – May 7. Highland Academy.

Graduations

May 9. Louisville Adventist Academy.

May 16. Madison Academy.

May 17. Highland Academy.

Camp Meetings

May 22-30. Highland Academy.

June 5, 6. Hispanic. Highland Academy.

Southern Adventist University

First Summer Session – May 11. Numerous online courses are available for both undergraduate and graduate curriculums. Prospective students must apply and be accepted before registering. Sign up for classes no later than May 13 by visiting www.southern.edu/register.

SALT Evangelism Training – June 17-21. The Summer SALT program covers the basics of personal and public evangelism, the evangelism cycle, and tools for outreach in your local church and community. Designed for busy people looking for condensed training. Details: visit www.southern.edu/salt or call 423-236-2034.

Sunset

| | May 1 | May 8 | May 15 | May 22 | May 29 | June 5 |
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| Atlanta, GA | 8:21 | 8:26 | 8:31 | 8:36 | 8:41 | 8:45 |
| Charleston, SC | 8:01 | 8:07 | 8:12 | 8:17 | 8:21 | 8:25 |
| Charlotte, NC | 8:09 | 8:15 | 8:20 | 8:26 | 8:31 | 8:35 |
| Collegedale, TN | 8:26 | 8:32 | 8:38 | 8:43 | 8:48 | 8:52 |
| Huntsville, AL | 7:31 | 7:37 | 7:42 | 7:48 | 7:52 | 7:57 |
| Jackson, MS | 7:42 | 7:47 | 7:52 | 7:56 | 8:01 | 8:05 |
| Louisville, KY | 8:34 | 8:41 | 8:47 | 8:53 | 8:58 | 9:03 |
| Memphis, TN | 7:45 | 7:51 | 7:57 | 8:02 | 8:07 | 8:11 |
| Miami, FL | 7:52 | 7:56 | 7:59 | 8:03 | 8:07 | 8:10 |
| Montgomery, AL | 7:26 | 7:31 | 7:36 | 7:41 | 7:46 | 7:49 |
| Nashville, TN | 7:34 | 7:40 | 7:46 | 7:52 | 7:57 | 8:01 |
| Orlando, FL | 8:00 | 8:05 | 8:09 | 8:13 | 8:17 | 8:20 |
| Wilmington, NC | 7:56 | 8:01 | 8:07 | 8:12 | 8:17 | 8:21 |

Camp Meetings 2015 Schedule

CAROLINA

Portions of Camp Meeting will be viewable at www.carolinasda.org/camp-meeting
 Hispanic.....May 1-3.....Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, SC
 English.....May 24-30.....Theme: *On Our Knees*.....Lake Junaluska, Maggie Valley, NC
 Speaker Sunday-Wednesday: *Des Cummings*
 Speaker Thursday-Sabbath: *Randy Roberts*
 Eastern Carolina.....Oct. 17.....Greenville North Church, Greenville, NC
 Speaker: *Ivan Williams*
 Low Country.....Oct. 24.....Summerville Community Church, Summerville, SC
 Speaker/Seminar Presenter: *Pavel Goia*
 Musical Guest: *Michael Harris*

FLORIDA

Florida Camp Meeting is held in the spring. Archived sermon video is posted to floridaconference.com/campmeeting

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Korean.....May 15-17.....Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA
 Collegedale.....May 27-30.....Theme: *Arise! Shine! Jesus is Coming*.....Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, TN
 Speaker: *Dwight Nelson*
 Olde Time.....June 11-13.....Theme: *Arise! Shine! Jesus is Coming*.....Meister Memorial Church, Deer Lodge, TN
 Speaker: *Corbin Pitman*
 Speaker: *Alan Meis*
 Northeast Tennessee.....Sept. 25, 26.....Theme: *Arise! Shine! Jesus is Coming*.....The Oaks, Greenville, TN
 HispanicOct. 30-Nov. 1.....Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA
 Southern Deaf.....July 29-Aug. 2.....Theme: *Hope for a Broken World*.....Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA
 Speaker: *Larry Evans*
 South Georgia.....Nov. 14.....Theme: *Arise! Shine! Jesus is Coming*.....Albany, GA
 Speaker: *Jud Lake*

GULF STATES

May 19-22.....Camp Pitch
 May 22-30.....Bass Memorial Academy, Lumberton, MS
 Aug. 21-23.....Hispanic /Caravana.....Camp Alamilco, Dadeville, AL

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

English.....May 22-30.....Theme: *Live as One Forgiven*.....Highland Academy, Portland, TN
 Speakers/Seminar Presenters: *Roger Hernandez, Joseph Kidder, Ron Smith, Dick Stenbakken, and Lee Venden*
 Hispanic.....June 5, 6.....Theme: *Transforma tu Mundo*.....Highland Academy, Portland, TN
 Speaker: *Omar Grieve*

SOUTH ATLANTIC

June 4-13.....River Oaks Campground, Orangeburg, SC

SOUTH CENTRAL

Theme: *Come Holy Spirit*
 Latino.....May 22-24.....Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL
 Korean & Haitian.....June 12-20.....Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL
 English.....June 12-20.....Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL
 Friday Keynote Speaker: *Roger Hernandez*
 Speaker 1st Sabbath: *Myron Edmonds*
 Speaker 2nd Sabbath: *William T. Cox*

SOUTHEASTERN

English – Adult/Main Pavilion.....June 11-21.....Hawthorne, FL
 Youth Pavilion.....June 11-21.....Hawthorne, FL

Summer Camps 2015 Schedule

CAROLINA

Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, SC
 Register online at www.nosoca.org

Traditional Camps

Adventure (ages 7-11).....June 21-28
 Junior Camp (ages 10-13).....June 28-July 5
 Teen (ages 13-16).....July 5-12
 Teen X-Treme (ages 12-16).....July 12-19

Specialty Camps

Lifeguard Camp (ages 16 & up).....May 31-June 5
 SIT Camp (ages 16-17).....June 14-25
 Horsemanship I Camp (ages 11-13).....June 21-28
 Horsemanship II Camp (ages 12-16).....June 28-July 5
 Horse Campout (ages 14-17).....July 26-Aug. 2
 Family Camp.....July 19-24

FLORIDA

Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, FL
 Details: www.campkulaqua.com

Cub Camp (ages 7-9).....May 31-June 7
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12).....May 31-June 7
 Teen Camp (ages 13-17).....May 31-June 7
 Horsemanship Specialty Camp (ages 11-14).....May 31-June 7
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9).....June 7-14
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12).....June 7-14
 Teen Camp (ages 13-17).....June 7-14
 Horsemanship Specialty Camp (ages 11-14).....June 7-14
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9).....June 14-21
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12).....June 14-21
 Teen Camp (ages 13-17).....June 14-21
 Horsemanship Specialty Camp (ages 11-14).....June 14-21
 Counselor in Training (ages 17-18) (two-week track).....June 7-21
 Wrangler in Training (ages 16-18).....June 21-28
 Family Camp.....Sept. 4-7

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Cohutta Springs Adventist Center, Crandall, GA
 Details: www.cs-yc.com

Camp Staff Training.....May 28-June 6
 Junior I (ages 10-12).....June 7-June 14
 Golf Camp I (ages 13-17).....June 7-June 14
 Paintball I (ages 13-17).....June 7-June 14
 Rock Climbing Camp (ages 13-17).....June 7-June 14
 Fit for Life I (ages 10-13).....June 7-June 26
 Junior II (ages 10-12).....June 14-June 21
 Mountain Bike Trip (ages 13-17).....June 14-June 21
 Paintball Camp II (ages 13-17).....June 14-June 21
 S.I.T. Camp (ages 15+).....June 14-June 21
 Adventure Camp (ages 7-9).....June 21-June 26
 RAD Horse Trip (ages 13-17).....June 21-June 28
 Paintball Camp III (ages 13-17).....June 21-June 28
 Wakeboard Camp I (ages 13-17).....June 21-June 28
 C.I.T. Camp (ages 15+).....June 21-June 28
 Tween Camp (ages 12-13).....June 28-July 5
 Ultimate RAD Camp (ages 13-17).....June 28-July 5
 Fit for Life II (ages 13-17).....June 28-July 19
 Teen I (ages 13-17).....July 5-July 12
 Rock Solid I (ages 16-18).....July 5-July 12
 Basketball Camp (ages 13-17).....July 5-July 12
 Rock Solid Basketball Camp (ages 16-18).....July 5-July 12
 Whitewater/Kayak Camp (ages 13-17).....July 5-July 12
 Gym-Masters Camp (ages 13-17).....July 5-July 12
 Gym-Masters DAY Camp (ages 7-18).....July 6-July 10
 Teen II (ages 13-17).....July 12-July 19
 Rock Solid II (ages 16-18).....July 12-July 19
 Golf Camp II (ages 13-17).....July 12-July 19
 Soccer Camp (ages 13-17).....July 12-July 19
 Wakeboard Camp II (ages 13-17).....July 12-July 19
 Surf Camp (ages 13-17).....July 19-July 26
 W.I.T. Camp (ages 15+).....June 7-July 19
 (Offered every week except June 21-28)
 Family Camp (all ages).....July 21-July 26

GULF STATES

Camp Alamilco, Dadeville, AL
 Details: www.Alamisco.org

Staff Week.....May 24-31
 Adventure Camp (ages 7-10).....May 31-June 7
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12).....June 7-14
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16).....June 14-21
 Native American Camp.....June 21-27
 Family Camp (all ages).....June 29-July 5

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Indian Creek Camp, Liberty, TN
 Staff-in-Training (ages 16, 17).....May 31-June 7
 Junior Camp I (ages 9-13).....June 7-14
 Junior Camp II (9-13).....June 14-21
 Teen Camp (ages 13-17).....June 21-28
 Family Camp I (all ages).....June 30-July 5
 Cub-Adventurer Camp (ages 7-9).....July 5-12
 Teen Survival Camp (ages 14-17).....July 5-12
 Lifeguarding Camp (ages 15-18).....July 5-10
 Family Camp II (all ages).....July 12-19
 Teen Adventure Camp (ages 14-17).....July 19-26
 Blind Camp (all ages).....July 19-26

SOUTH ATLANTIC

River Oaks Campground, Orangeburg, SC
 Junior Bible/Summer Camp (ages 8-17).....TBA

SOUTH CENTRAL

Camp Thunderbird, Chattanooga, TN
 Camp "Kids Rock" (ages 6-12).....June 28-July 5
 Ultimate Sports Camp (ages 8-17).....July 5-12
 Extreme Team Camp (ages 13-17).....July 5-12

SOUTHEASTERN

Southeastern Conference Campground, Hawthorne, FL
 Junior/Summer Camp.....TBA

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