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# Oakwood Progresses



### OAKWOOD COLLEGE: THRIVING ANYWAY!

Oakwood College is not just another institution of higher learning set up at the will of man, but at the Will of God.

That the College would undergo, according to E.G. White, "difficulties far greater than in some other schools" is but prophecy become reality. Yet, God has a particular mission for Oakwood and has promised its fulfillment.

The mission of Oakwood College can be expressed in six general goals; spiritual, intellectual, cultural, personal adjustment, vocational, and physical.

1. Spiritual: To provide a spiritual environment and religious instruction that will enable the student to reflect fully the image of Jesus Christ through emphasis on the development of character and talent, the nobility of ambition, the keenness of perception with sound judgment, so that the student is prepared to render unselfish service to God and man.

2. Intellectual: To provide academic programs and comprehensive curricula made up of a broad range of degree programs which will allow each student to acquire knowledge and skills to grow personally, socially, academically, and professionally, and to meet their needs and societal demands.

3. Cultural: To enrich the lives of community residents and students by serving as a cultural and educational center, offering cultural and recreational programs of interest and value.

4. Personal Adjustment: To provide opportunities which will help students identify, clarify, and develop their aesthetic, moral, and spiritual values and philosophy, through supportive student services and programs which facilitate growth and success in the academic, social, economic, and spiritual community.

5. Vocational: To provide for the students courses which will impart skills and knowledge in certain vocations best suited to the students' interests and aptitudes, while teaching them the dignity of labor through provisions of on-campus work opportunities and courses which provide field experiences which aid in their choice of a vocation.



*Dr. Emerson Cooper, a former academic dean of Oakwood College, assumed the role of interim president for Oakwood in August.*

6. Physical: To provide a health and physical education program along with recreational activities that will give an understanding of and encourage proper care of the body. Consistency in the teaching of good health is carried throughout the College's food and recreational program.

An education that develops the individual to his or her fullest potential is God's ideal for mankind.

Under the careful guidance and tender watchcare of the Master of Truth and Knowledge, Oakwood continues to thrive midst the turmoil facing educational institutions in these latter days.

*Oakwood is thriving administratively.* The 1985-86 school year officially began with the faculty and staff colloquium in August at which time the executive secretary of the SDA Board of Higher

Education, Dr. N. Clifford Sorensen, introduced a former academic dean, Dr. Emerson Cooper, as the interim president of Oakwood. As Dr. Cooper approached the podium to give his opening statement for the year, the faculty and staff expressed their tremendous support by a rousing standing ovation. Repeated applause throughout the course of Dr. Cooper's speech reemphasized the warmth with which he was received.

Dr. Cooper expressed his thoughts in a letter to the College Board about his interim presidency and made that letter a public document. Regarding the role of the interim president, Dr. Cooper acknowledged that the interim president has all the powers of the presidency with a limitation of time, only. Although Dr. Cooper would avoid making any major changes, he would endeavor to begin

immediately "to improve the operative efficiency of the institution while maintaining a state of high morale and an atmosphere of unity, stability and optimism."

Top priority is being given to the financial posture of the College. After careful analysis of the financial statement with the treasurer, Mr. Robert Patterson, Dr. Cooper concluded that while the College's budget needs serious attention, the situation is not a critical one. Thus, an austerity program has been adopted and put into action.

Another priority established under the current administration is that of fundraising through endowment. It is planned that in 1995-96, during Oakwood's centennial celebration, the College will be presented with a birthday present of \$40,000,000 in endowment. Toward that end, the Concerned Committee for Christian Education, with headquarters in New York, presented the College with a check for \$10,000 on October 12 as its first installment on its pledge for \$50,000 in endowment.

Endowment is not only a priority at Oakwood, but most small, private colleges

are challenged to attract major gifts for this purpose. Many UNCF colleges were given a boost in this regard when they took advantage of an opportunity coordinated by the United Negro College Fund, which provided a mechanism for them to invest monies in a special program guaranteeing a larger return than otherwise possible. Oakwood was one of the colleges that took advantage of this opportunity.

Also, just a few months ago, the College participated in an endowment-matching program the government was offering selected colleges. Oakwood provided \$500,000 which was equally matched, increasing the College's endowment to slightly more than \$1,000,000.

The deferred gift of \$50,000 adds to that fund and makes the Concerned Committee's contribution the first gift in the history of the College. This gift will be registered in the President's Donor Hall of Fame along with the names of each member of the Committee. Moreover, their generosity will never be forgotten, for their gift will live on as insurance to

guarantee the future of Oakwood in those difficult days ahead.

In accordance with the College's annual fundraising activities, about 200 volunteers on the campus will be dialing numbers across the country recruiting donors to give \$86 in '86. The phonathon, which will be conducted throughout the month of November, is expected to bring in an estimated \$100,000. The phonathon is being conducted under the auspices of Mrs. Minneola Dixon, director of Alumni Affairs.

*Oakwood is thriving academically.* Since Oakwood accepts the responsibility for achieving in each student academic excellence, it continues to evaluate the effectiveness of its academic programs. Receiving highest ratings most recently are the following departments: Business and Information Systems, Education, Home Economics, Mathematics, and Nursing.

Instructors receiving excellent ratings (900+ on a scale of 1,000) are: Gracie Monroe (Mathematics), Ronald Campbell (Business and Information Systems),



Oakwood received four 1985 seven-passenger vans from Toyota Town in accordance with an agreement which allows Toyota to build an access road on Oakwood's property.

Evelyn Tucker (Business and Information Systems), Ursula Benn (English), Jackie Palmer (Business and Information Systems), Emerson Cooper (Chemistry), and Sylvia Barnes (English).

Since 1971, the percentage of faculty members holding doctorates has steadily climbed from 31% to 45%. Most recently completing their doctoral degree requirements are: Frances Bliss (Ph.D./Education); Sylvia Barnes (Ph.D./English); John Dennison (D.M.A./Music); and Lucile Lacy (Ph.D./Music Education).

The College places a high premium on academic advising since students thereby may realize the maximum educational benefits available to them. Proper advisement helps them to better understand themselves and to learn to use the resources of an educational institution to meet their special educational needs and aspirations. The American College Testing Program (ACT) and the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) stated in a letter (August 1985) to the College, "Your efforts clearly indicate that your institution is making a real difference in the lives of the students on campus."

*Oakwood is thriving industrially.* Industry at Oakwood has always been regarded as an important phase of education which assists in developing well-rounded individuals.

Among the more obvious developments in industry, two include the relocation of

the laundry and automobile shop from the campus to a site along Huntsville's more busy routes, thereby gaining more visibility; and the agreement reached between Oakwood and Toyota Town. This agreement allows Toyota to build an access road on the College's property in exchange for the free use and maintenance of four seven-passenger 1985 Toyota vans over a five-year period.

Over the five-year period the new vans will save the College \$168,000 (plus fuel costs) and will enhance the value of Oakwood's property in that vicinity.

Although nearly 800 student jobs are filled on the campus, another eighty-three student jobs have been secured off campus as opposed to only 21 off-campus student jobs in January. These jobs give students valuable hands-on training that cannot be replaced by book-knowledge only. Thus, the student is better prepared to compete in the marketplace with actual experience in addition to his scholastic achievements.

*Oakwood is thriving in student affairs.* In August Oakwood welcomed approximately 500 new students to its fold. After the greetings, testing for academic placement, and orientation activities were over, these students were consecrated during a special traditional ceremony at which the chairman of the Religion and Theology Department, Dr. Benjamin Reaves, challenged them to bring to the campus the best of their lives and experiences and to

maintain the courage of their convictions.

Oakwood has consistently provided an opportunity for its students to develop leadership qualities by sponsoring student programs that are directed by the students themselves. Such programs are viable. These include: Religion and Theology Forum, Adventist Youth Society, Early Morning Light Prayer Meeting, Power Hour, The Spreading Oak, and The Acorn (the last two are student publications). These programs and organizations provide the highlights of student life at "The Oaks".

The General Conference Step-Up Program is one such program which purposes to train interested students for development positions within the Adventist health and higher education systems that has been implemented on Oakwood's campus for the first time. George Bartholomew of Houston, Texas is the first student to take advantage of the Step-Up Program. He was hired by the Alumni Affairs Office and has been named coordinator for the College's annual phonathon.

Also making history, the Pre-Alumni Council has reported that a record number of students, forty-eight to be exact, have signed up to be the contestants who are traditionally presented at the annual UNCF banquet. This is, no doubt, directly attributable to the fact that the Pre-Alumni Council is offering outstanding incentives in addition to the tuition-free scholarship awards. For instance, the winner (the one who raises the most money) will receive a 1986 Pontiac Fiero; the first runner-up, a five-day cruise for two to the Bahamas; the second runner-up, a four-day trip for two to the Bahamas; the third place winner, a 19" color TV; the fourth place winner, a microwave oven.

Moreover, one of Oakwood's students from Cameroon, Africa has enrolled in medical school after completing only his junior year at Oakwood. Martin Ekoumou represents the quality of student that graces the campus of Oakwood, gleans the best of what it has to offer, and moves out into the world to make a positive impact on the world on behalf of Christian education.

Martin, like thousands of other Oakwoodites, validates Mrs. White's statement: "The Lord has shown me what this school may become, and what those may become who go there for instruction, if His plans are followed." (Document 215).

Yes, Oakwood is alive and well.



Mrs. Willette Smith (left), Pre-Alumni Council coordinator, stands with some of the 48 contestants who will be presented at the annual UNCF banquet in March. The winner will receive a tuition-free scholarship and a 1986 Pontiac Fiero!



*Bernadine Archer—A.I.M. operator and seminary student—answered Warren McCombs' Bible questions. She arranged for an It Is Written representative to visit him.*

**WRONG CHURCH ON THE RIGHT STREET**

Carey McNorton—Pastor in Pine Bluff, Arkansas—received a call from the Adventist Information Ministry. A Chaplain said that Warren McCombs—an It Is Written viewer—would like to know more about Adventists. A.I.M. links people to a pastor within twenty-four hours or as soon as possible.

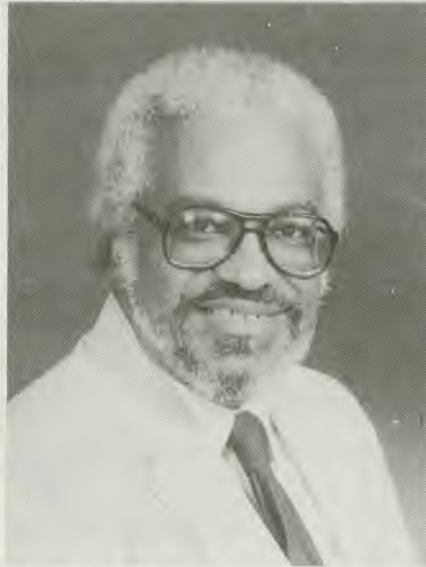
The pastor visited McCombs—Everything went okay. He even decided to attend a Revelation Seminar. McNorton was puzzled when he didn't show up the first night. He decided to reinvite him. What he found out was a surprise. McCombs had attended a Jehovah Witness Church.

By mistake, he had gone to the wrong location. The churches are on the same



*Carey McNorton—Pastor of the Northside SDA Church in Pine Bluff, Arkansas—baptizes Warren McCombs.*

# The Editor's Desk



*Dr. Benjamin Reaves.*

**OAKWOOD ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT**

The Oakwood College Board of Trustees met October 21 and appointed Dr. Benjamin Reaves to serve as the next president of Oakwood College. Dr. Reaves is presently the chairman of the Department of Religion and Theology.

As a result of a conference involving Elder C.E. Bradford (chairman of the board), Elder R.L. Woodfork (vice chairman of the board), Dr. Reaves (president-elect), and Dr. Cooper (interim president), it was agreed that the official date for the transition in the presidency will be December 8, 1985.

## SUNSET CALENDAR

	<b>Nov. 29</b>	<b>Dec. 6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>
Boston, Mass.	4:14	4:12	4:12	4:14
New York City	4:25	4:24	4:24	4:26
Buffalo, N.Y.	4:42	4:41	4:41	4:43
Atlanta, Ga.	5:30	5:29	5:30	5:33
Miami, Fla.	5:29	5:30	5:31	5:34
Charlotte, N.C.	5:12	5:11	5:12	5:15
Birmingham, Ala.	4:39	4:39	4:40	4:42
Jackson, Miss.	4:56	4:56	4:57	4:59
Memphis, Tenn.	4:49	4:48	4:49	4:51
Louisville, Ky.	5:24	5:23	5:24	5:26
Detroit, Mich.	5:03	5:01	5:02	5:04
Chicago, Ill.	4:22	4:20	4:20	4:23
South Bend, Indiana	5:16	5:15	5:15	5:17
Minneapolis, Minn.	4:34	4:32	4:32	4:34
St. Louis, Mo.	4:40	4:39	4:40	4:42
Kansas City, Mo.	4:57	4:56	4:56	4:58
Denver, Co.	4:37	4:35	4:36	4:38
Little Rock, Ark.	4:58	4:58	4:59	5:01
Dallas, Texas	5:21	5:21	5:22	5:25
New Orleans, La.	5:00	5:00	5:02	5:04
Albuquerque, N.M.	4:55	4:55	4:56	4:58
Oklahoma City, Okla.	5:18	5:18	5:19	5:21

Add one minute for each 13 miles west; subtract one minute for each 13 miles east.

street. He wasn't familiar with the neighborhood. Cars were parked around a church—people invited him in. McCombs thought this was the seminar.

He attended the wrong church on the right street.

McNorton drew a map for him. Next day, he found the right church—he started to attend every meeting. What he heard at the seminar sounded familiar. McCombs had read a magazine on Daniel and Revelation that Pastor Vandeman had offered on *It Is Written*.

He had called a toll-free number to request it. A telephone operator at the Adventist Information Ministry wrote down McComb's address. She answered his Bible questions and provided information about Seventy-day Adventists. The operator offered him a Bible correspondence course. He accepted. She also arranged for an *It Is Written* representative to visit him. A.I.M. is open twenty-four hours a day—they process over one hundred thousand requests for Adventist literature each year.

McCombs remembered the pastor's first visit. With a chuckle, he thought about the wrong church on the right street. When the seminar was over, McCombs requested baptism.

"He is a warm person to be around," said McNorton. "The children love him. I'm happy he found the right church. He is one of our ushers now."

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## ALLEGHENY EAST

### NEW PRINCIPAL HEADS PINE FORGE ACADEMY

Conrad Lloyd Gill is the new principal of Pine Forge Academy. He succeeds Wilbert A. Cheatham, who recently accepted an appointment as vice president for public relations and development for Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, California.

Gill, an ordained minister is a native of Western New York. He is a graduate of Oakwood College with a B.A. in theology and Biblical Languages. He also holds an M.A. in education from Atlanta University.



Conrad L. Gill.

He has been engaged in church related activities since 1957. He received an honorable discharge from the United States Armed Forces where he served a tour of duty in Yorkshire, Great Britain. In 1973 he was the first full-time black teacher at Andrews University Academy in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Since 1981 and prior to his present position, Gill was Youth Director for the Lake Region Conference in Chicago, Illinois.

He is married to the former Mildred Wil- lis of Buffalo, New York. The Gills are the parents of three children.

One other person has been added to the Pine Forge Academy faculty. Mrs. Iris Ogburn of Pottstown, PA has joined the staff as the head of the business education department.

### UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS HOLDS FIRST VBS

The recently organized University Heights Church in New Brunswick, New Jersey held its first Vacation Bible School this past summer in conjunction with the Health and Prophecy Seminar given by the pastor Brian Carter.

With an initial membership of just 44, the church felt gratified to have 20 children attending VBS, ten of whom were non-Adventist. Under the leadership of Joyce Jones, Ann Royster and Kristine Sawyer, the children learned to sing and pray to Jesus. The VBS was the introduc-

tion to the crusade and there are plans to follow-up with a Bible Story Hour.

Elois Simon was one of a group of dedicated laymen who came to New Brunswick from Bermuda for the sole purpose of helping in the Crusade. She gave special training to the children in signing for the deaf and the children demonstrated this in one of the songs they performed for their closing graduation services. One of the parents who attended the closing service became a regular attendee of the crusade.

It is anticipated that at least three or four children will be baptized from this group.

### MOISE ASSIGNED TO WORK AMONG HAITIANS

Leslie Moise, a Haitian evangelist from New York, has been appointed to work among the Haitians in Philadelphia. Since his arrival in June, the Haitian believers have regrouped and are known as the Jerusalem French-speaking SDA Church. They have moved into a small church, begun improving it and are planning a concert to kick off a month-long evangelistic effort.

Moise is a cum laude theological graduate of the Franco-Haitian Institute in Port Au Prince, Haiti and did evangelistic work at Beraca, Hebron and Horeb churches in New York, while doing social work to support himself. He plans similar work in Philadelphia and hopes to involve the Jerusalem Church in social help programs.

The West Philadelphia Church has been sponsoring the Haitian work in the city since 1981 and was happy to host the recent marriage of Leslie Moise to Josette Bedminister on Sunday, August 18.

### YOUTH DAY FOCUSES ON THE FAMILY

Youth Day at Sharon Temple in Wilmington, Delaware, focused on the family. The Youth Church led out in the divine worship service. Roland Carter, youth pastor along with Anthony Adams have been the two main spiritual leaders for the youth this past year.

The divine worship hour was coordinated by one of the youth James Cephas. The youth choir under the direction of Vera Tucker presented two inspiring selections. All of the platform participants were members of the youth church.

Prior to beginning his morning sermon, Anthony Adams requested that each member of the church sit together as a family unit. Reverently fathers found their wives,

brothers and sisters who were in the choir and slipped into the pew where their family was sitting. As you looked out into the congregation one could count the many family units of Sharon Temple.

Genesis 24:67 was the text chosen by Anthony Adams that set the theme for the morning. The importance of the family praying, working, playing and studying together in the midst of the turmoil in our world was his main emphasis. Each family rededicated and recommitted themselves to each other and God.

Charles D. Battles  
Communication Secretary

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They entered the sanctuary carrying flags and attired in their official Pathfinder regalia. They painted a visual picture of "Young Warriors for Christ" as they marched in double file. Joined by parents, members and friends, they recited the Pledge of Allegiance, Pledge to the Bible and the Pathfinder Pledge and Law.

Mrs. Daisy Rodgers, a Pathfinder staff member, gave a brief and thorough explanation of what Pathfinders in Action means. She stressed the continued dedication and involvement of Pathfinders to assist others. She also enlightened the congregation as to the major role Pathfinders will be expected to play in troublesome times because of their special knowledge of outdoor survival. This was followed by the club members' in-depth definitions of the meaning of the emblem, pledge and law.

The day's sermon was delivered by Elder D.L. Davis, Conference Youth Director. He challenged all to "Come see, Go Tell."

### **BEREA SENIORS CELEBRATE 1896 YEARS OF LIFE**

Baltimore's Berea Temple members with their pastor, Dr. E.L. Richardson recently paid tribute to the church's Senior Citizens. Their combined total years of life equal 1,896.

The members expressed their admiration and respect for these elderly who continually witness for God. They have served in many areas within the church including: choir, literature evangelism, Sabbath school, deaconess and pianist. Some are still performing.

Those honored were as follows: Julius Armstrong, 84; Lucille Brown, 82; James Camper, 80; Marie Craig, 93; Rebecca Clark, 87; Lorenzo Gaines, 86; Bessie Grifin, 93; Arthur Hardy, 83; Clara B. Jones, 88; Hattie Jones, 85; Mary Jones, 82; Arilla Keene, 85; Saphronia Lee, 86; Dorothy Lewis, 81; Margaret Macer, 86; Benjamin Mackall, 81; Elsie Mason, 85; Imogene McCleary, 89; Hattie Parran, 94; Edna Pinkney, 84; Eva Veney, 93; and Willa Bell Williams, 89. The total of their years equals 1,896.

Bettye J. Brock  
Communication Secretary

### **MEMBERS PREPARE FOR DISASTER RELIEF**

Approximately fifteen members of the Sharon Temple Church, Wilmington, Delaware, completed a six-weeks course in Disaster Relief Training that was conducted by the American Red Cross and sponsored by the Community Services of the church. Twenty clock hours were spent in discussions, lectures, dialogue, group planning sessions, films and video presentations that covered such topics as: Introduction to Disaster Services, Disaster Damage Assessment, Mass Feeding in Disasters, Health Services in a Disaster, Hazardous Materials Accidents, Radiological Emergencies and Shelter Management.

Mrs. Annette Ferebee, Community Services Director at Sharon Temple coordinated the classes along with the instructors from the Red Cross. Other classes are being planned to be held later this fall.

The Community Services is known throughout the neighborhood for the services that it provides for the community in the area of clothing and food on a regular weekly basis. One could stop by the church on any Monday morning and encounter a large group seeking services from the Community Services staff.

### **TWO ARE BAPTIZED UPON COMPLETING BIBLE COURSE**

Ten individuals received their certificates for completing the Come to Christ Bible Course during the divine worship service at Sharon Temple in Wilmington, Delaware recently. Mildred Wilson, Bible

instructor and Roland Carter, youth pastor, made the presentation. Several months ago the youth church began studying with approximately one hundred individuals from week-to-week. All of them successfully completed the studies but because of prior commitments all were not present to receive their certificates.

Of the ten who received their certificates, two were a part of the group that were baptized after the worship service. Several others took their stand to join the baptismal class. Pastor William Hall will continue to work with these new converts and provide the nurturing and guidance as they continue to grow spiritually.

Charles D. Battles  
Communication Secretary

### **NEWPORT NEWS HOLDS SUCCESSFUL REVELATION SEMINAR**

Sixty-eight people were in attendance for the first night of the Revelation Seminar held this summer at the Calvary Church in Newport News, Virginia. During the first week the average attendance was 40. As some dropped out, their places were filled by newcomers. Later, when the meetings were moved to another location, they still maintained their attendance at 40. Interest continued to grow and many of the students responded by bringing friends and relatives.

As the series progressed, church members and attendees alike reported rich blessings.

A grand celebration marked the closing night with a sermon by pastor, St. Clare Phipps, special music, a vegetarian meal and the awarding of the Revelation Seminar diplomas. Family and friends were invited to share in this affair.

As a result of the Seminar, 10 souls were led by the Holy Spirit to partake in the rite of baptism. Follow-up contacts show an interest in further studies in the book of Daniel.

Many members actively participated in this endeavor. Serving as the welcoming committee were: Carolyn Ratliff, Betty Talton, Mildred Mann, Meredith Jones, Theresa Robinson, Myra Walton and Vivian Coles. Tyrone Coles and Thomas Robinson were in charge of visual aids and other equipment. The instructors were local elders Fred Ratliff and Ernest Roper.

Myra Walton  
Personal Ministries Secretary

## CENTRAL STATES



Pastor Alex Bryant delivers the morning sermon.

### PARK HILL HOLDS ANNUAL YOUTH DAY

Park Hill SDA Church in Denver held its annual Youth Day on August 24. The youth conducted the entire church service as they served as ushers, elders and deacons. Aisha Peterson, serving as hostess, gave the welcome. The Sabbath School was conducted by Matthew Paris and Daryl Robinson. The speaker was Pastor Alex Bryant of the Community Church in Denver. The youth from the ages of 10-35 brought the music for the morning service. The day concluded with the Vacation Bible School program held during the AY period.

Gwendolyn Walker  
Communication Secretary

### PATHFINDER DRILL TEAM WINS FIRST PLACE

The Community Church Pathfinder Club of Denver, Colorado, won first place in the drill down held by Central States Conference at the North American Pathfinder Camporee in Camp Hale, Colorado.

Encircled by mountains, the treeless plains area accommodated over 17,000 pathfinders and counselors, from the 50 states, the Canadian provinces and many countries around the world field.

There were numerous activities planned for the clubs on the campsites and in nearby mountain towns.

This massive project took three years of planning and preparation by the General Conference Youth Ministries' staff and many church members from around the country.

Many pathfinders said they enjoyed the evening events most, when clubs came together and were seated on the ground in front of a gigantic screen with a stage below, that resembled a scene from the 60's, to watch the performers. They especially liked the laser show of the Creation Story. Excited, a pathfinder commented, "This is better than 'Star Wars', the movie."

### BABY DEDICATION

Dawn Patrice Bowmen, daughter of Dawn Patrice Bookhardt Bowmen and Alfred L. Bowmen, was recently dedicated to God in a ceremony at the Community Church, Denver, Colorado.

Pastor G.A. Bryant conducted the service and presented Dawn to the Lord. This occasion was witnessed by the congregation and was the first baby blessing held in the new sanctuary.



College Avenue Pathfinders.

### COLLEGE AVENUE CHURCH HOLDS PATHFINDER'S DAY

Elder J.P. Monk, president of the conference, was guest speaker for Pathfinder's Day at the College Avenue Church, Topeka, Kansas on September 21.

Elder Monk spoke on Christian hospitality. In the afternoon the pathfinders visited the sick members of the church and presented the AYS program.

### CHURCH BIDS FAREWELL TO MEMBER

Members of the Linwood Church, Kansas City, Missouri recently said farewell to Janice Thompson, a member. Mrs. Thompson along with her three boys: Randy, Russell, and Tony moved to California to join her husband, Elder H.L. Thompson who assumed pastoral duties there.



Elder James White presents Mrs. Thompson with a token of appreciation, as her children look on.

Mrs. Thompson a gifted and faithful member served as church organist, pianist and director of the children's choir.

Willa Mae Mosely  
Communication Secretary

### LUCAS FAMILY GATHERS FOR REUNION

The fifth annual Lucas family reunion was held in Kansas City, Missouri this summer. Ms. Jeffie Suttles, family member, teacher and a graduate of Oakwood College, with a Masters Degree from the University of Missouri at Kansas City, hosted the event. There were 50 family members present, offsprings of Lucy and Evander Lucas.

On Sabbath, the group attended Linwood SDA Temple for worship services. Later, the highlight of the evening was a presentation of the family's genealogical roots, which was compiled through five years of extensive research in the National Archives, Kansas City and many other sources, by the inexhaustible efforts of Mr. Jeffie L. Suttles. The findings charting Lucy Lucas back to slavery, were compiled into booklet form and presented to those present.

The culmination was a trip to Harry S. Truman Library and Museum, a bus tour of the city and farewell dinner at Ms. Suttles home.

Willa Mae Mosley  
Communication Secretary

### LINWOOD SPONSORS GREAT AWAKENING CRUSADE

Kansas City, Missouri will never forget the Great Awakening Crusade, held at the Linwood Temple. Elder James White, pastor of the church, preached nightly. Special features each night included: Bible quizzes, gifts and illustrated sermons on the screen and the song service prepared the heart to receive the message.



Health tips were given by nurses Gina Hill, Elizabeth Clark and Mary Mott.

Elder White's preaching was so pointed and plain that even the children gave their hearts to the Lord. Many of the new believers testified they had never heard the word of God preached with such power. Thirty people decided to become baptized members.

After the baptismal, Elder White appointed prayer partners for the new believers. In a candle lighting ceremony the new believers consecrated their lives to Christ.

Elders Lawrence Lucas, Donnie McClure, George Morrow and V. Roofe acted as associates to the pastor.

Willa Mae Mosley

### LINWOOD'S VBS ATTRACTS 47 CHILDREN

Forty-seven children attended a 10-day Vacation Bible School conducted by the Linwood Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. Mary Taylor and her staff taught the students about the love of God. Also, they were taught arts and crafts. Skilled personnel from the fire department demonstrated how to put out fires.

Rita Dysart, Crime Prevention department brought films and literature on personal safety. The Mast Ambulance Service talked about CPR. Elder E.F. Carter spoke on the dangers of smoking, drugs and alcohol.

Those who assisted Mrs. Taylor were: Helen Ashby, Ruby Barnes, Remeka Frye, Michael Weaver, Shirley Fordham, Jaquitta West, Reginald Frye, Ronald Cooper and Alice Thompson.

Willa Mae Mosely

### FEDERATION PRESIDENT TO RELOCATE

Frederick Hatch, President of the Rocky Mountain Youth Federation, who lives in Denver, Colorado will take up residence in Seattle, Washington. His employer, Prudential Insurance, transferred their company this past summer.

Mr. Hatch, an active member of the Park Hill Church, Denver, Colorado has served as youth elder, youth Sabbath School teacher and organized several youth-day programs, as well as the Rocky Mountain Music Festival held in Denver, last April. His wife, Patricia, served as leader of the Cradle Roll Division of the Sabbath School.

Gwendolyn Walker  
Communication Secretary



VBS graduates present afternoon program.



Mr. & Mrs. Fred Hatch with their son Fred Jr., niece and daughter Deja.

### SABBATH SCHOOL PICNIC BRINGS JOY AND FELLOWSHIP

Overcast skies followed later by heavy thundershowers didn't dampen the spirits of about 150 members and visitors attending the annual Community Church, (Denver, Colorado) Sabbath School picnic.

Superintendent Edward A. Collins, along with his staff said they wanted this occasion to be an old-fashioned picnic with lots of food and plenty of games for members ranging in age from 4 to 80.

The long tables covered with green tablecloths displayed a wonder of delect-

able dainties, to satisfy the palates of all.

Among the games were: volleyball, football, rope jumping, egg tossing, sack racing, tug-of-war and croquet. But shortly after lunch the rains came. Yet everyone had a wonderful time.

The next day, one of the visitors who had attended the affair, phoned to say she had never seen so much food or people playing together without having an argument.

The superintendent said he thought the picnic was a success and accomplished what it intended to give a well deserved fellowship to the members after the church building program.

## LAKE REGION



After a dynamic sermon presented during worship service by C.E. Bradford, president of the North American Division, Russell Bates, a former Lay Activities Director for Lake Region, now pastoring in the South Atlantic Conference, sang the appeal song.

### FOUR DECADES OF PROGRESS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LAKE REGION!!

On Labor Day weekend, the Lake Region Conference family and friends, came together in Cassopolis, Michigan, at the campgrounds, to celebrate 40 years of progress since it was organized as a conference. This was a weekend that will be remembered for years to come. The music, the preaching, the slide presentations of past Lake Region experiences, and the review of where we've come from to where we're planning to go, all left indelible impressions upon the minds of the constituency.

History reports, that Lake Region was organized as a result of a General Conference decision to designate the spring of 1944 as the time for a reassessment of the denomination's organizational structure for its work among black members.

Thus, on April 10, 1944, following a persuasive speech by Jay J. Nethery, then president of the Lake Union Conference, the Spring Council voted to recommend separate conferences for the black constituents.

The Lake Union Conference led the way in North America by voting on July 17, 1944, to adopt the recommendation of the General Conference. On September 26, 1944, the regional constituency was called together for a special meeting at the Shiloh Church, in Chicago. This delegation elected J. Gershon Dasent to the post of president for the newly formed Lake Region Conference.

Other officers and departmental men of this newly formed conference included

Fred N. Crowe, elected Secretary-Treasurer; Walter J. Kissack, Missionary Volunteer and Educational Secretary; Virgil Gibbons, Publishing Secretary; and L.B. Baker, Book and Bible House manager.

Though the establishment of a separate conference to direct the work of the black membership had been an accommodation, it has led to a rapid growth in church membership among the Black and Hispanic population.

The membership in Lake Region has grown from 2,500 in 1945 to almost 19,000 in 1985. These members hold membership in seventy-three churches throughout the Great Lakes area. Of this number there are five churches which serve the Hispanic membership and one church serving the French population.



R.L. Woodfork, Associate Secretary of North American Division, participated at the 40th Anniversary celebration.

During the school year of 1984-1985, 647 students were enrolled in the 8 Lake Region elementary schools and 174 students were enrolled in the secondary level in Shiloh Academy and Peterson-Warren Academy. Forty-five dedicated teachers take part in the education of Lake Region's most prized possession.

In addition to the teaching personnel, Lake Region can boast of its forty-one ordained ministers, and sixteen licensed ministers. Working very closely with the ministers are five dedicated Bible instructors.

Since the organization of the Lake Region Conference in 1945 into a full-fledged functioning unit of our church, the constituency has known six presidents: J. Gershon Dasent, 1945-1949; T.M. Fountain, 1949-1951; Harvey Kibble, 1951-1961; Charles E. Bradford, 1961-1970; Jessie R. Wagner, 1970-1977; Charles D. Josephin, 1977 to present.

During the 40th year anniversary cele-

bration, Elder Joseph, now serving as president cautioned the members by saying, "We now live on the brink of eternity of which our Savior mentioned the words, 'There would be no way out.' R.S.V. Our entire existence is one of repeated surprises that consistently point to the day of the ultimate return of our Lord and King. Where will we be forty years from now? Wouldn't it be a joyful occasion forty years from now to be celebrating an anniversary year around the throne of God! To this end I pray that we will work to make this desire a reality."

### THERE'S A BLESSING IN BEING BLIND

"There's a blessing in being blind."

What? No rational person can believe a statement like that. Well, Marcus Reid said it; and he has been blind for the past eight years.

No, blindness is no handicap,  
'Tis a blessing in disguise.  
God knows and does what's best for us

With His all-seeing eyes.  
This world's the stage, the heavens  
Spectators and actors all are we  
Free to accept, free to reject  
Parts written for you and me.  
Today you're playing the part you chose

Someday you'll know how well  
Our next role is in heaven above  
Or the fiery flames of hell.

For Jesus judges this show of shows  
And awards to all are assigned  
For part each played on Planet Earth  
There's a blessing in being blind.

But Reid hastens on to warn those who have the ability to see, not to start plucking out their eyes for there's also a blessing for sighted people.

He continues by relating the story that the Bible tells of a man who was blind from birth in order that God might show His power and glory through Jesus Christ by restoring his sight. The blessing to this blind man was that the first face he saw after receiving his sight was the face of his Creator.

Who is this Marcus Reid? Where is he from and what has he done?

Reid, a layman in the Shiloh Church in Chicago, is an 87-year-old blind man, who lost his sight about eight years ago. He has been a member of the Shiloh Church for 59 years. He was a colporteur evangelist during the early 50's and still found the time to transport school children back and forth to Shiloh Academy

for about 14 years.

Marcus Reid has served the Shiloh church well. He has held the positions of a deacon, lay activities leader, temperance leader, junior Sabbath School superintendent, junior church leader, and a teacher in the senior Sabbath School department for over 21 years.

Though he has enjoyed doing a number of things, he says his real avocation was witnessing for the Lord. He used his vocation as a salesman to get into the homes of Chicago residents. Brother Reid would take advantage of this opportunity to witness for Christ. His wife says that if he came to the home of a customer who was feeling discouraged and downhearted, he would never leave their home until they were feeling happy again and able to laugh.

Reid reports that more than 100 people have become members of the church because he took advantage of opportunities to share what he knew about Christ.

For some blindness may be thought of as a handicap. But Reid has accepted his blindness and he uses it to the best of his ability. Since losing his eye sight, he has been a guest on many radio talk shows where he has been able to testify of God's goodness to him in spite of his physical limitations.

Marcus Reid is a talented writer and he uses this gift to express his inner feelings to others about the character of God.

His contributions in the area of literature and poetry have gained for him acceptance into the Illinois Council of Fine Arts and the Chicago Council of Fine Arts. Some of his works have been published in a Chicago weekly newspaper, the Metro, and in a small bi-monthly magazine, My Father's House, published in Maywood, Illinois.

The question still may be looming in your mind, "But what has he done lately?" Let me hasten on to answer this question by saying that at 87 years of age, Reid is still actively engaged in his Father's business. He is still sharing his love for Christ with others.

For the past four years, Marcus and his wife, have been active participants in a visitation program at a Chicago nursing home. The only time he is not found at the nursing home bringing hope to the sick and shut-ins is when he is carrying out his obligations at the church for the blind.

Every second and fourth Sabbath, the Reids can be seen leaving Shiloh church to go to participate in a second church

service, the church that serves the blind. These services are held in the West Central Church in Oak Park, Illinois.

No, blindness is no handicap  
'Tis a blessing in disguise  
God knows and does what's best for us  
With His all-seeing eyes  
This world's the stage, the heavens  
Spectators and actors all are we  
Free to accept free to reject  
Parts written for you and me  
Today you're playing the part you chose  
Some day you'll know how well  
Our next role is in heaven above  
Or the fiery flames of hell  
For Jesus judges this show of shows  
And awards to all are assigned  
For part each played on Planet Earth  
There's a blessing in being blind.

Some folk are blind from date of birth  
And only God knows why  
To question Him is foolishness  
And only fools dare try  
Lift up your head whoever you are  
Your rightful place acclaim  
You are chosen of God to represent Him  
And glorify His name  
You have a part, a time a place  
You have a starring role in  
Life's real drama in this old world  
To help some sin sick soul  
When things go wrong don't get upset  
Be calm, be firm, but kind and  
Soon you'll learn and others from you  
There's a blessing in being blind.

If we were sighted this very day  
Noa telling where we would be  
But Jesus knew and sent His love  
To rescue you and me  
As parents will take a razor blade  
Out of their small child's hand  
It may hurt and cry awhile  
It does not understand  
But they know what result would be  
If left with it alone  
And Jesus does the same for us  
For Love protects its own  
Since none can write or sign his name  
In Book that must be signed  
Just put your "X" in Mercy's hand  
There's a blessing in being blind.

The jails are full, penitentiaries too  
With many that have good eyes  
And use them only to gratify self  
This act itself unwise  
We belong to God from head to toe  
No we are not self-owned  
Everything we have the breath we breathe  
His grace to us is loaned  
Should you desire abundant life  
Arrangements have been made

'Tis a bargain deal free gift from God  
How well he is defined  
Oh! Praise the Lord for not being stupid  
There's a blessing in being blind.



Marcus Reid

Here is one thing the blind must learn  
And that is to obey  
And sighted folk must do the same  
There is no other way  
A few of us have seeing eye dogs  
And they must be highly trained  
But most of us rely upon that  
Good old trusty cane  
What if they fail, sometimes they do  
On what can we depend  
There's a ready Staff awaiting you  
In Jesus Christ our friend  
Who takes our hand, walks by our side  
Never ever lags behind  
He's always there for all our needs  
There's a blessing in being blind.

I know someday that I shall see  
My Savior face to face  
The host from earth unites with heaven  
By His all-saving Grace  
That day of days when all knees bend  
And every tongue confess  
That Jesus is Lord and His name higher  
Than all of heaven's blest  
And I shall walk on golden streets  
With eyes that's bright and clear  
See for myself His hands, His feet  
That answers why I'm there,  
If closed your eyes, open up your heart  
Inside this note you'll find  
Written in blood saying, "For God so Loved"  
There's a blessing in being blind.

—Marcus A. Reid  
Completed June 30, 1985



*Dr. Helen Vanetta Johnson speaks during Medical Day for Springfield Gardens Church.*

## SPRINGFIELD GARDENS HOLDS MEDICAL DAY

Dr. Helen Vanetta Johnson, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. George Sampson recently accepted an invitation to speak for the Medical Day Program at the Springfield Gardens SDA Church in Springfield Gardens in Queens, New York.

Dr. Johnson is an Adventist physician, born in New York City. Educated at Pine Forge Academy and graduated from Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, she received her medical degree from Meharry Institute.

She has worked for two years as a chemist, doing research on retinal binding protein. Presently she is doing her residence at Downstate Medical Center.

In her sermon, "If there is a God, why pain", an age old question searching for an answer, Dr. Johnson explained the phenomenon of pain in regards to survival. In spite of its destructive power, pain is useful in sending out messages to the cerebral cortex that something is wrong, and pinpoints the site of the problem.

She also referred to both physical and spiritual effects pain has on the body.

In closing Dr. Johnson stressed the importance of maintaining good health through sensible eating habits and exercise.

In complying with Dr. Johnson's message, the Springfield Gardens Medical Corp., under the leadership of Sister Winsome James is planning a training program for Church members that will begin with a course in Basic First Aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. It is our hope that these courses, as well as the church's annual health screening program, will help enhance community relations.

## HEALTH DAY AT BETHEL

Dr. Hugh Hamblin, SDA physician, was guest speaker for Health Day at Bethel Church, Brooklyn, New York on June 1. In his message, Dr. Hamblin emphasized that the world is in a crisis and that the signs of Christ's coming are fast fulfilling. His sermon was entitled "Herein Lies Our Strength". He spoke of Israel's journey to the Promised Land, their triumph and shortcomings.

Dr. Hamblin said that the Adventist Church needs to go back to the old way. He continued by emphasizing that the church should be stronger. "We need," he said, "to reach out to the sick, feed the hungry, visit the prisons and reach out to the lonely within the church, thereby fulfilling the command of the Great Commission."



*Elder John Guy presents New York City's Mayor Edward Koch with the Great Controversy.*

## NEW YORK CITY'S MAYOR WORSHIPS AT SHILOH

Mayor Edward I. Koch, one of America's most prominent political leaders, worshipped with the members of the Shiloh Church, Brooklyn, New York on July 27.

Due to the perseverance of Elder John Guy, pastor of the Church, Edward Koch, Mayor of New York, the largest city in America with over 7 million inhabitants, visited a Seventh-day Adventist Church for the first time. "I wanted him to see the Shiloh Church," said Pastor Guy, "New York's finest church."

The theme for the day was "What is the Church". Four specific areas were examined. "The Church at Study" was presented by Indiana Burke, Sabbath School Superintendent. "The Church at Work" was presented by Wanda Livingston, Associate Personal Ministries Secretary. "Church at Its Best", challenging its young people and caring for the aging, was presented by Genieve Layne, AYS leader.

Pastor Guy continued the theme discussing, "The Church and Elected Officials". He carefully explained Paul's admonition to the Roman Christians that the Lord appoints leaders and has the ultimate authority.

Guy further challenged the Mayor to use his office and influence to help cease the oppression in South Africa; and to continue his struggle for peaceful coexistence between Jews and Palestinians.

He concluded his remarks by presenting what he considers the greatest challenge facing the Church today—the training of our youth to serve in the world and the world to come.

"The Church needs a center," he pointed out, "where the youth of New York City, especially the Brooklyn borough, can be trained and also enjoy Christian education."

The Mayor responded to all the challenges. He promised to personally use his office and influence to find a suitable location for the youth of New York. The audience responded by giving the Mayor a standing ovation.

At the conclusion of the Mayor's presentation, Elder Guy presented Mayor Koch with "The Great Controversy". The Mayor presented Elder Guy with his best seller, "Mayor, An Autobiography".

## LADIES AND MEN'S DAY AT SHILOH

May 18 and 25 were Women's and Men's Day, respectively, at Shiloh Church, Springfield, Massachusetts. The speaker for Women's Day was Velma Brown. The ladies were in charge of the entire day.

On May 25, Pastor Arthur Morgan of the Jamaica SDA Church, Jamaica, New York, was the guest speaker.

A ladies chorale under the direction of Ms. Winnie Finch rendered special music. Also, a men's chorus was formed with Elder David Glover, pastor of the church as the director. The funds received from these programs will aid in the church's remodeling program.



*Velma Brown, Guest Speaker for Women's Day at Shiloh Church.*



Pastor Cox presents gift of appreciation to Elder Willie Bagby.

## REVELATION SEMINAR AT EPHEBUS

Beginning in February this year, members and visitors responded in large numbers to the Revelation Seminar at the Ephesus Church. Sessions planned were announced well in advance and were published in the media. Each Sunday and Wednesday night the instructors, Elder Lois Wesley and Pastor Charles McDonald, brought greater understanding to the Book of Revelation through diligent preparation and the use of the Seminar study guides. Their inspired presentations seemed to make the pages "live".

Graduation Day was set for June 1. One hundred twenty-five happy graduates in white walked in and occupied the especially reserved center section of the church. The majestic strains of "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" by the Collegiate Choir (Homer Wade, Director, and Everyl Gibson, organist), set the tone for the service.

Pastor Leon G. Cox developed an outstanding sermon from the Book of Revelation. The importance of this Book in earth's history was emphasized. Some highlights of this sermon were the urgency of the message of Revelation 18:4; the promise of II Cor. 6:17,18; and the encouragement proffered to those in the valley of decision in the texts, John 14:15,16 and John 13:17.

The excited graduates received their certificates with thankful hearts, for they had studied long and well.

In appreciation presentations were made to both instructors and to Elder Willie Bagby who had initiated the suggestion to conduct a Revelation Seminar at Ephesus and who subsequently assumed major responsibility for ordering and distributing supplies. The entire Seminar staff of assistants, treasurer, secretaries, and hostesses cooperated fully.

Already there have been baptisms and more are anticipated.

### Typical Seminar Impressions:

**Willie Byrd:** "Each Wednesday night the Seminar got better and better. I even turned off my television because I had lessons to do."

**Lauvinia White:** "I brought my co-worker with me . . . She understands fully."

**Rose Marie Banion:** "It's been quite an experience. I've decided to send lessons to my family in Panama and Costa Rica."

**Mavis Manderson:** "Praise the Lord! My eyes are opened: no turning back! I feel blessed now that I know what Revelation means."

**Daphne Belisle:** "This Message is real! It's God's Word! My daughter was here; my sister, a Catholic, came and appreciated it. I've visited many churches. The beautiful fellowship in this Church—no church has it."

Already plans are in the making for a Fall Revelation Seminar in October with special emphasis on community friends as attendees. Your prayers are solicited for a rich harvest of souls.

Muriel R. Hutchins  
Correspondent

### IN TRANSITION

#### Franco-Haitian Workers

**Luc Homicile**, from Temple Salem and Philadelphie, to Hebron. **Serge Lamour**, to Hebron (Associate). **Marc Thevenin**, from Bethanie, to Horeb. **Eddie LaGuerre**, from Maranatha/Beraca (Associate), to Bethanie. **Vilner Louis**, to Beraca and Emmanuel Mission.

#### Hispanic Workers

**Santiago Mejia**, from Apocalipsis "14" and Primera, to Maranatha Hispanic and Hartford Mission. **Roberto Reyna**, from Maranatha Hispanic and Hartford Mission, to Apocalipsis "14" and Primera.

### SDA WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION HONORS ROSA LEE JONES

Rosa Lee Jones, retired Bible Instructor for Northeastern Conference, was one of four women honored by the Association of Adventist Women (AAW) and the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The Church Life Award went to Mrs. Jones who resides in Corona, New York. Noting that the "world would be weaker and worse without women," Leon Cox, who pastors the Manhattan Ephesus Church of nearly 2,000 members, said, "The heavenly calculator still adds the achievements of Rosa Lee Jones. Though

retired, she still works on, as Paul said, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Credited with "introducing more than a thousand people to Jesus Christ", Cox said, "Rosa Lee gives all the power and honor and glory to God. What she has done for Him here is only a partial transcript."

Jones was escorted by her son, Frederick, who said that he represented all the children of one who "is our woman of all years".

Making the presentations for Adventist Association of Women was Betty Howard, dean of students at Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland. Warren Banfield, Field Secretary for the General Conference, spoke in behalf of Adventist Church leadership for North America.

### NEWS NOTES

For a number of weeks Elder Hope Ashameade, pastor of the Flatbush Seventh-day Church, Brooklyn, New York has been working with the Personal Ministries department in organizing soul winning projects. Over 2,000 copies of literature have been distributed, and bi-monthly visits are being made to the Dover Nursing Home in Brooklyn.

Through this medium 16 members were enrolled in a free Bible course, "The Bible Says"; others received message magazines sponsored by church members.

On July 27, 1985 six precious souls were baptized making a total of thirty new members added to the church this year. A call was made that Sabbath afternoon. Ten persons stood, indicating their desire for baptism.

### NEWS NOTE

The Jamaica Church and the Jamaica Hispanic Church both located in Jamaica (Queens), New York held a joint baptismal service on Sabbath, June 15.

### NEWS NOTE

The first Sabbath in May was the beginning of Friendship Revival Month at Central Islip Church, Central Islip, New York. The speaker for the occasion was Samuel Alfrod, treasurer of the Northeastern Conference Lay Federation. In the afternoon, Deborah McMillan presented a musical program. The entire month of May was dedicated to renewing old acquaintances with former members and forging new friendships.

## SOUTH CENTRAL



The Ebenezer Tigers, pathfinders club of Gadsden, Alabama.

### PATHFINDERS ATTEND NATIONAL CAMPOREE

The Ebenezer's Tiger of the Ebenezer Church, Gadsden, Alabama attended the North American Camporee, Vail, Colorado this past summer.

The pathfinder club chartered a bus that also transported the Mt. Calvary pathfinders of Huntsville, Alabama and the Memphis, Tennessee area pathfinders.

Mrs. Geraldine Shepherd, of Youngstown, Ohio also traveled with the pathfinders to the camporee. She raised \$600 for the chartered bus and purchased quite a bit of camporee equipment.

Karen Smith, the pathfinder's director, has worked hard to advance the club's standing. Each pathfinder is fully uniformed and has earned several honors.

The club was organized in 1983 by Elder Lorenzo Shepherd, pastor of the church. He has given the club tremendous support by scheduling workshops, seminars and Pathfinder Day.

Elder Shepherd takes an active part in the weekly meetings. He has sacrificed his time and money to help the club become one of the best in the conference.

The Tigers have the distinct honor of being the only club in the conference to participate in both the United Youth Congress Camporee, Atlanta, 1984 and the North American Camporee.

### CHAPLAIN SPEAKS FOR WOMEN'S DAY

Wanda Grimes, chaplain of the Regional Medical Center, Memphis, Tennessee was this year's speaker for the second annual Women's Day held at New Life Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

She spoke on the theme, "Women of Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." She examined the lives of such women as Ruth and Harriet Tubman and concluded



Wanda Grimes.

by charting a path of development for the future woman.

As staff chaplain of the Regional Medical Center, Ms. Grimes is the only SDA minister in Memphis serving in a non-denominational medical institution.

Ms. Grimes received a B.A. in Social Work from Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland. For eight years she worked in this field.

In 1981, she left social work to attend Andrews University, where she received a M.A. in Religion in 1983.

Ms. Grimes began her work as a chaplain in Virginia at a private nursing home. Next, she worked in a major evangelistic campaign in Baltimore, Maryland.

Following her work in Baltimore, she was accepted in the chaplaincy at Kettering Medical Center, Kettering, Ohio, where she received advance training.

Upon completion of this training, Ms. Grimes was hired as a staff chaplain at the Regional Medical Center in Memphis, where she now serves.



W.C. Scales, Sr., left, W.C. Scales, Jr., center, and P.E. Vincent combined their efforts to conduct a crusade in Birmingham.

### CELEBRATES 100th BIRTHDAY

Mrs. A. Steward, a member of the Longview Church, Memphis, Tennessee, recently celebrated her 100th birthday. To mark this milestone in her life, Elder J.A. Jones, pastor of the church, Claude Jones and Mr. Juanita Jenkins, Bible Instructor, presented her with a plaque.

### THREE HUNDRED BAPTIZED IN BIRMINGHAM

Approximately 300 persons were baptized this summer in Birmingham, Alabama. Elder W.C. Scales, Associate Ministerial Director for the G.C., conducted a meeting in North Birmingham for the Ephesus Church. As a result of his labors a new congregation of over 200 were organized. A new building has been purchased and G.L. Byars has been asked to serve as pastor.

In the Pratt City area of Birmingham, Dr. E.E. Cleveland conducted a crusade, over 100 were baptized. These new believers will become a part of the South Park SDA Church.



Pastor J.A. Jones, left, Claude Jones, with plaque and Juanita Jenkins, Bible Instructor, honors Mrs. A. Steward on her 100th birthday.



Members of the Cleveland, Tennessee congregation stand with Pastors Ben Jones, back to the left, and Joseph Milner.

### LAY PASTOR BAPTIZES NINE

Joseph F. Milner, lay pastor for the conference baptized nine people during a summer meeting held in Cleveland, Tennessee.

Just a few years ago, Milner journeyed from Chattanooga, Tennessee to nearby Cleveland and pitched a tent for a summer evangelistic crusade. A new work was begun in this dark county.

Last year a new church building was constructed for the congregation.



*Dudley Courts, Paducah, Kentucky.*

### **SOUTH CENTRAL HOUSING ENTERS SIXTEENTH YEAR**

The South Central Conference has begun its 16th year of providing housing for the needy. Its first venture was the Haynes Gardens Apartments, Nashville, Tennessee.

Since that time housing complexes have been erected in Paducah and Bowling Green, Kentucky; Cleveland, Mississippi; Clarksville, Tennessee, and one is now in the planning stage in Huntsville, Alabama.



*J.A. Jones baptized an inmate at the Shelby County Prison.*

### **30 ARE BAPTIZED IN MEMPHIS**

Two Bible schools—one held at the Longview Heights Church, Memphis, Tennessee and the second at the Shelby County Penal Farm—resulted in thirty baptisms this summer. Twenty eight were baptized at the church and two were baptized at the prison.

### **NEW BUILDING PURCHASED AT GULFPORT**

Pastor Vincent White and members of the Gulfport Church, Gulfport, Mississippi recently purchased a church. The congregation has outgrown the present building.

### **NEW SCHOOL BUILDING IN MOBILE**

Sidney Parker along with the church school board members joined their pastor A.R. Sander, of the Emmanuel SDA Church, Mobile, Alabama, in securing five portable buildings to hold this year's school session.

### **NEWS NOTES**

Elder Shelton Kilby baptized six people as a result of a crusade he conducted in Greenville, Tennessee

### **NEW COUNTIES ARE LIGHTED IN SCOTTSBORO AND STEVENSON**

Several years ago, Pastor E.C. Ward challenged his congregations at the Oakwood Church and the Mt. Calvary, Huntsville, Alabama to become involved in a spiritual outreach program.

They accepted the challenge and established a church in Scottsboro and

Stevenson, Alabama. Dr. F.S. Hill pastors both congregations. He sees his labors as providential leading because Stevenson, Alabama is his mother's hometown.

### **NEW CONGREGATION IN KENTUCKY**

Three years ago, Robert Edwards was assigned as an infiltralist worker to Owensboro, Kentucky. As the third largest city in Kentucky, there was no Black SDA church, Edwards' mission was to establish one. After many months of trials and challenges a new congregation of nearly twenty members was established.

Presently, the group is in the process of purchasing a new church.

### **FAMILY NIGHT IN JACKSON**

The New Heights Church, Jackson, Mississippi sponsored Family Night at the Alta Woods Family Center this summer. The activities included: skating, basketball and games. Refreshments were provided by the elders of the church. Hundreds were in attendance.

### **EIGHTY ATTEND VBS**

"A vacation with the Bible" proved a drawing card for the 80 children that attended VBS sponsored by the Alpha Church Decatur, Alabama. It was the largest enrollment the church has ever had.

Patricia Cohn and her staff daily presented a two-hour program which included: devotion, Bible class, arts and crafts, physical education and first aid.

Teachers helping with the classes were: Nina Davis, Edith Garner, Ethelda Malone, Maxine Ellison and Jen Davis.

O'Neal Davis, physical education instructor, was assisted by Bishop Barbee, Linda Bouldin and Alfonza Alexander.

Cooperation abounded on every level. Elder J.W. Jones, pastor of the church, helped with the tiny tots. Thelma Barbee provided the transportation and refreshments. Love Swoope was the music director. Ernest Witherspoon assisted throughout the program.

### **FAMILY RETREAT AT CAMP ALAMISCO**

Members of the First Tuskegee Church, Tuskegee and Marantha Church, Montgomery, Alabama recently attended a Family/Spiritual Retreat at Camp Alamisco, Alabama.

Elder C.E. Moseley of Oakwood College was the speaker. Elder Melwyn A. Mounter, pastor of the congregations, hopes to make it an annual affair.

## SOUTHEASTERN



Neighborhood children involved in summer programs held in Jacksonville, Florida.

### SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM IN JACKSONVILLE

Over eighty neighborhood children were served summer lunches each day at the Ephesus Community Center, Jacksonville, Florida from June 17 to August 31. Mrs. Georgia Blount, Community Services leader, directed this program as well as Vacation Bible School which was held June 24 to July 11.

Volunteers from the community assisted in these two programs.

### ELDERS' & DEACONS' RETREAT

Southeastern Conference held its 5th Annual Elders' and Deacons' Retreat at the Campground in Hawthorne, Florida. Over 300 persons attended this function.

Dr. Agniel Samson, Professor of Greek, Hebrew, and Bible manuscripts from Oakwood College, was the special guest for the weekend. Understanding difficult passages of scripture and interpreting a text for preaching were his main emphasis apart from his sermon for the divine hour.

The keynote address was given by Dennis Ross, Jr., newly appointed Stewardship/Trust Services/Ministerial Director. The elders and deacons were given first-hand information into the operations and needs of the conference by the officers and departmental directors.

There were a number of events that made the retreat special. Returning overseas worker, Clarence Thomas, of the Franco-Haitian Mission gave the Sabbath Vesper address; Mrs. Winifred Rivers-Allen, Harcord Rahming, and Melinda Sewer coordinated a musical program; local elders John Washington and Harcord Rahming gave morning devotionals,

and Joyce Buisson coordinated on Saturday night, an old-fashioned social.

President J.A. Edgecombe's final word of encouragement, directed to the local elders and deacons, was for a deeper commitment to the Harvest 90 philosophy, doubling our efforts for the Master. The strains of the theme song "When We All Get to Heaven" provided a departing wish.

### EDUCATOR HONORED FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Mrs. Eula Washington, principal of the Ephesus Junior Academy, Jacksonville, Florida, was presented with the Pastor's Appreciation Award in recognition of outstanding work and leadership.

Mrs. Washington has served as a Teacher for 10 years. At present she has been serving as Principal/Teacher in the conference for four years.

### CHURCH HONORS COMMUNITY LEADERS

The Thonotosassa SDA Church, Thonotosassa, Florida honored Pastor Henry of the New Jerusalem Baptist Church. Pastor Henry who owns the property and building where the members assemble for worship weekly, has granted the use of the facilities without cost. Also honored were Mr. and Mrs. Hodgen. Pastor Eugene Armstead of the Tampa/Clearwater district, was the guest speaker for the day.

### SICKLE CELL SCREENING IN CLEARWATER

Bethlehem SDA Church, Clearwater, FL, recently joined with the Pinellas County Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation in a united effort of sickle cell screening in the Clearwater community.

Southeastern Conference Community Services Medical van was staffed with two volunteer registered nurses who conducted many tests and provided referrals. Other services such as diabetic and high blood pressure testing were performed. Fifty screening kits were received from the Chicago Sickle Cell Anemia Association. Pastoral counseling was available to those desiring it. Eugene Armstead, pastor of the Bethlehem SDA Church was on hand.

This endeavor has promoted interest in the proposed Community Service center building for Clearwater, and the community is giving their support towards the fundraising activities.

## SCENES FROM WORKER'S MEETING



Dr. Normal Miles, Associate Professor Urban Studies-Andrews University—Devotional Speaker.



R.C. Brown, Secretary of Lake Region Conference lectures on Work or Retirement.



Southeastern Conference office staff ladies sing for Workers' Meeting. At the piano, Winifred Rivers-Allen, then starting left closest to the window: Patricia Allen, Asst. Treasurer; Myra Richardson, Secretary to K.A. Dennis/O.H. Paul and Melinda Sewer, Secretary to R.R. Brown/Dennis Ross.



## SOUTHWEST REGION



Herschel  
Hollie.

### GOD'S LEADING IN MY LIFE

My name is Herschel Hollie. I was born and raised in San Francisco, California. I did not attend church during my early childhood. I was baptized at the age of nineteen in a Baptist Church in San Francisco. I became very close to the Pastor because of my hunger for knowledge of the Bible. I did not agree with some of the interpretations of the scriptures. As I became familiar with the church and learned more about the scriptures, there were many things about the church I disliked.

I was drafted in to the army, before I gave up the church I was attending. After the service I drifted into worldly things. After five years, I finally started attending church service regularly again, this time a Methodist church.

I moved to Houston, Texas in 1973 and attended churches in many denominations. I was married in a Baptist Church and settled there. My wife started taking the Real Truth Bible Lessons, then the Voice of Prophecy and Amazing Facts. I studied lessons with her. We attended several of Evangelist Oscar Lane services at Texas Southern University, Houston, then the Revelation Bible Seminars. We were baptized shortly at Berean church, Houston.

I have felt all my life that there must be a purpose for living other than to die forever. Although I have much to learn about my God's Word, I feel He has led me to the church that serves Him. I am asking for prayer for my family.



E. Dudley—Special speaker at Southwest Region Conference Workers' Meeting, Lone Star Camp, September 9-11, 1985.

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM WORKERS' MEETING

The month of September is always the welcomed relief, from a long hot and dusty summer. It is also the time of year for the Annual Workers' and Teachers' convocation of the Southwest Region Conference. We met September 9-11 at Lone Star Camp, 200 strong for an opportunity for rest, relaxation and fellowship. Our guests included: Elders C.E. Dudley, S. Robinson, C. R. Pritchett and E. W. Shepperd. Elder Dudley not only conducted our devotional exercises, but conducted sessions on the pastor and his relationship to the church. He delighted the workers with his presentation on the history of the Black work, and our contribution to the spreading of the Gospel, at the conclusion, he was given a standing ovation. Etta Dudley spoke to the Shepherders Club.

The report on evangelism was thrilling and encouraging for the young workers, who gave accounts of their first summer's tent efforts. We conducted 20 Tent Meetings, and one year's total is approaching 700 baptisms. We expect to cross over 1000 by the end of the final quarter, Thanks to God.

Tuesday evening our Annual banquet centered around two retiring workers—Elder W. G. Downes, and Erma Williams, a teacher from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Both were given plaques, and words of praise for their many fruitful years of service.

Workers' meeting ended at noon Wednesday with all striking out in different directions after a splendid time together, and memories that will remain precious in years to come.

Doris Jones  
Reporter



Deborah, Cherrel, Pastor & Mrs. Downes, Roger & wife.

W.G. Downes, for the past twenty-eight (28) years ministered faithfully to the hearts of men and women, in the capacities of teaching, pastoring and evangelizing. He labored for almost three decades in St. Lucia and St. Croix, Virgin Islands; Louisiana, Texas and New Mexico. Elder Downes was born in Panama, and his educational background consists of: East Carribean Union, Midwestern and graduated from Oakwood College. He also served the Royal Air Force for five years. William is married to the former Florine V. Spencer, she holds an MA Degree in Education and is a retired school teacher. They have three children: Cherrel, who holds an MA Degree from Ohio State, resides in Alexandria, LA; Deborah, an RN resides in Atlanta, GA, and William Roger is a graduate of Southern College in Computer Science and lives with his new bride in Austin.



Elders & Deacons Retreat was held at Lone Star Camp, September 13-15. Dr. Norman Miles from Andrews University and M.T. Bascom from the Personal Ministries Department of the General Conference. Dr. Miles' sessions were on conflict management in laboring for the loss. Elder Bascom encouraged lay preaching.



Pastor M.R. Meyers conducted a tent meeting in Bastrop, LA this summer and started new work in that city. Among those who were baptized was David Bradley, a young man who Michael brought with him to the retreat.

## IN THE NEWS

### TRIBUTE TO HELEN DIXON JONES November 2, 1896-September 2, 1985

How does one measure a "good life" when that life has been completed on this earthly soil? Can it be measured by carved statues, magnificent memorial buildings, stacks of stocks and bonds, ivy covered universities, myriad degrees or any other of the material trappings by which this world measures greatness?

Nay — the greatness of a soul can only be measured by the lives that were touched by the rays of LOVE emanating from that soul.

In her own quiet unassuming, but determined way, **MAMA** has left a rich legacy to this world. No universities will bear her name, no books will claim her authorship, no flags will fly at half-mast, the great men of this world will not pause in silent homage or even note her passing, but eight children, fourteen grandchildren, nieces and nephews, beloved church members, many neighbors and friends will pause today to pay tribute to a gentle lady who walked this earth with quiet dignity.

Unlettered, she surrounded herself with learning and instilled in her family the desire to learn and achieve by her love of reading and her encouragement to ever reach higher. Poor in this world's goods, she creatively used what was at hand to weave a world of color, beauty, and warmth in her home for her family.

While Daddy provided the opportunity for work, it was **MAMA's** patient hands that awakened us early, before sunrise, to teach us how to work. In the cool of the morning she taught us to enjoy the rich taste of melon fresh from the garden dew before beginning the arduous task of separating the tiny okra or black-eyed pea plants from the encroaching weeds of the field and to be proud of the straight rows.

It was **MAMA** who took the vegetables so faithfully planted by Daddy and daily made them into delicious, bountiful vegetarian meals, unrivaled by the world's finest restaurants. The gourmet palates of her children today are fashioned not by "cordon bleu", but by **MAMA** at the old round wooden table in the kitchen.

As a fashion designer, she was unparalleled! Who else could refashion garments supplied by neighbors and friends into unique designer costumes. She and her

daughters were clothed beautifully by her skilled fingers and she sought to pass this acquired skill on to them.

Her quiet spiritual strength in the midst of turmoil, her love of her God, His church, His work and His Word leaves a rich spiritual heritage to her family. When age and illness pressed in and beclouded her keen, active mind, we treasured the times when her oral prayers were clear, direct and true to a Loving Heavenly Father whom she knew so intimately.

As with the Beautiful Lady of Proverbs 21, **MAMA** — Many women have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Charm can be deceptive and beauty does not last, but a woman who fears and reverences the Lord shall be greatly praised.

Mrs. Helen Dixon Jones leaves to mourn her passing six daughters and four sons-in-law: Mrs. Helen Friend of Flint, Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. Winphrey (Gwendolyn) Smith of Chicago, Illinois; Ms. Ruby L. Jones of Washington, D.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle (Vera) Miller of Davison, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar (Lottie) Harris of Otisville, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. Edward (Esther) Mattox of Landover, Maryland; two sons: Mr. Alexander Jones of Flint, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester (Mary) Jones of Detroit, Michigan; 14 grandchildren, sister-in-law, Mrs. Maggie Dixon of Chicago, Illinois, many nieces and nephews and dear friends, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Barlow of Owosso, Michigan. She was preceded in death by a daughter Pauline Taylor and her husband Eli.

Written by youngest daughter,  
Esther L. Jones Mattox

### OBITUARY

TITUS C. DUNCAN, born December 21, 1897 in Union, South Carolina to Laura Robinson Duncan and George Mack Duncan, died August 29, 1985.

In 1965, he and his wife, Margaret Booker Johnson Duncan accepted an invitation to work at Columbia Union College and Washington Adventist Hospital, Takoma, Park, MD, from which he retired in 1977.

Although he worked in many different jobs during his lifetime, his greatest joy came while working at Pine Forge Academy, Columbia Union College and Washington Adventist Hospital as landscape artist and gardener. Many young men learned habits of industry, self-reliance and dependability from him. The orderli-

ness and beauty of both campuses were testimonies of his love of God and his joy in work perfectly done.

Mr. Duncan was honored in a special called assembly by the Columbia Union College Student Association.

Surviving him are his widow, Margaret; one son, Dr. William Johnson of Columbia, Maryland; three daughters, Geneva Fordham, Pine Forge, Pennsylvania; Louise David, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Alake Ford, Washington, D.C.; two sisters, Malta Bacon, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Hattie Abraham, Cleveland, Ohio; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; plus many relatives and friends.

### OBITUARY

Sebert Anderson, husband of the late Daphne Rose Anderson, was one of two sons born to David and Matilda Anderson of Orange, St. James, Jamaica, W.I.

After receiving his background education in St. James, he entered the West Indies College in the year 1947. By 1954 he had completed his ministerial studies, and graduated with a major in theology.

He was now ready for his ministerial internship in which he engaged with enthusiasm under the able direction of Pastor E.C.H. Reid, between the years 1955 and 1956.

On his own, he launched out after this training period, having accepted ministerial responsibility in the building up of the Deeside church in Trelawny. Success attended his work as he pursued his goals in soul winning in Northern Manchester, and in May Pen, Clarendon. It was while he ministered in the May Pen area that their first daughter Donna Marie was born to him and his wife whom he had married in 1957.

Pastor Anderson had the opportunity of serving on the West Jamaica Conference Committee during his ministry in his homeland.

During the year 1961, he with his family migrated to the United States. Soon after this, he entered the ministry of the Northeastern Conference of S.D.A. With the zest previously manifested in his native land, Jamaica, he set about to raise up the Gordon Heights church in Long Island, New York. He pastored the Capital City Church in Albany, N.Y.; the Mount Zion Church in Hamden Connecticut, and most recently the Brooklyn Temple and Mount of Olives churches in New York City.

For two terms Pastor Anderson was invited to serve on the Executive Committee of the Northeastern Conference.

During his ministry in the United States, his second and third children Claudia Denise and Michael Hugh were born.

Sebert Anderson was a man of great versatility, and aimed at perfection in the performance of any task, temporal or spiritual. He was meticulous in grooming and dress, punctual and particular in even the smallest details of life.

One could not but admire his generosity, reliability and sense of humor; and his West Indies college classmates well knew that the volleyball game could not start without his presence on the playfield.

His devotion to his friends, and especially to his beloved family could never be over estimated.

He truly met the ideals of the following lines penned by William Cullen Bryant:

So live that when thy summons comes to join

The innumerable caravan that moves  
To that mysterious realm, where each shall take

His chamber in the silent halls of death,  
Thou go not, like the quarry-slave at night,

Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed

By an unflinching trust, approach thy grave  
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch

About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.

He leaves to mourn his loss, daughters Doinna and Claudia, son Michael, cousin Ryland Service, Sisters-in-law Hyacinth McCoy, Ruth Anderson, Olive Walters. Brother-in-law Carlton Williams. Nieces Joan Barrows and Yvonne Gordon, and the numerous church members and friends who always admire him.

## NEWS NOTE

Pastor Timothy Nixon, Associate Minister of the Hanson Place Church, Brooklyn, New York was the guest speaker for the Shining Star Pathfinders Club of the Shiloh SDA Church, Springfield, Massachusetts, June 8.

The Pathfinders Club has grown by leaps and bounds under the direction of Dorothy Bartlett and her deputies. They have sponsored a number of fundraising affairs to better equip the club. Uniforms and banners have been purchased and a band has been organized under the direction of Benjamin Brown.

## NEWS NOTE

Pastor John Nixon of the Berea seventh Day Adventist church, Boston, Massachusetts was the guest speaker at Bethel S.D.A. church in Brooklyn, New York on Sabbath, September 7, 1985.

Accompanying Pastor Nixon were his wife and 3 children; his 2 sisters and 2 brothers, Pastors Philip and Timothy Nixon.

The Nixons' visit could be classified as homecoming in that they all grew up in Bethel and their parents are also long standing members of the church.

Pastor Nixon's sermon was primarily geared to meet the needs of the family and the home. He placed special emphasis on marriage, particularly in the Adventist church. The Pastor referred to marriage not as a tool to be used to remain in the United States, or to obtain a divorce as soon as things go wrong, but an institution ordained by God and should be preserved at all cost.

During the Sabbath School period the three Nixon Brothers sang in a quartet which was overwhelmingly received.

## LLOYD E. LESTER— DIED SEPTEMBER 25

Lloyd Edward Lester, born June 29, 1952 in Nashville, Tennessee to Mrs. and Mrs. William E. Lester died September 25,



1985 in Birmingham, Alabama. At the age of nine he was baptized a member of Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist church. He served the church as Personal Ministry Leader, Sabbath School Teacher, Youth Day Coordinator, and an Early Prayer Meeting Preacher. Prior to his death he worked at Alabama Public Television Network, Channel 10. He was a poet.

Lloyd is survived by his parents, two uncles, Mr. John Willis and Mr. H.C. Willis; three aunts, Mrs. Kathleen Russell, Juanita W. Todd and Mrs. Edith W. Cassey, all of Birmingham, Alabama; and one uncle of Danville, Virginia, Clyde Lester and a host of other relatives and friends. Eulogy by W. Johnson, Jr.

Tributes were given by Pastors E.J. Humphries of Rochester, New York, M.E. Joiner of Nashville, Tennessee, Steve Small of True Life Baptist Church of Birmingham, Alabama, P. Vincent (pastor of Ephesus S.D.A. Church) and O.W. Mackey.

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