



A SALUTE TO THE BLACK SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST WOMAN



COVER STORY

THE BLACK SDA WOMAN: A CONTINUING PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CHURCH

by Stephanie D. Johnson

Since the very beginning of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the black woman has played a vital role. In this article we will look at her contribution in the areas of health, education, music, religious education and social change.

Sojourner Truth (c.1797-1883), the famed abolitionist, temperance and women's rights leader, was an Adventist before Seventh-day Adventists became a denomination. In 1843 she attended two Millerite camp meetings in Connecticut and looked forward to the second coming of Christ. Even after the Great Disappointment of 1844, she continued to believe. Later she moved to Battle Creek, Michigan, and was baptized by Uriah Smith, editor of the *Review and Herald*. Sojourner was a friend of Dr. John Harvey Kellogg and John Byington, the first president of the General Conference.

Rosa Douglass Sprague, daughter of Frederick Douglass, became a member of the First Seventh-day Adventist Church in Washington, D.C. During the first phase of Adventism, while it was still concentrated on the east coast, a number of black women became Seventh-day Adventists.

Women in Health

In 1902, Lottie Isabel (c.1876-1976) became the first black SDA physician. Dr. Isabel was a graduate of the American Medical College in Battle Creek, Michigan, the medical school operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. At the urging of Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, she went south, where she established sanitariums in Birmingham and Nashville and taught health at Oakwood Manual Training School.

Dr. Isabel and Jennie Williams, a nurse, trained the first nursing class at Oakwood. The graduates were all women—Ruth Boskins, Sarah Crowe, Pauline Emmanuel, Mary Moore, Ana Parkin, Amelia Knapp and LaCatte Green. Dr. Isabel married David E. Blake, also a physician, and together they served as medical missionaries to Panama.

Anna Knight (c.1874-1972): educator,

departmental director and nurse. In 1901 Knight, a graduate of the Battle Creek College School of Nursing, became the first black missionary appointed by the General Conference. For six years she served as a missionary to India.

In 1971 she was awarded the Medalion of Merit for her outstanding contribution to SDA education. Knight was the thirteenth person to receive this award given by the SDA Church.

Knight was not the only black woman to serve in church administration. Maude Bookhardt, a contemporary of Knight, served as assistant MV director for the Carolina Conference (c.1920s); Geneva Bryant, R.N., (1942-1947) served as associate director of the North American Colored Department under Pastor G. E. Peter's administration, and Dr. Ruth Temple, the first black SDA graduate from Loma Linda Medical School (class of 1918), served as director of health services for the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Dr. Temple also initiated the California Community Health Week.

Dr. Grace Kimbrough practiced medicine for many years in Philadelphia. Dr. Kimbrough was instrumental in helping a struggling young music student, Marian Anderson, by paying for her music lessons. It was Dr. Kimbrough who loaned the Allegheny Conference the down payment for Pine Forge Academy.

There have been many black SDA women who have entered the health professions, serving in the states as well as the Caribbean and Africa. Many have entered the nursing field and done much to educate and care for the needs of people—Louise Peters, Florence Stewart, Mabel and Doris Skerrett, Ruth Frazier Stafford, Irene Jackson, Mary and Grace Dugood, Lucille Ray, Harriet Slater Moseley, Mary Holt and Grace Guy.

Women in Education

Education is an area where black SDA women's talents have proven invaluable. They have given moral support and expertise to the establishment of every black elementary school and academy. Volumes can be written about the great sacrifices and tremendous contributions they have made in educating the children of the SDA Church.

Among the hundreds of educators within the church, these are just a few of the black women whose names have

been immortalized because of their work in education: Anna Knight, Dr. Natelkka Burrell, Dr. Eva B. Dykes, Eula Sain Washington, Abby G. Joseph, Hester Knight Cantrell, Delores Harris Jones, Francis Blake, Vernelle Earle, Ruth Paschal, Edna Lett Williamson, Ceola Hagen Jones, Hortense and Mercedes Morgan, Carolyn Hinson, Ruth Mosby Green, Francis and Mildred Fountain, Margaret Duncan, Ethel Smith and Ruth Bracey Stokes.

Women in Music

Music has always played an important part in the life of Afro-Americans. The SDA Church has produced a number of outstanding black women who have made substantial contributions in music: Madame Allyne Dumas Lee, Georgia Laster, Inez Lang Booth, Eva B. Dykes, Alma Blackman, Eurydice Osterman,



Anna Knight.

Brenda Spraggins, Edwina Humphrey, Lynda Elliot, Margaret Montgomery and Geraldine Farmer.

Women in Religious Education

This field, religious education, commonly known as Bible instruction, is one of the few areas where the majority of workers are women. These women have been known for bringing thousands of souls to Christ: J. M. Gilliam, Geneva McDonald, Mattie Johnson, Dr. Mildred Poole Johnson, F. A. Osterman, Sarah Crowe, Alice Martin, Jennie Wright, Helen H. Manor, Celia Hart Abney, Celia Abney Cleveland, Patricia Langley, Myrtle Smith, Wilma Curtis, Mary Holyfield, Eva Jeltz, Sophronia Brownie, Magnolia McKenzie, Elizabeth Small, Ida Hanks, Patricia Braithwaite, Avis Carethers and Marlene Trival.

Women in a Changing Church

The black SDA woman has always stood steadfastly with her male counterpart in their struggle for equality in the church. In the 1930s, a number of black women helped obtain better eating facilities for black ministers working at the General Conference office. In harmony with the segregation policies in America, black ministers could not eat in the main dining room of the Review and Herald cafeteria, but in a side room behind a curtain.

G. E. Peters, then director of the General Conference Colored Department, was told that a group of women were preparing an article for the *Washington Post* on "Segregation within the Seventh-day Adventist Church." He told Pastor McElhany, then vice-president of the North American Division, about the project. McElhany immediately saw to it that a dining hall with room service was reserved upstairs for the black brethren.

Also during the 1930s, black women played a major role in establishing the National Association for the Advancement of Adventist Youth. This organization questioned the segregationist policy of the church that denied black youth the opportunity to use the camp and recreational facilities purchased by their conference. In addition, they organized activities for black youths. Three distinct groups were formed in Detroit, Chicago and Pittsburgh. Avice Graham, Valarie Justiss, Mildred Evelyn, Celeste Joy, Maybelle Fordham, Lillian and Ruth Mosby were among a number of men and women who were involved in this organization. Thus the groundwork was laid that would change the course of the SDA Church.

Women Play a Decisive Role in the Establishment of Black Conferences

The events that led to the historic spring council of 1944 that formed black conferences was set in motion by a black woman, Lucy Byard. Mrs. Byard, a fair complexioned woman from New York, entered the Washington Sanitarium in Takoma Park, Maryland for medical treatment. When her color was discovered, she was told a mistake had been made and was wheeled into the hallway. She was taken by cab to Freedman Hospital, a black institution, where she died before she could receive any medical attention. It was believed that she died of pneumonia contracted while



Eva B. Dykes

waiting in the halls of the sanitarium.

The circumstances surrounding Byard's death soon reached members of the Ephesus church (now the DuPont Park church) in Washington, D.C., who immediately organized the National Association of Advancement of Work Among Colored Seventh-day Adventists. This laymen's organization called for the full integration of the SDA Church.

This organization was composed of a number of outstanding black women: Valarie Justiss Vance, Willie Anna, the second black SDA to receive a Ph.D., Ms. Dodson, principal of a public high school in Washington, D.C., and a doctoral candidate in psychology; Alma James Scott, founder of the first social settlement house among blacks; Helen Sugland, a teacher in the D.C. public school system and Lucy D. Slowe, dean of women at Howard University.

Together, united in a cause greater than themselves, black women working harmoniously with black men have been able to change the course of Seventh-day Adventist history.

PUBLISHER'S PAGE



E. E. Cleveland.

THE OTHER CHEEK

"On August 28, 1963, 200,000 people marched for civil rights in Washington, D.C. . . . Do you consider these approaches correct ones for a Christian? Can you picture Jesus Christ carrying a placard and shouting slogans? . . . Instead, when someone hits us on one cheek, we are to allow them to hit us on the other cheek also."

These words were sent all over the world in the name of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Thousands will read them and be rendered pacified in the face of earth's greatest evil—"man's inhumanity to man."

The youth devotional book for 1983, written by Dorothy Watts, raises the above issues on page 248, to which I dedicate this reply. It is all so discouraging that we educate one group of our white brethren only to face a new wave who know nothing of previous experiences. But we must try again and again and again.

By the way, the author of the above-listed book was in India while all of the glorious excitement of the "Sixties" was taking place. Had she seen and been part of it all, would she have written as she did?

Let us begin with the India where she was. Is author Watts suggesting that she would have preferred the India before Gandhi? The one that she experienced was the one after this great man led non-violent demonstrations against British rule. India today is free of the arrogant oppression of colonial domination.

To come closer to home, would the author prefer an America under English rule? What does she think of the "Boston Tea Party?" Does she approve of the activities of James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and Benjamin Franklin? They were resisting authority.

Has the author read what Ellen White has said about God's guiding hand in these affairs? Would she be happier under the British flag than the "Stars and Stripes?" Well, that's exactly where she would be were it not for God's guidance of these men and many more, including Crispus Attucks.

Back to Martin Luther King. Does author Watts know how it was before King? Did she live in Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, the Carolinas, Florida and Kentucky in those days? Did she know of the signs over

toilets, water fountains, waiting rooms and public transportation? What would she know of having to sit in the back of trains or buses? Of being told to get up and give a white man your seat? Of being hungry and being told to stand at the back door to receive food to be eaten outdoors? Of driving long hours because there was "no room in the inn" for black people? Does the author know anything about lynching? If not, I won't describe it, but you should know that it almost happened to Pastor Walter Starks in LaGrange, Georgia, and Hector Mounzon, now pastoring in Bermuda.

Well, this was what King was marching against that balmy day, August 28, 1963, and what a difference it has made for us. The signs are down. The schools and all public facilities are open. The Voting Rights Act is now law!

While all of the problems are not solved, Martin Luther King was used by God to stir the conscience of the nation and make things better for millions. The world acknowledged this by considering his birthday as a possible national holiday. Cities across the nation are naming schools, bridges, libraries and streets after him. The Watts essay, in the light of this, sounds like something out of the "dark ages." Why must we be continually embarrassed by these one-sided presentations? The editors went to sleep on this one.

One more thing about King: He was totally committed to non-violence. "He turned the other cheek"—in the streets where the nation could see and be ashamed of itself. The violence came from the white man, not King. Why doesn't some white Adventist author write about "Bull Conner," "The Fire Hoses that Maimed Women and Children," "The Police Dogs," etc.? Isn't there somebody somewhere that can save us from some of this literary bias?

There is a simple solution to this problem. The editor of *Message* magazine could be designated by the Review and Herald to edit any pages dealing with the "racial problem." Paul Monk could serve us much in this area. For instance, in a recent editorial in the *Review*, the new editor stated that "the Church must be such as to make Hispanics and Koreans feel at home." Had he let Monk read the article, blacks would not have been left out.

As to one protesting the violation of his civil rights, please turn to Acts 16. It tells of Paul being beaten up and thrown

into jail without cause. When the magistrates discovered that he was a Roman citizen, they sent word for his release. However, Paul said to them, "They have beaten us openly uncondemned, being Romans, and have cast us into prison; And now do they thrust us out privily? Nay, verily, but let them come themselves and fetch us out" (verse 37). Paul staged a *sit-in* at the jail. He stood up for his civil rights, and *won!* He did not agree with author Watts, nor did Ellen White.

There was a federal law requiring that an escaped slave be returned to his master. Concerning this, Ellen White wrote, "The law of our land requiring us to deliver a slave to his master, we are not to obey; and we must abide by the consequences of violating this law."—*Testimonies*, Volume 1, page 202. She described this institution as being "a thousand times worse than tyranny exercised by monarchical governments."—*Testimonies*, Volume 1, pages 258-59.

Nor did the early Advent leaders agree with author Watts. One General Conference president violated federal law and housed escaped slaves, helping them to flee into Canada for safety. Nor did Jesus agree with author Watts. Was it not written of Him in the Scriptures, "Is not this the fast that I have chosen; to loose the band of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye *break every yoke?*" Isaiah 58:6.

Freedom is divine business. Oppression is demonic in origin. Men who protest human oppression do the will of God. Lord Wilberforce will ever be remembered for his championing the cause of the enslaved. Because of him, the millions in the Caribbean Basin walk as free men.

Pastor N. C. Wilson made a special trip to the Lorraine Hotel where King was shot and stood with bared head in silent respect at the spot where the great man fell. Although he is not a flaming liberal (though I wish he was), he has *labored* at great personal risk to make the church a haven of rest for the black man. When our protests were just (in his view), he joined us by lending his influence to make things better. Thank God, somebody understands that blacks have run out of cheeks! Editor Watts, we have only two cheeks, but the hands that smite us are many. The God who raised up Moses to deliver Israel also raised up King, Booker T. Washington, Frederick

Douglass, Thurgood Marshall and W. E. DuBois to deliver us!

On August 28, 1983, 250,000 people marched again in Washington. It was an orderly demonstration, peaceful in nature, but serious in its purpose. It was a moral march for jobs and the rights of women so long denied. It was an exercise in democracy, a form of protest approved by law. It was on the Sabbath, the Lord's day of rest for His people. But for many in this country, there is no rest; the pressures of the system beat down on them with relentless fury. How I wish there had been a "visible Adventist" presence there; a Christian hand to give a cup of cold water to the fainting and provide air-conditioned rest for the weary in the name of the Lord. Did I say wish? Permit me to correct myself. There was just such a presence there in ministry. The Community Service Vans of the South Central, Lake Region and Allegheny East conferences were there before 250,000 witnesses. This is "The Other Adventist Cheek."

ALLEGHENY EAST



Doris DeGuzman.

DORIS DOWNING DEGUZMAN: YOUTH LEADER

Doris Downing DeGuzman joined the Adventist church at the age of seven under the pastorate of C. D. Brooks. She remembers vividly many truths learned at that age.

For many years DeGuzman has been active in her church, the Newtonville SDA Church in Newtonville, New Jersey, and in recent years has planned and organized a most effective youth church/youth day program. She is not only active in her own church, but has taken many programs to churches throughout the conference.

Doris has received numerous citations and awards from the Allegheny East Conference Sabbath school teachers' training course, the Parent-Teachers Association of the Newtonville SDA Church and more. She is now serving as cultural activities coordinator for the Allegheny East Conference Youth Federation.

In addition, Doris is the youth leader for her church. She also directs two vocal groups, the Youth Day Ensemble and Autumn Mist. These musical groups sing throughout the conference to help other churches sustain their programs. Her home is a center of activities, where she holds rap sessions that deal with special issues facing youth today.

DeGuzman leads the youth in caroling during the Ingathering season and sings for those elderly who are confined to nursing homes. DeGuzman is a native of Salem, New Jersey.



Nicetta Davis.

NICETTA DAVIS: MUSICIAN AND WRITER

Nicetta Davis is a very active member of the Mt. Olivet SDA Church in Camden, New Jersey. She is currently the communication secretary for the church, editor of the church newsletter, minister of music and recently served as Sabbath school teacher for the youth division.

As a former singer with the Harvest Celebration, she is willing to lend her musical talents whenever they are needed. As editor of the newsletter, she uses her talents in photography, art and calligraphy to produce an interesting publication for the church.

Davis was born and reared in Camden, New Jersey. She received a B.S. in physical therapy from Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, California.

The Editor's Desk

A SALUTE TO THE BLACK SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST WOMAN

This special issue is dedicated to the black Seventh-day Adventist women who have made an extraordinary contribution to the church. The women highlighted in this issue are just a few of the outstanding black women found in our church.

The women you will read about were not chosen for their academic accomplishments or professional ties, but rather because they represent the true ideal of a Christian woman—strong, wise, faithful, loyal, committed and true.

Special thanks to the communications directors of: South Atlantic, Samuel Gooden; Allegheny East, Robert

Booker; Clara Rock, archivist for Oakwood; Vivian Joseph, *Regional Voice* correspondent for the Lake Region Conference; I. J. Johnson, communications director for the South Central Conference; and Byron Dulan, associate pastor of the Tamarind church in Compton, California.

Also thanks to the local church communications secretaries who did the real work in selecting these women. This issue represents the first of a continuing series that will examine the achievements that black SDA women have made for the church. We hope you will find this issue most informative. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

L. A. Paschal
Editor

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Nov. 25	Dec. 2	9	16
Boston, Mass.	4:15	4:13	4:12	4:13
New York City	4:27	4:23	4:22	4:25
Buffalo, N.Y.	4:44	4:41	4:40	4:41
Atlanta, Ga.	5:31	5:29	5:29	5:31
Miami, Fla.	5:30	5:29	5:30	5:32
Charlotte, N.C.	5:13	5:12	5:12	5:13
Birmingham, Ala.	4:40	4:39	4:39	4:41
Jackson, Miss.	4:57	4:55	4:56	4:58
Memphis, Tenn.	4:50	4:48	4:48	4:50
Louisville, Ky.	5:25	5:23	5:23	5:24
Detroit, Mich.	5:05	5:02	5:01	5:02
Chicago, Ill.	4:23	4:21	4:20	4:21
South Bend, Indiana	5:18	5:16	5:15	5:16
Minneapolis, Minn.	4:36	4:33	4:32	4:32
St. Louis, Mo.	4:42	4:40	4:39	4:41
Kansas City, Mo.	4:58	4:56	4:56	4:57
Denver, Co.	4:38	4:36	4:35	4:37
Little Rock, Ark.	4:59	4:58	4:58	5:00
Dallas, Texas	5:22	5:21	5:21	5:23
New Orleans, La.	5:01	5:00	5:01	5:03
Albuquerque, N.M.	4:56	4:55	4:55	4:56
Oklahoma City, Okla.	5:19	5:18	5:18	5:19

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Delores Walker.

**DELORES WALKER:
POLITICAL ACTIVIST AND
CITY COUNCILWOMAN**

From her youth to the present, Delores Walker has actively participated in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She received her B.S. from Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland, and an M.A. from Glassboro State College in Glassboro, New Jersey.

Walker's primary work experience is in education and speech correction. She is a member of the Salem Mt. Calvary SDA Church in Salem, New Jersey. Among her various church offices, she is presently the Community Services leader.

It was her community service involvement that led her to run for a seat on the Salem City Council in 1980. Although Walker did not win the election against the incumbent, that effort led to other activities.

She was later appointed to the Salem City Planning Board and the Salem County Board of Directors for the United Way. Her work was further rewarded with an appointment to the Salem City Council in March of 1982.

The only black councilman, Wyatt Johnson, was retiring from office and he nominated Walker to his seat. Recently, Walker was elected city councilwoman for a regular four-year term.

**YVONNE BRANHAM TRUSTY:
MUSICIAN, BUSINESSWOMAN,
FAMILY LIFE COORDINATOR**

Yvonne Branham Trusty has always been actively involved in church activities. An accomplished pianist, organist and vocalist, she is a member of the Salem Mount Calvary SDA Church in

Salem, New Jersey, where she serves as family life coordinator, assistant treasurer and music director.

As family life coordinator for the church, she draws on her expertise in Parent Effectiveness Training (P.E.T.) and Teacher Effectiveness Training (T.E.T.).

Trusty is also a businesswoman. She owns and operates a retail ceramic business in Hopewell, New Jersey. A native of Newark, New Jersey, Trusty holds a degree in education from the Glassboro State College in Glassboro, New Jersey.

**AN OPEN LETTER
FROM PRESIDENT COX**

Dear Constituents of Central States:

1983 has been a very good year for the work in the Central States Conference. We give thanks first to God and then to you. God has blessed and you have supported His work faithfully. Faithfulness in returning tithe to the Lord has resulted in blessings to members and progress in the advancement of His cause.

Why do you tithe? Is it so that God will bless you? Has not God already blessed so abundantly that you return a tenth to Him out of gratitude for benefits already received? Of course.

Is it because your fellow church members tithe and you wish to go along with them? Must not your character stand the test alone before God? Of course.

Is it because God's cause stands in such need? Does the Owner of heaven and earth need your funds to operate His program? Of course not.

You tithe because God has instructed you to do so and you are obedient to His command. You return the tithe because the Bible says, "the tithe is the Lord's" and you are honest. Don't you appreciate having the tithe placed in the custody of its rightful owner? Of course you do.

Would it not be as great a wrong for you to take some money out of God's pocket, even for charitable purposes, as out of your neighbor's pocket? Of course it would.

Because you are honest, you will not give the Lord an occasional five or ten dollar bill, saying, "This is my tithe," when you know that it is not. You will remember that a tithe can be no other

portion than a tenth of your increase. Will you remember? Of course you will.

In the book "God's Gold in My Hand," R. E. Rebok wrote: "Thank you, Father, for giving us money, food, clothing and shelter. You have anticipated our needs and supplied them well. We know you have given us as much of these as we can use wisely and well. Increase our capacity for receiving, not for selfish purposes, but in order to give to others."

November and December are square-up months. There could be no more fitting way to close the year than with the account of each member completely balanced. Faithful stewards not only advance the work of God, but also bring blessings to themselves. Let us examine carefully our stewardship to God and remember: He requires that stewards be faithful.

We pray for your prosperity and happiness and that God's choicest blessings will attend all of your endeavors as you continue to serve Him.

As you put forth a special effort, we will be able to reach our projected budget for 1983.

Your brother in Christ,
S. Haywood Cox, President
Central States Conference



Park Hill members in action.

**DENVER-PARK HILL
NEWS NOTES**

The personal ministries department, headed by Robert Sutherland, has set aside the first Sabbath of each month to go out into the community and talk to our neighbors, letting them know about the love of Christ and telling them we are available for emergency help or prayer. Literature is also distributed. This activity takes place immediately after the morning service and is a great opportunity to put our faith into action.

The commission given to the church by Christ approximately 2,000 years ago

was to "go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

In order to carry out this commission, the church must be prepared and in a state of readiness. What has been needed historically, and even today, is revival and reformation in the church. As the reformation begins, the results will be soul-winning.

Recently, six people were baptized: Arthur Newman Barney, Janet Burke, Freddie Lee Adkins, Jackie Lee, Gwen Walker and Valerie Teresa Causey.

We thank God for these souls.

Ivory Chalmers
Communication Secretary

YOUTHS ASSIST IN EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE

From July 17 through August 27, an evangelistic campaign was conducted by Pastor B. E. Waters of the Grand Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church in Charleston, Missouri.

He opened with the subject, "A Day in Charleston When Money Will be Thrown into the Streets and No One Will Pick It Up." Crowds numbered nightly from 85 to 150 persons.

Pastor Waters' evangelistic team consisted of five dedicated young people, whose ages ranged from fourteen to 26. The pianist, fourteen-year-old Carla Lewis, whose home is St. Louis, Missouri, added her skillful talents as a musician and Bible worker to enhance the effectiveness of the team. Daivon Fouche, who hails from Chicago, Illinois, worked as the team's singing evangelist and Bible worker. Daivon is fourteen years old and is currently a freshman at Shiloh Academy in Chicago.

The third member of the team was Curtis Waters, age 15, from Wichita, Kansas. He lent his expertise in youth ministry and personal evangelism to see souls into the kingdom.

Verleen Johnson, age 18, from Charleston, Missouri, acted as one of the team's Bible workers and hostess. She will soon be embarking upon her first year at Oakwood College.

The fifth member of the team, Matthew Gibson, age 26, is a senior ministerial student and communication major at Oakwood College. Gibson was the team's head Bible worker and associate evangelist.



Baptismal candidates of the Prophecy '83 Crusade.

Pastor Waters' labors during the six weeks of the campaign were rewarded when thirteen individuals went down into the watery grave of baptism at the first Sabbath celebration.

When the appeal was made during the second Sabbath celebration, seven more precious souls gave their hearts to the Lord and followed His example by being baptized.

This concluded a successful six-week campaign, but the real work has just begun. The S.W.A.T. Team of the Grand Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church, in which many members are very actively involved, have their work cut out for them. The evangelistic team, along with S.W.A.T. Team members, started more than 130 Bible studies during the six-week campaign.

That's not all. Many individuals who were not baptized during the six-week evangelistic campaign have expressed a strong desire to follow the Lord all the way through baptism.

Matthew L. Gibson



Pastors Warnick and Thompson baptizing Sheila Hart.

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Whoever fears to submit any question to the test of free discussion, values his own opinion more than the truth.

ST. LOUIS-BEREAN NEWS NOTES

Earlier this year, the Berean church in St. Louis, Missouri, held a baptism that involved a recent graduate of Oakwood, Darrell White, who had a touching experience in bringing his teenage cousin, Shirl Whitehead, into the message.

Following this, the Prophecy '83 Crusade, being held by Pastor H. L. Thompson, baptized fifteen new believers into the church. One of the features of this series was a blood pressure check before each service.

The Berean Pathfinder Trailblazers spent the last weekend of July at Sioux Passage Park, ten miles from St. Louis. On Sabbath, after morning worship and camp inspection, Sabbath school convened. During the testimony service, Sheila Hart, a visitor from Memphis, Tennessee, was so impressed with the activities that she became a baptized member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Ophelia Coleman
Communication Secretary



Darrell White sharing his experience, with Shirl in the background with other candidates and Pastor Warnick standing to his right.



Inez Jackson Shelton.

**INEZ JACKSON SHELTON:
EDUCATOR**

Inez Jackson Shelton is an educator who has taught within the Seventh-day Adventist school system for 37 years at Sharon Junior Academy in Inkster, Michigan, (1945-1962), and Peterson-Warren Academy, also in Inkster (1963-1982).

During her years of service at Peterson-Warren Academy, she established its annual oratorical program nearly fifteen years ago. She designed this program to provide students with an opportunity to research important social issues, write reports on their findings, and make a formal presentation to a group of leading citizens and members of the church.

Over the years, approximately 400 students have participated in this program. In addition, it has generated widespread community support.

The exceptional success of the oratorical program is reflected in the remarkable enthusiasm and resourcefulness demonstrated by the young people who participate.

Shelton received an associate degree from Oakwood College and her B.S. and M.S. from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Michigan. She has served on a number of policy committees dealing with education. A member of the Sharon SDA Church in Inkster, Shelton is married with four adult children. She is a native of Greenville, South Carolina.

**CLORA BROWN WARREN:
COMMUNITY SERVICE LEADER**

Clora Brown Warren of Chicago, Illinois, has been actively involved in a community service project to help

senior citizens and needy members since 1981. Once a week she serves as a disaster representative volunteer for the Red Cross Disaster Unit, which allows her to enter the homes of the needy and minister to their physical and spiritual needs.

Warren is a member of the Beacon of Joy church in Chicago, where she serves as deaconess and Community Services leader. Since her conversion in 1973, she has been instrumental in bringing her sister, brother-in-law and three of their children to the church. She also witnessed to three other nephews and a niece, who were baptized and now attend Shiloh Academy in Chicago.



Clora Brown Warren.

**ESTHER JULIA ANGELINE
SKINNER-LOWE: EDUCATOR**

Esther Julia Angeline Skinner-Lowe of Detroit, Michigan, is a lecturer, educator and world traveler who has touched many people through her work. She received her advanced degrees from Wayne State University in Detroit and taught in the Detroit Public School System for 37 years. For thirteen of those years she was part of the special education department.

Lowe has faithfully served the Seventh-day Adventist Church in various capacities. In 1967 she was elected the first woman to serve on the Oakwood College Board. In 1975 she was appointed to serve a five-year term on the General Conference Executive Committee. In that same year she wrote her autobiography and was the recipient of Senate Resolution No. 115 from the state of Michigan for her work as an educator, lecturer, world traveler and humanitarian.

Lowe helped to plan the erection of the Pater school, now Peterson-Warren

Academy in Detroit, and was its first board chairperson. In addition, she was one of nine persons who helped organize the Victory Loan and Investment Company. This company was the first of its kind organized and owned by black people.

She was an active member and president of the Patrons of the Arts. This organization introduced to Detroit such artists as Paul Robeson, Marion Anderson, William Warfield, Leontyne Price and many others. Lowe served on the boards of the N.A.A.C.P. and Y.W.C.A. for several years.

**LILLIE B. DOUGLASS:
HUMANITARIAN**

Lillie B. Douglass, humanitarian and church leader, has been a member of the Ecorse SDA Church in Ecorse, Michigan, since 1961. Throughout the years she has worked as a deaconess and Investment and Community Services leader.

She is a gifted organizer who is deeply concerned about people. Because of her efforts, 100 food baskets are given away each week to needy families. She supervises a monthly clothing "give-away." The government cheese program is stationed at the church and the local Social Service Department calls often for her help in meeting the needs of the people of Ecorse.



Thelma B. Harris.

HARRIS HONORED

Thelma Harris received a plaque from the Shiloh Academy School Board for twenty years of service to the school. Harris recently retired and is now enjoying her home. She is missed by both the faculty members and student body of the Shiloh Academy.



Anette Mobley.

ANETTE MOBLEY: NURSE AND CHURCH TREASURER

Anette Mobley is a nurse by profession and church treasurer by dedication. She has served as treasurer for the Capital City SDA Church in Albany, New York, for many years.

She has proven to be an excellent financial manager for the church. There were times it seemed that it would be impossible to satisfy the church's creditors, but through wisdom, expertise and the Lord, she has met every financial crisis.



Dora Burkett.

DORA BURKETT: MOTHER AND BUSINESSWOMAN

Dora Burkett of the Capital City SDA Church in Albany, New York, is noted for her active role in the church and community. She serves as a deaconess in the church. Within her community she is known for distributing food and clothes to the needy.

Burkett is the co-operator of the newly formed Western and Lake Health Food Center. This is the area's largest health food store. She is the mother of ten children and the grandmother of twelve.



Adele Hickman.

ADELE HICKMAN: CHURCH MOTHER

Adele Hickman was one of the original seventeen members who started the Eastside SDA Church, now known as the Emmanuel Seventh-day Adventist Church in Buffalo, New York. Hickman has faithfully discharged her duties as Sabbath school teacher, choir member, deaconess and leader of the Tuesday night and early morning prayer band.

Hickman has financially supported many young people in their quest for a Christian education. She is known as the "Mother of Emmanuel Temple" for having served diligently under fourteen pastors and several conference evangelists. She has been instrumental in building up and supporting three church homes. If prayer or an encouraging word is needed, see Adele Hickman, since her prayers go through on an express line.

BERNICE BUCKNOR: FAITHFUL CHURCH WORKER

Bernice Bucknor, mother and grandmother, is known for her works of charity. She is known for her active involvement in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. During this time she raises hundreds of dollars.

Bucknor is a member of the Jamaica SDA Church in Jamaica, New York, where she serves as a deaconess and member of the temple choir.

ELIZABETH MARTIN: BIBLE INSTRUCTOR

Elizabeth Martin has served as a Bible instructor for nearly 40 years in many cities and states. Her greatest work has been in the Northeastern Conference. She teamed her efforts with her late husband, Pastor John L. Martin, an ordained minister of the church, and many were won to Christ as a result of their work.

She has worked with the Northeastern Conference since its inception. Martin served on the steering committee that led to the organization of the conference.

During her years of service, Martin conducted a number of training classes to instruct lay members on soul-winning. As a result of her work, many lay members are actively engaged in soul-winning. Before her retirement, she served for ten years as president of the Northeastern Conference Bible Instructors' Association.

Presently, she is a member of the City Tabernacle SDA Church in New York City, where she serves as Sabbath school teacher, assistant church clerk, assistant leader of personal ministries, church hostess and communication secretary.

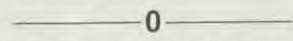
Martin has three children, Helen Griffiths, Sara Pinkney and John L. Martin, all residing in New York.

MARY LANEY: HARVEST INGATHERER

Mary Laney of the Emmanuel SDA Temple in Buffalo, New York, holds the distinction of being the church's "reigning queen" for Harvest Ingathering, having raised as much as \$1,000 during a single season for many years.

Her ability to glean funds for the church does not stop there. She has hosted many rummage and bake sales, sometimes working alone or with Community Services ladies to assist in fund-raising activities for the church.

Laney has been a faithful member of the church since the late 1940s, working with the Dorcas Society, Community Services, Deaconess Board, Sabbath School Extension and as a part-time literature evangelist.



For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from law and sin and death. *Romans 8:2*

**MARY J. FIELDS:
MOTHER AND CHURCH LEADER**

Mary J. Fields has been married for 34 years, during which she became the mother of two daughters and six sons.

In 1955 the young family listened at their home to the Advent message delivered from a tent meeting in Orangeburg, South Carolina, by Pastor J. M. Phipps and accepted it. In 1961 they moved to New York City, where they continued their faithfulness to God and the truth.

At great sacrifice, she placed her children in the church school. At one time she had five children in the elementary school, two in academy and one at Oakwood College. She attributes all to the Lord for making it possible for her to make it through. It was all in faith.

Today, she sees the payoff. Russell, Jr., is a local elder in the Coney Island, New York, church. John Allen is a minister of the gospel in the Allegheny West Conference, presently at the seminary at Andrews. Mary is a housewife and a faithful member of the church. James Thomas is a student missionary in Korea. David and Kenneth are in the U.S. Air Force in South Dakota and New Jersey, respectively. Januwoina is a nurse and church school teacher. Thaddeus is still at home.

Mary Fields, back in her home church at Orangeburg, is Community Service director, Sabbath school teacher in the Cradle Roll, Vacation Bible School director, evangelism leader and assistant treasurer.

**JOHANNA W. BROWN:
EDUCATOR**

Johanna W. Brown, a graduate of the Avery Norman Institute in Charleston, South Carolina, received her B.S. degree from Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina, and did graduate work in special education at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. She has taught for 40 years in the Charleston County Public School System. She is now retired and lives with her husband, Richard J. Brown, I, in Charleston County.

She is a member of the Shiloh SDA Church in Charleston, South Carolina, and has worked untiringly in the Sabbath school and church for 46 years. She has been instrumental in helping others to accept Christ.

Her son, Pastor Richard J. Brown, II, received his B.A. degree from Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, and an M.A. degree from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas.

He has been active in city government, working as director of consumer service, director of housing, and an administrator of the community center for the city of Antonio, Texas. Most recently he accepted a call to pastor the Hebron Smyrna District in Houston, Texas.

Pastor Brown is married to the former Audrey Stewart, who also attended Oakwood College. They have three children: Richard III, ten years old; Candice Nicloe, four years old; and Johanna Allison, three weeks old.

Her daughter, Melva J. Brown, M.D., received her B.A. degree from Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, and her M.S. and M.D. degrees from the Loma Linda University School of Medicine in Loma Linda, California. She did her post-graduate medical training in Baltimore, Maryland, and is currently working as an internist in that city.

**PATTIE LEE BLACK:
TEACHER/BIBLE INSTRUCTOR**

Pattie Lee Black is a dear and beloved member of the East Market Street Seventh-day Adventist Church in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Since being baptized into the church 40 years ago on May 9, 1942, Black has very actively served as a teacher and Bible instructor in several conferences and the cities of Cincinnati, Ohio, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Memphis, Tennessee, and Charlotte, North Carolina. While working in 1982 with Pastor Dennis Ross during a crusade in Miami, Florida, she saw 100 souls baptized.

Black has held every office to be held by ladies of the church. She presently serves in the personal ministries department, but she has a special fondness for Sabbath school work.

She and her husband, Pastor Eugene Black, an ordained Methodist minister (retired), have two daughters. Both attended Oakwood College and are presently Sabbath school superintendents in North Carolina.

The Blacks have six granddaughters, three of whom have married Adventist young men. Now there are two great-grandchildren, a boy and a girl.

Mrs. Black's motto is: "Pray, study the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy so that you may have a firm foundation."

Because of her Christian witness and example, she has been an inspiration to pastors both past and present, and Mrs. Black has a strong influence on members of the church.

**PATRICIA M. DAVIS:
MUSICIAN AND SOUL WINNER**

Patricia M. Davis is a member of the Orangeburg, South Carolina, church. She is the mother of two daughters and four sons. They are all dedicated members of the church: Steven is a junior local elder. Sammy, III, is a junior deacon. They sell *Message* magazines and distribute tracts.

Davis is the church pianist. Her boys formed a quartet known as the Davis Brothers. They are featured singers at youth federations and other church functions around the community and state.

Davis shares her faith by collecting used and unused copies of *My Little Friend*. She distributes them to families with children and at the same time enrolls them in "Faith for Today" Bible correspondence courses.

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Dr. and Mrs. E. Cleveland and Florence Cleveland received farewells from Hillcrest.



R. Wilson bids Dr. E. Cleveland farewell from Hillcrest.

THANKS TO THE CLEVELANDS

Hillcrest SDA Church members showed Pastor and Mrs. E. E. Cleveland with gifts and accolades as they prepared to leave Nashville so he could continue his instructorship in the department of religion at Oakwood College.

Cleveland served as interim pastor at the Hillcrest church for more than two months before the conference voted on a permanent pastor for the church.

A reception of appreciation was graciously and beautifully hosted by the hospitality committee. Pastor and Mrs. C. E. Dudley were present. Dudley gave words of gratitude to Cleveland for giving up his summer vacation to fill the spot as interim pastor of the church. He also thanked his lovely wife, Celia, for sharing him with us. Pastor Crowe, treasurer, and his wife Dorothy were present also.

Speakers included church officers Darnell Fletcher and Alvin Bass, who spoke on behalf of the elders. Bertha Blanch told how Cleveland had helped

her in realizing how important time is. She is now organized and can start and stop her Sabbath school program on time. Bobby Dunlap presented a little money tree from the ushers. Delores Grant represented the Master Workers Club of the church and assured support in a tangible way whenever needed and possible. Others brought greetings.

Richard Wilson, an "old-timer" of the church, shook hands and embraced Cleveland and told how much he enjoyed a series of lectures which brought in such renowned singers as Marshall Kelley, Charles Brooks, Wayne Newton, Duane Hamilton and others. "We had a good time."

Edwyna Chandler read a lovely poem by Helen Stiner Rice, Elmer Freeman made a presentation, Dr. Rudy Broomes sang a solo and Lucille Patton greeted the Clevelands on behalf of the hospitality committee.

After the program, there was lots of good food and down-to-earth fellowship. We wish for the Clevelands God's choicest blessings as they continue to labor for Him.

ORGANIZING THROUGH MUSIC

Antoinette Snodgrass Wilson had been playing since the age of three. She worked with the First Baptist Young Adult Choir in Huntsville, Alabama, as well as playing for and directing other choirs.

Cleveland Wilson, better known as Murphy, directed the Cappelle Chorale of Oakwood College, the Tabernacle Singers of New York City and other groups.

In 1971 these two dynamic forces were joined in matrimony and started working as a team with the First Baptist Young Adult Choir in Huntsville.

Then in 1975, D. B. Reid, then pastor of the First Seventh-day Adventist Church of Huntsville, was impressed to ask Murphy and Antoinette to get the young adults of his church musically involved in the church program. They agreed and began working with the First Seventh-day Adventist Church of Huntsville, along with First Baptist Church choirs.

In 1980 the Lord impressed them to turn all of their energies to the Seventh-day Adventist choir. They obeyed and within a short time the membership grew from 30 to the present number of 60.

They have performed extensively in northern Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia for many demonstrations and appeared on television and radio as well. They have also participated in several evangelistic efforts. Their most recent performance was a trip to the New Jersey Tennech church, the Linden Boulevard church in Queens, New York, and the Mt. of Olives church in Brooklyn. Their objective has been simply to sing songs to the glory of God and thereby encourage lost souls to become followers of Christ.

This choir has been a blessing to the First Seventh-day Adventist Church of Huntsville and has assisted many choir members in growing closer to the Lord. It is our prayer that this choir will continue to spread the gospel in song to many cities so souls may be won for the Lord.

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And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28



Keynote speaker: Pastor R. L. Woodfork.

BETHEL CELEBRATES FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

May 7-14, 1983, was set aside as a time of reflection for the Bethel church's existence from 1928 to 1983.

They reflected upon their first worship service in the home of Mathia Rahming, having as their first members Abraham Rahming and P. J. Farrington.

They remembered Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Adderley, who donated a plot of land for the erection of their first church building in 1938, N. G. Higgs, who gave them the first dime toward their first church and Veatrice Wright, who organized the first building fund drive in 1952 for a new location.

Under the leadership of pastors C. B. Rock, R. L. Woodfork and L. G. Rahming, and assisted by David McCalla, their present church building was erected in the year 1967 and dedicated to the glory of God in four and one-half years, paying off a mortgage for \$40,000.

In 1982 church members seized the opportunity of purchasing an acre of land with an existing building for \$65,000. The building is being used to house the lower division for Sabbath school and services for their Haitian ministry.

The church completed a \$40,000 remodeling program including purchasing a baby grand piano and an organ.

During this time of reflection, the church also compared statistics. During the pioneer years the average Sabbath school offering was \$.11, today, \$98; tithes and offerings approximately \$2, today, \$350 per week; membership stood at sixteen, today, 309.

On the first Sabbath of the celebration, the original Sabbath school minutes from the years 1932-35 in their original form were read. Their first Sabbath school secretary, Irene Clark, was present.

On the first Sabbath, Mayor John Calutti of Florida City was among their many guests. The mayor made a presentation to Pastor Young, honoring him with a proclamation naming May 14, 1983, as Ernest B. Young Day. This recognition was given for outstanding contributions to Florida City and Homestead and in hosting the annual Black History Hall of Fame, paying tribute to the many blacks in the county of Dade making marked contributions.

Keynote speakers for the week of celebration were Dr. C. B. Rock and Pastor R. L. Woodfork.



Pastor Malcolm Phipps of the Boulevard SDA Church in Atlanta, Georgia, delivers a sermon at the M. C. Strachan Federation convocation.

MELBOURNE HOSTS M. C. STRACHAN FEDERATION

"Some May Doubt, but I Believe" was the theme adopted by the M. C. Strachan Youth Federation officers for their annual exercise.

The Friday evening service was highlighted by fourteen-year-old Theodore Logan's sermonette. The singspiration, slide presentation and discussion on movie attendance brought the first phase to an end.

Smithy Murphy from St. Petersburg coordinated a lively and spirited Sabbath school program. The featured speaker for the eleven o'clock hour was Pastor Malcolm Phipps of the Boulevard SDA Church in Atlanta, Georgia. His spirit-filled message gave an inspiration to each to serve Christ more faithfully.



Federation platform participants: J. A. Edgecombe, president; K. Dennis, A.Y.S. director; Pastor Malcolm Phipps, speaker; Frankie Dawkins, federation president; Myra Richardson, secretary; Pastors L. Edwards, W. Bruce and others.

The A.Y.S. hour consisted of an informative oratorical contest coordinated by past president Diane Moore, a special tribute to mothers, an evangelistic outreach program that involved discussion of youth involvement in the 1,000 Days of Reaping, and a question-and-answer session entitled, "What You Always Wanted to Know but Were Afraid to Ask."

A volleyball tournament was held on Saturday night. The Gainesville A.Y.S. team captured the senior trophy and Tampa the junior. There was a beach party on Sunday to culminate the M. C. Strachan Youth Federation.

President F. Dawkins and the federation staff, in conjunction with A.Y.S. Director K. Dennis, did a magnificent job in presenting the territory with a program to meet the needs of all who were present.

SOUTHEASTERN ACQUIRES COMMUNITY SERVICE VAN

On Sunday, June 12, at the campground in Hawthorne, Florida, officials and members of the Southeastern and South Atlantic conferences dedicated a newly acquired van for the community services department of the Southeastern Conference.

The van, which is a mobile home valued at \$40,000, has been remodeled to fit the needs of the various services offered to the communities throughout the conference.

Principals for the dedication were presidents J. A. Edgecombe and Ralph B. Hairston, and pastors C. D. Henri and I. L. Harrell, community services director of the Southeastern Conference. Two senior citizens, Ollie Jackson (102 years old) and Brother Sanchez (age 103), were responsible for the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Katie Wiggins-Garrett and her corps of workers did more than 400 health screenings and tests during the camp-meeting period.



Pastor C. M. Bailey, who was honored at a workers' meeting banquet for 38 years of service.

SOUTHWEST REGION WORKERS' MEETING

The summer was long, hot and tiring, but in spite of the obstacles, when all of the twenty tent efforts had concluded and other meetings finished their evangelistic thrust, we gathered at Lone Star Camp for our workers' retreat.

Our guests this year were: B. E. Leach, president of the Southwestern Union, and W. R. May, secretary, pastors R. L. Boney, R. Hubbartt, H. Griffin from the Texas Conference and H. L. Cleveland. This team conducted a Revelation Seminar. This unique presentation offered new methods of conducting evangelism.

The report on evangelism was another feature that inspired the workers as well, for we discovered that for the first three quarters there was a total of 744 baptisms. The fourth quarter promises to give us the greatest number of souls baptized in the history of the conference. Ingathering goals were reported from Richard Brown, W. D. Lewis, C. McNorton and M. V. Singleton. D. Coleman and L. D. Henderson are the highest in soul-winning and will be sent on a Caribbean cruise.

In spite of the busy sessions, the afternoons were always reserved for recreation and fellowship. On Tuesday evening a banquet was held in honor of Pastor and Mrs. C. M. Bailey, with plaques and accolades presented to them.

Pastor Bailey has served the church for 38 years, faithfully ministering to the hearts of men and women in the capacities of pastor, evangelist, educational superintendent and conference secre-

tary. For more than three and one-half decades he served in the following places: South Atlantic Conference in the states of Georgia and Carolina, and the Southwest Region Conference in the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

Carl married Eunice Parker in 1956. She attended Oakwood College and has served as teacher in our church schools for several years. To this union four children were born—Jennifer, Carlyn, Maceo, Jr., and Cecil—of whom three are graduates of Oakwood College.



Pastor L. D. Henderson, who baptized 61 and is one of the highest soul-winners.



Mrs. C. M. Bailey.

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Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Colossians 2:8



Pastor D. Coleman, who baptized 111, was the highest soul-winner.



Pictured (left to right): Bonnie Jones, Bible worker; Dr. Anderson, treasurer; and S. Hall, elder, assisting Pastor Horton in baptizing a candidate.

FOURTEEN ADDED TO CLEBURNE CHURCH

A 1,000 Days of Reaping meeting was conducted recently by Alex Horton, pastor, and members of the Emmanuel church in Cleburne, Texas.

It all began in January, when the pastor and church board outlined special evangelistic units in the church. Each unit was responsible for bringing friends and relatives to Christ.

Members joined the evangelistic thrust for the month of May, and through cooperation, hard work and prayer, fourteen were baptized. The Cleburne believers are excited over the new addition, for it has increased their faith in working for others.

Doris Jones

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Goals for 1983:

Our endeavors in 1983 will be to complete conversion of the Accounting Records from the IBM Systems 32 to 34.

- A. Uniform Accounting Reports
- B. Prepare disk-to-disk Medicaid billings
- C. Management Reports



Junior accountants B. Kadakia and C. Reid.



Accounting and Data Manager E. Barr with J. Folsom.

We are also striving for better communication to all departments so we can all work toward the same goal, which is the happiness and comfort of our residents.

As accounting and data manager, I feel the year ahead has a lot of challenges that can be accomplished through teamwork for the mutual benefit of all.

Mildred E. Barr
Accounting and Data Manager



P. Volpe with L. Bernard, Data Processing.

IN THE NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENT

MUSIC, MUSIC—The Music Department of the Jamaica SDA Church in Jamaica, New York, will be presenting the Ebenezer SDA Sanctuary Choir from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and combined choirs in a musical program on Sabbath evening, December 17, 1983, at the Calvary Baptist Church, 111-10 Guy F. Brewer Boulevard (formerly New York Boulevard) at 7:30 p.m.

CALLING ALL NORTHEASTERN ACADEMY ALUMNI

The Northeastern Academy Alumni Association staged its first Homecoming Celebration August 13th at the academy. Alumni, former students, former staff members and present students joined in a successful and exciting program throughout the day. Every decade of the academy's history was represented by former students, graduates and staff members in Sabbath school, divine worship, an afternoon of academy history and the vesper service, culminating in an enthusiastic basketball contest between present students and alumni.

Officers of the alumni association include: Cecilia Hughes Sweeting, president; Richard Felder, first vice president; Jeffrey Nixon, second vice president; Barbara G. Williams, secretary/recording; Gail Norman, secretary/corresponding; Hazel Jenkins, treasurer; Jake Nixon, Jr., assistant treasurer; Michael Mayo, chaplain; and Edna Lett Williamson, consultant.

The officers are anxious to contact all alumni, former students and former staff members. Please direct inquiries and names and addresses to:

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NORTHEASTERN STUDENTS RECEIVE AWARDS

Holly Green, a junior at Northeastern Academy, received \$1,000 in cash and honorable mention from *Who's Who Among American High School Students* for an article she wrote in the June writing test given by the State Department of Education in Albany, New York. Holly is continuing her education at Northeastern and will graduate next June.

Alva James, a 1983 graduate of Northeastern Academy, received a \$75 cash award from *Insight* magazine for her article, "A Successful Failure," published in September. Alva is presently enrolled at Oakwood College studying journalism and working as an assistant to Dr. Dykes in the department of communication.



Participating in the organization of the new church at the West Hunter Baptist Church in Atlanta on August 20 are, left to right: Franky Lane (no relation to the evangelist); J. A. Simons, secretary-treasurer of the South Atlantic Conference; Joe Hinson, personal ministries and conference evangelist of South Atlantic Conference, who coordinated the campaign; C. D. Henri, retired vice-president of the General Conference; Oscar Lane, the evangelist; R. B. Hairston, president of the South Atlantic Conference; F. W. Parker, assigned pastor of the new church; Joe Houston, lay worker in Atlanta; and James P. Gresham, a preacher who came into the church during the Lane crusade.

HAUGHVILLE CHURCH GAINS FOUR MEMBERS

Three new members were recently added to the Haughville church in Indianapolis, Indiana, by transfer of letter. They are Victoria Moses and her two daughters, Lolita and Stacy Hawkins. In addition, Margaret Couch was baptized into the church.

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