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*Falling leaves are
nature's happy memories
returning year after year.*



COVER STORY

THANKFUL FOR WHAT?

By Jonathan Thompson

"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

What is there to be truly thankful for this season? More and more the headlines of today's news, along with our personal experiences confirm the lyrics of the hymn: "We are living, we are dwelling in a grand and awful time." Let's face it, the world we live in is plagued by the ills of violence and terrorism, crime and corruption, illiteracy and superstition, hunger and homelessness, eroding standards and moral void, poverty and incurable communicable diseases, not to mention the perennial threat of war and economic uncertainty.

While these problems are by no means new to society, they have become more complex and perplexing with time. What is more, in our generation, each of these problems has escalated to a crisis level, appearing to be both uncontrollable and unsolvable. A couple of factors are missing from today's equation for working out a solution to these problems. What are those factors? A clear moral consciousness and

a sense of community, linking the advantaged with the disadvantaged, are missing.

Today's state of affairs should come as no surprise, though, for a crisis is inevitable when society is lacking in credible leaders and laudable heroes. A crisis is inevitable when the leading "Christian," "civilized" nation had a dearth of noble, enduring values and an abundance of decadent, tarnished institutions. A crisis is inevitable when people are motivated by greed, divided by pride stymied by tradition, polarized by vested interests, torn by hidden agendas and immobilized by fear. We are living in an "awful time."

Nevertheless, someone has accurately quipped that every moment of crisis is also a moment of opportunity. In other words, the crises of our age present us with opportunities to rise to its challenges. Our crises are opportunities for us to lay aside our differences, come together and pool our resources in order to stem the tide of evil rushing in upon all of us. Our crises are opportunities for Christian love to roll up its sleeves, for Christian compassion to go to work, and for Christian faith to spring into action. Our crises are opportunities to show off the transforming power of the gospel, and the relevance of Jesus Christ. Our crises are opportunities to blend our God-given wisdom, our creative skills, and our special gifts to improve the quality

of life around us. Like no other generation before us, we have an opportunity to demonstrate that the God of miracles, the God of blessings, the God of deliverance and the God of hope is alive and well in the midst of His people. And so we are not merely living in "awful times," these are also "grand times" as well.

During this season, we often reflect on the event which gave birth to our celebration of Thanksgiving. This national day of festivities dates back to the first settlers from Europe. After three centuries, however, the circumstances around which we gather at the Thanksgiving table have changed considerably. What we still have in common with the pilgrims who started this American tradition is opportunity. When the pilgrims came to these shores, they were feeling the tyrannies of an unenlightened monarchy and an avaricious aristocracy. But they were also pursuing religious, economic and social liberties which they had not enjoyed in their mother country. For them, the American wilderness was a land of opportunity.

Evidently the first settlers were thankful for something, hence the celebration. But, in retrospect, one wonders, thankful to whom, and for what? Was it thankfulness for survival, for food or for friendly relations with the native Indians? Whatever it was



We thank the Lord for daily food and the bounties of life.



We are thankful to God for the beauties of nature.

that spawned their celebration, the gratitude expressed by these pilgrims was limited in scope and short-lived. They were thankful enough to prepare a feast, but not enough to accept as neighbors and fellow-residents those whose race and religious persuasion differed from theirs. They were thankful enough to throw a big celebration, but not enough to treat Indians and Blacks as equals, as they desired to be treated.

But what about us? Often our spirit of gratitude is limited and short-lived as well. We tend to be exclusive in our expressions of thanks. Usually we limit our celebrations to members of our families and our churches. Moreover, these ceremonies and rituals are seasonal. Our practice regarding this holiday raises the question again, thankful to whom, and for what? Shouldn't our thankfulness be to God from whom all blessings and opportunities flow? But then, our thankfulness to God is best expressed to those fellow beings who are in need. This is the "thankfulness ethic" Jesus espoused, "What ever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40 NIV)

The motivation behind our gratitude should reach far beyond our food, our families, our lives and our prosperity. This is essential so that our expressions of thanks will rise above the over indulgence and excesses which have traditionally

characterized our holiday family gatherings. Conversely, if we are thankful for opportunities to help those in need, we can improve the quality of life in our world, and at the same time have celebrations which unify us rather than separate us. By focusing on opportunities, we can engage in celebrations which broaden our circles of fellowship rather than restrict them. An awareness of our opportunities can help us build bridges touching those afflicted by pain, alienated by privation and estranged by disadvantage.

To be truly meaningful, our expressions of gratitude must transcend exclusiveness. If our primary reason for being thankful this season is having a family, then orphans have no reason to be thankful. If our uppermost motivation for celebrating Thanksgiving is having food on our tables, then the hungry have no motivation for being thankful. If our main source of gratitude is having a home, the homeless have no reason to be grateful. If our root cause of thankfulness is wealth and prosperity, then the poor have no cause for being thankful.

On the other hand, thankfulness for opportunities unites those victimized by the crises of our age with those possessing resources to help solve those crises. This Thanksgiving, our expressions of gratitude should transcend family, parochial, na-

tional, class and sex barriers. Why not express our thanks to God by helping those in need? Why not seize the opportunity of the moment and resolve to defuse the crises of crime, corruption, poverty, illiteracy, hunger and homelessness which plague our age and inflict so much unnecessary pain on so many people?

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PUBLISHER'S PAGE



E. E. Cleveland

PAT IS RUNNING

Today, Oct. 1, Pat Robertson declared for the Presidency of the United States of America. He resigned all offices except church membership to devote himself to full-time politics. But by enrolling over three million voters with fundamentalist "leanings," Pat and other Protestant ministers have guaranteed that the religious issue is here to stay.

To be sure, Mr. Robertson will not be the beneficiary of that vote; but the politician who promises the most will receive the most. That brings us to the crux of the matter. What promises have been made, are being made, and will be made? Are ministers being promised the enactment of religious legislation if elected? Are presidential hopefuls promising to sign these documents if they are passed? Our government is under constant pressure to abandon its "separation of church and state" posture. Thirty-four states have signed documents calling for a Constitutional Convention. Ostensibly the purpose is to achieve a "balanced budget." Behind this charade is the real reason for this pressure, namely the change in our church-state posture. Only two more state

signatures are needed to call such a convention. From this point on we're headed down-hill.

The United States of America owes its present greatness to the twin guarantees to its citizens of civil and religious freedom. The founders sought to set up a "Kingdom without a King and a Church without a Pope" Many of them had vivid memories of a church-dominated state, the cruel oppression and "bloodletting." By seeking to correct this in the new government, the founders of the nation obtained divine favor: its inhabitants could sing, "America, America, God shed His grace on thee." And He did! But now we're beginning to tamper. Pat Robertson has condemned the "separation of church and state" as "un-American." One prominent television personality labeled it "Communist inspired." Jerry Falwell and James Robison have publicly ridiculed the idea.

We need to remember that good men suffered to get America where she is in this matter. Roger Williams was driven into exile for advocating "freedom of religion" and "the right to be free from religion." But Thomas Jefferson and James Madison wrote it into the Constitution, and there it stands; and here we stand.

Only distortion and misinformation can make us barter this precious freedom away. Our present position must be crystal-clear. Men of any religion may indeed hold office of men of no religion at all. They may not, however, make their religious ideas the law of the land, or any subdivision thereof. Nor may a sinner be prosecuted for being a sinner. In short, some sins are not crimes. This is the freedom we now enjoy. May it last forever. There are some that hope not. Neither history nor prophecy is reassuring in this matter.

In the light of all this, what must be our posture? What should Christians everywhere be doing? I visited a church Sabbath, Sept., 5 that has an answer to these questions. At five o'clock in the afternoon over twenty members were gathered in a room reviewing last week's missionary activity. Each had a list of people who were being visited weekly. They delivered Bible lessons to them and helped them in their studies. There were four baptized while I was there and others are on the way. I am encouraged at the large number of our churches that are doing this. What's happening in your "neck of the woods?"

NOW IS THE TIME!

E. E. Cleveland

The Editor's Desk

CORRECTION

A grievous error was printed in the September 1987 issue of *Regional Voice*, which stated that Elder Laurence found 25 members and a "run down" church building when he went to Seattle in 1952. Elder William J. Cleveland documents (by photo) that he and Mrs. Cleveland built the membership in Seattle to more than 100 persons and housed them in a very decent edifice. We deeply regret the gross error.

CHURCH LEADERS RECOGNIZE THE N.A. REGIONAL VOICE

When the North American Informant Journal was dissolved by the leaders of the church in 1978, Black leaders felt the need for an instrument through which their constituents could be kept informed about the events and progress of the work of the church that had to do with their sector of the organization.

The North American Regional Voice was born. At its inception, the journal was looked upon with a "jaundiced eye" by the leadership and was oftentimes called a propaganda paper—a "Mickey Mouse" journal—a "Black paper." Financial support for the journal was refused, although requests were made many times for assistance for its publication. But the Lord blessed the publication, and today the Voice has begun its ninth year of sending news to the people each month. The circulation on a monthly basis is between 30,000 and 35,000. Today, leaders of the church consistently send articles to the Voice for publication. In recent articles by one of the editors of the *Review and Herald*, mention was made of the *Regional Voice* (September 3). Leaders of all groups must be able to speak to their people in their languages about plans, events, progress, changes, policies and blessing that have and are coming their way.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Nov. 27	Dec. 4	11	18
Boston, Mass.	4:14	4:12	4:12	4:13
New York City	4:25	4:24	4:24	4:25
Buffalo, N.Y.	4:43	4:41	4:40	4:42
Atlanta, Ga.	5:30	5:29	5:30	5:32
Miami, Fla.	5:29	5:29	5:31	5:33
Charlotte, N.C.	5:12	5:11	5:12	5:14
Birmingham, Ala.	4:40	4:39	4:39	4:42
Jackson, Miss.	4:56	4:55	4:56	4:58
Memphis, Tenn.	4:49	4:48	4:49	4:51
Louisville, Ky.	5:24	5:23	5:23	5:25
Detroit, Mich.	5:04	5:02	5:01	5:03
Chicago, Ill.	4:22	4:20	4:20	4:22
South Bend, Indiana	5:17	5:15	5:15	5:17
Minneapolis, Minn.	4:35	4:32	4:32	4:33
St. Louis, Mo.	4:41	4:39	4:40	4:42
Kansas City, Mo.	4:57	4:56	4:56	4:58
Denver, Co.	4:37	4:36	4:36	4:37
Little Rock, Ark.	4:59	4:58	4:58	5:00
Dallas, Texas	4:22	4:21	4:22	4:24
New Orleans, La.	5:01	5:00	5:01	5:04
Albuquerque, N.M.	4:56	4:55	4:55	4:57
Oklahoma City, Okla.	5:19	5:18	5:18	5:20

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

A WOMAN GOD CAN USE

The Bible record of God's people suggests a forceful emphasis on the worth of women, their excellent leadership abilities, their staunch working faith in Yahweh and their equality with men. Yet on the other hand there were social laws that suggested a degree of inequality. Because of the mindset and socialization of western minds we cannot hold some of these traditions against God's people of old. The family was of prime importance to the Eastern man and everything else was secondary or sacrificed for the sake of harmony.

Contrary to some modern theologians, women were not an afterthought or a correction to the error—man, but it was in the great plan of the Divine Trio to create man and woman. The Biblical account of the creation in Genesis 1:26,27 suggests that God's image was not complete in man (generic) until the creation of Eve. Many accepted this fact in the days of the Bible, and as a result many Jewish women were active, creative and vocal in relationships with their families, husbands and nation. However, it would be stretching the truth to say Israel was anything but a patriarchal society. This did not however, lessen the value God placed on women. Because even though society placed restrictions on women and their activities, the Bible record is clear that God placed equal value on both women and men. And it was certainly not His intention that a Christian woman be belittled because of her sex.

In today's world women seem to have to fight for a place on the ladder of social recognition and equality. But by virtue of her calling as a child of God, the Christian woman is a part of a larger movement. Jesus has already liberated her and by His grace devised a plan for her life. She has only to locate and follow it.

The inspired writings of the Bible leave no doubt as to a converted woman's ability to do God's work. Deborah's example in Judges 4 is a model of the potential in each one who has yielded to the hand of God. A gifted and fascinating woman, Deborah executed her duties with tremendous success as Israel's judge and spiritual leader. "Miriam ranked second in command with Aaron under Moses and later led a rebellion against her famous brother. Esther became queen of Persia and bravely thwarted genocide of the Jews. Huldah was a prophetess who was called upon to read

Kings 22:14-20) . . . Both Sarah and Rahab are numbered in the famous list of people of faith." —*Bible Times and Customs*, William Coleman.

the scrolls during the reign of Josiah (2

So evidently the one who gave the gospel commission in Matthew 28:20 also intended it for women. She would not be superior or inferior to man, but rather his equal toiling together for the salvation of souls. Because she has accepted Christ, the Christian woman, according to Ellen White, is reinstated to her former position before the Fall! No longer is she subservient or apologetic. The Christian woman does not promote herself. Nor is she brash or forceful as the women of the world. But rather, she behaves with a confidence that is pointed but charming, for her manner is flavored with that feminine grace that allows God's character to be seen in her. Thus she lifts those around her heavenward.

The prophecy of Joel recounted by Peter on the day of Pentecost, supplies additional evidence that God is summoning both men and women to the gospel ministry in the last days . . . Being called by God for active duty is a distinction above all. The individual is assured of God's leading by His continued guidance in life. Qualification for being set apart by God is not limited by gender, for God is not a respecter of persons, and He does not conform to our preconceived ideas or traditions.

Ellen White in "Evangelism" states, "There are women who should labor in the Gospel Ministry. In some respects they would do more good than the ministers who neglect to visit the flock of God." So the female associate in ministry is in the truest sense a co-laborer with God in the saving of souls.

The Christian woman is not restrained or limited by traditional concepts, but accepts the challenge of the Master who asks, "Who shall I send to tell them about me?" She depends ". . . on Him for wisdom and strength, standing equally (with the man) as advisor, counselor, companion, and co-worker, and yet loses none of her womanly grace or modesty" *Evangelism*, p. 472. Displaying His love for all and His special concern for women, Jesus disregarded certain social and manmade "religious" rules to lift up women, by friendly association with them. The first gospel commission Jesus gave (John 4:4-42) was to a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. Because of this woman's

willingness to listen to the voice of God, the work among the Samaritans began in her whose life Jesus touched.

The last words of care before Christ's death were for His mother, John 19:25-27. The privileged one who saw the risen Saviour was a woman (Mark 16:9). This meant a lot; she was a converted prostitute, a friend of the Master. He had not yet gone to Heaven to be with His Father, but He allowed a mere woman the remarkable right of seeing Him. So women are special to the Lord.

It is indeed an extraordinary responsibility to be a soul-winner with Christ; but there is a God ordained work for women that cannot be done by men. The author of "Evangelism" writes: "The refining, softening influence of Christian women is needed in the great work of preaching the truth . . . The Lord has settled it . . . in many respects a woman can impart knowledge to her sisters that a man cannot. The cause would suffer great loss without this kind of labor by women. Again and again the Lord has shown me that women teachers are just as greatly needed to do the work to which He has appointed them as are men *Evangelism* p. 493. But like the call of men, the woman who God can use must be willing to be obedient to the will of God. There is no place in the work for those who are frustrated because of failure in everything else. The church should not be the last resort. God desires us to be strong *first* before we can labor for Him. Ephesians 6 tells us unequivocally that we are not fighting with plain human beings—but with evil supernatural forces. Not just any woman can qualify for the Master's service.

There must be a demonstrated love for the word of God. To impart truth one has to live it. Faith in God is vital. One who does not live it cannot tell about it. "The story of Bathsheba in 2 Sam. 11:1-27 illustrates that a woman needs to maintain a clear perspective of the Holiness of God." She was raised with a knowledge of right doing, but she did not practice the teachings of the word. The Christian woman who would be fitted for service will serve one God—and Him only.

God desires that Christian women commit their lives to Him daily. The devil sees in women a tremendous army for the Lord. Combining talent with Godly surrender, woman will be able to move mountains.

As we reflect on end-time happenings and see the times ushering in the coming of the Son of God, there is a need for consecrated individuals to respond to the challenge of the gospel commission. Time and again we see how God has used seemingly ill-equipped individuals, transforming them into powerful instruments to be used by His Holy Spirit. As associates in ministry, women have been used in the past and God has promised to use them till He comes.

—Sandra K. Wilson

ALLEGHENY EAST



Raymond and Carol Cantu, along with their daughter Almeta.

CANTU FAMILY LEAVES FOR MISSION SERVICE

During the month of September, Raymond and Carol Cantu and their daughter Almeta left to fulfill mission service in Nairobi, Kenya.

Their new home will be Maxwell Academy where Ray will serve as business manager and teacher and Carol as Dean of Girls. Maxwell Academy is a boarding school operated mainly for American children of missionaries in order that their education may be comparable with American standards.

Prior to this appointment, Carol served as Superintendent of Education for the Allegheny East Conference. This position is now being filled by Joseph Dent, former Principal of Los Angeles Union Academy in California.

NEW SECRETARIES EMPLOYED AT CONFERENCE OFFICE

Two new secretaries have been employed by the Allegheny East Conference. Reather Cheatham, present secretary in the Treasury Department, replaces Mrs. Iris Ogburn, who is now the office accountant. Doris DeGuzman is the present

secretary in the Family Life Department, replacing Mildred Gill who now works for Pine Forge Academy.

Reather worked for the city of Philadelphia since 1981, serving as assistant supervisor in the main office of City Hall, Department of Records Senior Service. During this time, she was awarded Employee of the Year by Mayor Wilson Goode. Married to Elder Charles Cheatham, Conference Executive Secretary, she is the mother of three adult children.

Doris' former employment was with Standardized Test Scoring of Cherry Hill, N.J. She holds a novice class license to operate amateur radio, and, if you were to visit her office, you would also find that she collects elephants—facsimiles, of course.



Reather Cheatham (l), and Doris DeGuzman.



Elder B. W. Mann (3rd from left), Conference Treasurer, examines building plans, surrounded by local elders and pastors Gerald Wells and Gene Donaldson.

FRANKLIN CHURCH HOLDS GRAND OPENING

The Franklin, Va. church recently celebrated the grand opening of their new edifice. Guest speaker for this momentous occasion was Elder W. C. Scales, Jr. of the Ministerial Department of the General Conference. His message, "A Time to Celebrate," echoed the sentiments of the guests and members present. Scales had held Bible studies in Franklin during the initial stages of the church's development. Other celebrants included Charles Cheatham, Conference Executive Secretary, and Bennie

Mann, Conference Treasurer. They mentioned the conference's role in the completion of the building project.

Three plaques were presented by the church's pastor Gene Donaldson. They were given to Bob Turner, the contractor; John Anderson, former Bible worker in the area, presently attending Andrews University; and those designated as pioneers of the church: George Watson, Louise Watson, James Byrd and Rose Bird. As a further tribute to the last four individuals, the church's fellowship hall was named Pioneer Memorial Hall. The inscription on the plaque read: "For those who dared to dream and remained to endure."

Following a fellowship luncheon, Charles Cheatham challenged the 41 members with the following statement, "Now that the church is built, the work is just beginning."

This was followed by a celebration in music, featuring such artists as Mt. Calvary Gospel Choir, Williamsburg Sanctuary Choir, Murfreesboro Choir, Wayne McGill and Mary Linder-Pittman.

The church members shared a poignant moment with their pastor after the benediction. All the guests had left the church and the parking lot was nearly empty. Pastor Donaldson offered one more prayer of thanksgiving to God. One member looked gravely around at the carpet, pews, communion table and baptismal pool and said with tears streaming down her cheeks, "Pastor, to God truly be all the glory!"

Barbara Donaldson
Communication Secretary

BEYOND ALL EXPECTATIONS

Evangelism is the order of the day in the Allegheny East Conference. It is interwoven into every aspect of the conference program. It takes the form of tent effort evangelism, church evangelism, church school evangelism, Vacation Bible School, Prison Ministry evangelism, Youth Drug Crusades, Health-Temperance seminars, Conditioning Camps and personal evangelism.

During the third quarter, more than 400 persons were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Allegheny East Conference. There were nine tent efforts that resulted in more than 300 baptisms and hundreds of potential baptisms. Efforts were held in Asbury Park, Bridgeton, Camden and Newark, N.J. Other efforts were held in Philadelphia and Chester, Pa. In the Bay Area, an effort was held in Dover, Del. Baltimore, Md., was the site of a very successful effort. Washington, D.C. and Newport News, Va. were also effort sites.



Fitness for Life Campers gather for final activities of the 1987 Conditioning Camp on Pine Forge Academy campus.

Names of such men as Jose Melendez, Ron Edmonds, Walter Starks, Peter Campbell, Tim Henderson, Charlie Jenkins, John Trusty, Melvin Greene, Ebenezer Pedapudi, Gerald Wells and Thaddious Privette reached celebrity status and night after night they preached about Jesus Christ and His Second Coming.

While the evangelists were preaching, many families were being attracted to the more than 32 Vacation Bible Schools held throughout the conference. In Washington, D.C., Pearly Meeks' heart was touched while attending the Hadley Memorial Vacation Bible School. The 12-year-old composed a song about her conversion which she sang at her baptism.

A total of 1,227 certificates were issued to the children attending the Bible schools. Of this number, 1056 were not Seventh-day Adventists. In Franklin, Va., the average daily attendance was 91, more than double the church's membership.

In Philadelphia, Pa., the youth of Delaware Valley witnessed to thousands during the Delaware Valley Say No! Youth Fair and Parade in September. Using the media of music, testimonies of former drug users and pushers, the youth, including students from Pine Forge Academy, spread the message, "Say No to Drugs: Say Yes to Christ."

Daniel Davis, Allegheny East Conference Youth Director, led a gigantic parade along Ogontz Avenue to Broad Street. Thousands of pieces of literature were passed out. Seminars on drug and alcohol abuse and Stop Smoking Clinics were held at strategic spots along the parade route and at the fair. Many city officials and the police department gave support to the program.

Plans for future evangelism are constantly being laid. In Harrisburg, Pa., Pastor Gaylord Brown and the members of Hillside SDA Church held a ground-breaking ceremony at the site of their proposed Community Outreach Center.

The purpose of the center is to save souls," Brown told those gathered for the ceremony. The center will house a Christian education program and evangelistic seminars as well as youth programs.

According to Brown, the senior citizens of the Hillside Church raised nearly \$7,000 in six weeks. One highlight of the fund-raising drive was the Mr. and Mrs. Senior Citizen Contest, won by Clayton Washington, who was crowned Mr. Senior Citizen after he raised \$500. Alberta Scott was crowned Mrs. Senior Citizen for raising \$1,000. Evelyn Porter raised over \$3,500 over a three-year period and was given special recognition.

A corporation donated a truckload of new clothing to the church to help with the fund raising. The sale of these clothes netted over \$3,500 in two days.

Other plans for the future development of the National Pulpit of Seventh-day Adventists, a media project spearheaded by Charles Cheatam, Conference Executive Secretary, and the Philadelphia and Delaware Ministerium.

The Church Ministries personnel have developed a series of seminars geared to help the members who are interested in one-on-one evangelism.

In referring to the success of third-quarter evangelism, M. C. Van Putten, Conference President, said, "Blessings have been received beyond all expectations."

RECORD NUMBER ATTEND HEALTH CONDITIONING CAMP

Fifty-one persons, some from as far away as California, came to Pine Forge, Pa. as participants in the 10th Annual Health Conditioning Camp.

The camp, sponsored by the Allegheny East Conference Health/Temperance Department under the direction of Gwen Foster, was a two week adventure into the "Fitness for Life" philosophy.

According to Foster, "Some of the most unbelievable experiences have happened over the past 10 years. We've had people who have changed their eating habits and ultimately their whole routing and have been able to get off insulin, blood pressure medicine, etc. We've had them to come to the camp unable to walk without the aid of a cane or walker and leave using neither.

Some have come weighing well over their recommended weight and have lost many pounds. We've seen the depressed become happy. Parents have come with children and the whole family has learned a new lifestyle. We had a young man from Ohio come this year by taking all the money out of his savings and buying a plane ticket, because he felt he needed to change his lifestyle. And I could go on and on."

And indeed she could, for Gwen Foster is one of the best known health educators in the Adventist church. She is member of the Loma Linda University Board of Trustees, a doctoral candidate at the University of Maryland and director of the outstanding Pine Forge Academy Choir.

The Conditioning Camps are always held the last week of July and the first week in August. The campers reside in the facilities of the Allegheny East Conference on the campus of Pine Forge Academy.

A typical day includes seminars on health, at least two to ten miles of walking, plenty of fruit, a pure vegetarian diet and at least eight to ten glasses of water.

The camp staff is composed of health educators and nutritionists, usually numbering between 15 to 20 persons.

The Health/Temperance Department is making plans to expand the conditioning facilities by erecting a Conditioning Center at Pine Forge. A walkathon is scheduled for November 8 in Philadelphia as a fundraiser to help with the building program. The department is also planning an unusual evangelistic event to take place Nov. 22, called the Banquet of Nature. This will be a conference-wide program of feeding the needy with natural foods.

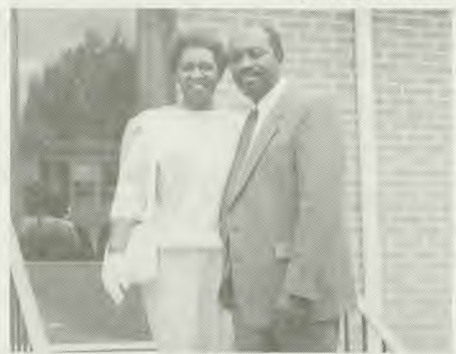


The 1987 Conditioning Camp graduation class contained 51 persons, the largest ever in Allegheny East Conference. Gwen Foster, Conference Health Director is seated in the center.

The King's Daughters, a group from Philadelphia, distributed 200 food baskets at Reading Terminal in downtown Philadelphia. The baskets were personalized according to the condition of the receiver; maladies such as diabetes and hypertension were taken into consideration. This is an example of some of the programs planned by the Health/Temperance Department.

Foster recently spent a month in Africa, teaching health techniques to the people.

R. L. Booker
Correspondent



James and Shirley Clements.

CLEMENT SPEAKS IN POTTSTOWN

James Clements Jr., newly appointed Associate Director of Church Ministries for Columbia Union Conference, recently spoke at the Walnut Street SDA Church, Pottstown, Pa.

His theme, "What is it?," brought a challenge to those in attendance. He traced

the history of the church and various Bible characters in the light of impending events.

Clements was accompanied by his wife, Shirley.

LARCHWOOD SCHOOL CELEBRATES CONSTITUTION ANNIVERSARY

On Sept. 16 the students and staff of the Larchwood School, Philadelphia, Pa., celebrated the signing of the United States Constitution. It was decided that the 16th would be "Red, White and Blue Day." All the students dressed in red, white and blue and recited the pledge of allegiance along with President Reagan on television. Faculty worship began with the song "God Bless America."

This was the theme of the entire day. Even the cafeteria staff participated, displaying patriotic decals and placing a tiny flag on top of each lunch.

Having viewed the Disney video "The Constitution," students discussed the Pre-



Beverly Crabbe, Larchwood School sixth grade teacher, explains leaf shapes during Nature School outing.

amble and blessing of the Bill of Rights. Others debated the problems of those personal freedoms and the efficacy of our check-and-balance system. Students proudly displayed "We the People" pins, and they received passports from their teachers to be stamped at various locations around the city on Constitution Day.

Following the day's activities at school, 25 members of the Larchwood family, including the school secretary, parents, teachers and students, hurried to the Philadelphia Civic Center for the late "curtain call." Barbara Chavous, special assistant to Mayor W. Wilson Goode and the parent of two Larchwood students, selected the school to participate in the CBS network production "We the People 200."

After only one evening of rehearsals, the group had to perform. They were very nervous and butterflies fluttered in their stomachs as they walked onstage to accompany noted musicians Marily McCoo, John Snieder, Lee Greenwood and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

"We the People 200" was truly a historical event for the students of the Larchwood School.

REVELATION SEMINAR BRINGS RICH HARVEST OF SOULS

The Sharon Temple SDA Church in Wilmington, Del., recently conducted a six-week Revelation Seminar. The first four weeks were held in a nearby elementary school and the last two in the church.

The meetings were under the direction of William Smith, Wilmington's Bible Instructor, with assistance from Pastor William Hall and a dedicated staff. On opening night, 45 people assembled in the school cafeteria. From the beginning, many expressed amazement at the unfolding of Revelation prophecies. Some were heard to exclaim, "We've never heard this made plain before!"

In addition to the studies in Revelation, a health emphasis feature was presented by Mrs. Lorraine Thomas, a local health educator. As rapidly as the new health principles were learned, they were put into practice.

Graduation ceremonies for the 28 persons who completed the course included a concert by Pastor Wintley Phipps, a prominent Adventist musician. Between musical selections, Pastor Phipps gave messages of appeal.

The immediate harvest from this effort was 16 baptisms into Sharon Temple Church.

CENTRAL STATES

NEWS FROM AGAPE

The Agape SDA Church in University City, Mo., sponsored a Community Health Fair to promote good relations and inform community residents that Agape members were there to serve their physical as well as their spiritual needs. The event was coordinated by Diane Kelly.

The following doctors volunteered their services to the fair: Esther Beeks, dentist, Northside SDA Church; Arthur Lee, private consultation, Northside SDA Church; Dr. Westbrook, chiropractor; Dr. Green, podiatrist, and Dr. Tom Martin, cardiologist. The doctors displayed educational exhibits.

The goal of the church was to help individuals make a positive change in their lives. Follow-up services are being offered. A cooking class will be taught by Sandra Rice for the Northside Church. Dr. Lee will offer a "Breathe Free" clinic. A "Job Preparation" seminar will be given by Lucille Mitchell and the Agape Church will be offering a "Stress and Exercise" seminar, geared at showing the importance of exercise in relieving stress.

C. Daniels Johnson
Communication Secretary

PALACE OF PEACE ON THE MOVE

On September 5, two special young men, John McPherson and Mark Squires, were baptized at Palace of Peace SDA Church, Colorado Springs, Colo. Mark had been visiting the church frequently since attending Vacation Bible School. Pastor Roundtree had been working with both young men, who eventually decided to give their hearts to Christ. Mark's mother and grandmother were present for the baptismal service.

The SISTERS and the SOUNDS OF JOY held a concert on September 19 at the Dean Fleishauer Center in Fountain, Colo. Members and friends from the Palace of Peace, Claremont and other churches were on hand to support the program. Mr. Verrett and Ms. Mann served as host and narrator, respectively. Mr. Rowe presented the Invitation to Discipleship.

The SISTERS performed a cappella, except for the Invitation to Discipleship, which was a group effort. All pastors present were invited to the front as the appeal was made.



The SOUNDS OF JOY and SISTERS perform a number together.

The two groups were different in their style of presentation. There was something for everyone to enjoy. An enjoyable time was had by all.

Roy Morgan
Communication Secretary



(l to r), John McPherson and Mark Squires, newly baptized members of Palace of Peace, receive the Guardian's pledge from Pastor R. Roundtree as young guardians (r) listen.



Singing group, JUST A PORTION, perform during program for Lisa Arnold.



Lisa Arnold, student missionary to Kolonia, Ponapei.

PARK HILL'S STUDENT MISSIONARY

Lisa Arnold always wanted to be a missionary. She stated this on many occasions, one of which was the farewell social given in her honor at the Park Hill SDA Church, Denver, Colo. She has three brothers, Martin, Marshall and Tony.

The members of Park Hill will miss Lisa, but they share in the joy that she has realized her dream of becoming a missionary. Many of Lisa's friends gave testimonials during the program. Some sang, some played musical instruments, but surely the greatest thrill for Lisa was hearing her father sing.

Lisa will be teaching at Ponapei Elementary School in Kolonia, Ponapei, in the eastern Caroline Islands.

Ivory Chalmers
Communication Secretary



Ordination service at the Park Hill SDA Church.

LOCAL ELDERS ORDAINED

John H. Jones and Mark Paris were recently ordained as local elders at the Park Hill Church, Denver, Colo. Officiating at the ceremony was Pastor E. A. Hyatt, assisted by Elders George Nealy, Gerald Christmas and Stanley Gellineau.

Elder Jones heads the prison ministry which includes the Denver County Jail and the prison in Bueno Vista, Colo. Approximately 120 inmates participate in the services regularly. Three inmates have expressed a desire to be baptized. Working along with Elder Jones in the prison ministry are Pastor Hyatt and Edward Pride, the church's Personal Ministry leader.



The GREAT AWAKENING CRUSADE team (l to r), Arnie Olson; Teresa Robinson; Evangelist J. E. White; Jacci Davis; Mark Paris, Dorothy and David Green.



Newly baptized members of Linwood Church receive the "right hand of God."

BAPTISM AT LINWOOD

The Linwood Church family in Kansas City, Mo., celebrated the baptism of 21 persons during their summer evangelistic crusade. The Great Awakening Crusade, as it was called, was slow in coming together, but the results were tremendous.

A few days prior to the start of the meeting, Pastor White was still in need of an associate and a male Bible worker. He was directed to Mark Paris of Denver, Colo., who left his job and joined the crusade team. Arnie Olson of Sweden, who was attending Eden Valley Institute, joined the team as a Bible worker. Also joining was Jacci Davis as a Bible worker; Teresa Robinson of Kansas City, and David and Dorothy Green of the V. Lindsay School as musicians.

J.E. White, Pastor
Sybil Bufford, Communication Secretary

NORTHEASTERN

DR. CHARLES BRADFORD SPEAKS FOR GOLDEN-AGERS DAY AT EPHEBUS

"Who's Going Up?" was the soul-searching question raised by Dr. Charles E. Bradford, President, North American Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, on Golden-Agers Day, June 6th at New York City's Ephesus Church.

Dr. Bradford based his message on Psalms 24 which he described as an

"Ascension Psalm." In verses 3 & 4 the psalmist David asks "Who shall ascend into the hills of the Lord? . . . He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart" is the answer that was given. Dr. Bradford vividly described the heavenly scene when all the righteous would gather around the "welcome table" to be served by the "Waiter" King Jesus. He emphasized the concept that man's relationship with God depends on his relationship with man. "A love relationship with God and man is essential for salvation," said Bradford. He further stated that those who will sit at the "welcome table" will be in perfect harmony with the rhythm of heaven which includes keeping the 7th Day Sabbath. He encouraged the golden-agers and the entire congregation to prepare "NOW" to take that "ultimate flight to glory!"

Music for this outstanding program was provided by the Golden Agers and the Collegiate Choir under the direction of Mrs. Everyl Gibson. Internationally known soloist, Miss Linda Elliott gave a powerful rendition of "Blessed Assurance" at the close of the service.

A most significant feature of the day's events was the "honoring" of the Golden Agers. Certificates of commendation and appreciation for dedicated service to the church were given to Oswald Cumberbatch, Alyce Jones, Edith Keith, Joseph McMahon and Anita Shillingford during the Sabbath School Hour. Toneto Barry, David Hearon, Norman T. Jones, Jeanette Lewis, Consuela Martin, Gladys Robinson and Jessie Serrano were presented the Golden Agers Award for 1987 during the Divine Worship Hour. "Sharing, volunteering, tireless worker, faithful, unselfish, dedicated husband, . . ." are just some of the many beautiful accolades attributed to the honorees.

The Ephesus Church extends a special thank-you to Mrs. Henrietta Jackson and the very capable committee for coordinating the day's program. Surely, Golden-Agers Day will be remembered for its excellent music, dynamic speakers, presentations to the honorees, the delicious dinner, and the gathering of old friends and family for a grand occasion. However, above all, it must be remembered because it re-established the Biblical principle of loving and honoring those who have lived long in the land . . . the GOLDEN-AGERS!

—Caroline Jones
Communication Secretary

ALTHETE WINS THREE PRIZES

Derrick Morris, a member of Bronx Temple, Bronx, N.Y. recently won the 300 meter, 100 meter, and 4x100 meter relays at the Adventist Youth Olympics sponsored by the Northeastern Conference Youth Department. The Olympics were held on Sunday, Aug. 30 at Randall Island and Downing Stadium.

NEWS NOTES FROM MORIJA

Despite difficulties involved in not having their own church building, the Morija SDA Church in New York City has lived up to its mission of evangelism. From May 30 through June 30, a crusade was held and, as a result, 20 persons were baptized. Also, a 10-day summer camp was planned during the month of August for the youth of the church. Morija is presently involved in a course entitled "Bible by Correspondence."

The number one priority of the church is, of course, the construction of a permanent church home.

Anne Louis
Communication Secretary



Mr. and Mrs. Prentice perform for Sabbath School at Bronx Temple.

SABBATH SCHOOL GUEST DAY AT BRONX TEMPLE

The Bronx Temple SDA Church, Bronx, N.Y., celebrated Sabbath School Guest Day October 10, 1987. In charge of the day's activities were Charlotte Morris and her associates.

The Prentice family of Queens, N.Y. provided music for the Sabbath School hour. They sang "Wait on the Lord," "What a Mighty God We Serve," and "How Great Thou Art."

During the 11 o'clock service, Pastor Philip M. Wesley introduced the theme of the day, "Dry Bones." He also sang the

meditation song, "Turn to Him Again and Again."

Over 25 visitors were in attendance, including Pastor Bertraum Price of Antigua, West Indies. All guests and members were invited to participate in a luncheon hosted by the Sabbath School department in the fellowship hall.

Kathleen Hughes,
Communication Secretary



Pastor Philip Wesley addresses the congregation at Bronx Temple during Sabbath School Guest Day.

BRONX TEMPLE CELEBRATES PATHFINDER DAY

The Pathfinder club of the Bronx Temple SDA Church, Bronx, N.Y., celebrated Pathfinder Day September 26, 1987. The director, Mrs. Emma Brown and her deputy, C. M. Josiah, coordinated the day's activities.

Pastor Conrad White, graduate of Atlantic Union College and associate pastor of the North Bronx SDA Church, presented the meditation song and was accompanied by his wife. The audience was in rapt attention as he presented the topic, "The Good Shepherd." He explained that Pathfinders must have Christian leadership from their director, who must be led by God, the Good Shepherd. He challenged the youth to be committed and to shine as lights in the community.

During the afternoon program, the church received insight about what was involved in Pathfinding as the Pathfinders demonstrated their skills.

Kathleen Hughes,
Communication Secretary

MARSHALL THOMPSON SPEAKS FOR BRONX PATHFINDER/YOUTH DAY

Sabbath, Oct. 10, was a special day at the Bronx Church, Bronx, N.Y. Pathfinder Day was celebrated and Mr. Marshall Thompson, former drug addict, was the guest speaker for the morning and afternoon programs. Elder Jonathan Straughan, A. Y. leader, coordinated the events.

Mr. Thompson's sermon was entitled "Let This Mind Be in You." He explained to the youth that Jesus can help them to overcome any problem that they may be facing, if they stand firmly for Him. He told of taking drugs in junior high school which led to a 17-year downhill course. He also told of his involvement in several crimes, ranging from armed robbery, selling and using drugs, to forging bad checks.

Thompson's first knowledge of God came as a result of being invited to attend a tent effort in 1984 by Arlene Dyer. He came, but was under the influence of drugs during the first four nights. By the fifth night, he was able to get himself together enough to listen to the messages with a clear mind. While attending the services, he was convinced that a change in lifestyle was necessary; but his involvement with the devil was so deep that he was unwilling to totally abandon his way of life. He visited a friend in Texas, whom he felt could offer support. While there, he "kicked" the drug habit after 21 days of abstinence. He was impressed to begin a ministry of testifying to others and was eventually baptized in April of 1986.

Currently, Thompson is involved in prison ministry in Manhattan and Queens and has conducted several crusades in Texas, Pennsylvania and several areas around New York State. His future plans include attendance at Oakwood College in pursuit of a ministerial career.

Myrtle Pickett
Communication Secretary



Marshall Thompson brings home a point during Pathfinder/Youth Day at Bronx Church.

SOUTH CENTRAL

FIRST CHURCH BURNS MORTGAGE

Elder R.L. Willis and the members of the First SDA Church of Huntsville, AL, had cause for rejoicing on Sabbath, September 26. This was the day in which the mortgages on their church and school buildings were burned. The \$100,000 note had been retired at the band just a few days earlier.

On hand for the celebration was H.M. Mouzon, Jr. of Northeastern Conference, the speaker for the worship service. He was responsible for building the structure about 10 years ago. D. B. Reid, who served as pastor when the school building was erected was also present.

Mrs. W. McCall, church treasurer; Elder C. E. Moseley, founder of the church; Elder F. N. Crowe, Conference Treasurer; and Dr. C. E. Dudley, Conference President, assisted Elder Willis and Mouzon with the burning of the papers in front of the congregation during the worship services.



Cleveland speaks to the Annual Council leaders.

CLEVELAND ADDRESSES THE ANNUAL COUNCIL

We are almost home! Millions are starving for the truth! Pass the bread! Pass the bread!" This was the challenge that Dr. E. E. Cleveland, former Associate Director of the Ministerial Department of the General Conference gave to the assembly at the time of the Annual Council this year. Dr. Cleveland was invited to address the leaders from around the world during this meeting.

Harvest 90 was the theme; doubling baptisms is the goal during this next five-year period between conference sessions. Already the Inter-American Division, under the direction of Elder George Brown, had passed the one million membership mark. Over a million baptized believers are on the continent of Africa. Twenty-four percent of the membership of the North American Division is Afro-American.

The gospel is being preached! Souls are taking a stand for the Word of God. Said Cleveland, "the preaching of the gospel, as in days gone by, still draws souls to the Lord. We cannot stop now! We must not stop now! We are almost home!"

Cleveland had just completed a church crusade in Montgomery, AL, where over 130 people were baptized. More than 30 years ago he had conducted a meeting in Montgomery which resulted in the establishment of a new congregation of more than 500 members. The old fire still burns in Montgomery. It also burns in the heart of Dr. Cleveland and his beloved wife Celia. Joining him for this devotion as his old Cathedral Quartet: E. Shepherd, B. F. Reaves, W. C. Scales and J. A. Edgecombe. All are now church administrators.



Albie Dudley—8-yr.-old business man.

YOUTHFUL STEWARDSHIP TESTIFIES OF GOD'S PROMISES!!

Eight-year-old Albie Dudley, son of Albert L. Dudley (President of Hadley Hospital in Washington, D.C.), presented a moving testimony of how the Lord blessed his business operation during the summer of 1987. He made sure to pay a faithful tithe from the money he received. Total sales for his summer business reached over \$1,002. His testimony was as follows:

Today I want to share with you how Jesus has blessed me to have my own

business this summer. I feel that He has blessed me, because I decided to pay tithe and offerings.

I sell snacks and drinks to the construction workers that build houses in my neighborhood. Over the last six weeks I've gone out each morning for one and one-half hours, and when I finish (for the summer) I will have made over \$1,000 in sales.

I thank Jesus for allowing me to have this business this summer and for the opportunity to pay tithe."



Mrs. Felice Dudley promoted.

WELFARE DEPARTMENT PROMOTES DUDLEY

Felice A. Dudley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred L. Dudley of South Bend, Ind., has been promoted to Administrative Supervisor of the Public Assistance Division of St. Joseph County Welfare Department, according to Robert Goshert, County Welfare Director.

Dudley has been employed with the county department since 1976. She worked first as a caseworker in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program, then as a casework supervisor in both the AFDC and Medical programs.

Dudley holds a bachelor's degree from Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tenn., and has completed supervisory and managerial training at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind. She is currently enrolled at the University of Notre Dame in the master's degree program.



Dennis Ross' evangelistic team—Memphis, 1987.

SOUTH CENTRAL'S 127TH CONGREGATION

Evangelist Dennis Ross of the Southern Union Conference brought his crusade team to Memphis, Tenn., during the summer of 1987. The meetings, which lasted for eight weeks, were held in the Frayser area of the city. More than 150 persons were added to the church as a result of this effort.

On Sabbath, September 5, Dr. C. E. Dudley, President of the Conference, met with the pastors of the city and organized the newly baptized members into the 127th congregation in the South Central Conference.

The pastors who worked along with their congregations were: J. A. Jones of Longview Heights; R. J. Hill of New Covenant; F. Murray of Eads and Overton Park Churches; D.C. Edmond of "Breath of Life; and Donald Guin, pastor of West Memphis, AR. Elder J. A. Jones will pastor the new group; Pastor Donald Guin will serve as his assistant.

INFILTRATIONIST MOVES BY FAITH IN TUPELO

When Donald Morgan graduated from Oakwood College last spring, he was unable to find employment with a conference. This did not discourage him and his wife at all. The Lord had brought them through many struggles while attending school, and they felt sure that they would

find a place to labor in His service.

Morgan spoke to the conference president, Dr. C.E. Dudley, who in a casual way mentioned a city in Mississippi where no work had been established in the conference. It was Tupelo.

Many attempts had been made to get the work started in Tupelo but without success. Morgan went to the city and remained there for four weeks without a job and without receiving funds from the organized body. Sleeping in his car for more than three weeks, he was becoming a bit discouraged when a job was offered to him at the airport along with a house to shelter his family.

Morgan organized a number of Bible classes in the community and already three or four persons have begun to join him in Sabbath-keeping. Although Donald is not an official worker for the conference, he feels that his mission has been blessed by the Lord, and his self-developed "Infiltrationist" program will pay off and a new congregation will be established in this city.

Literature evangelists, under the direction of Elder B. E. Cone Sr., Publishing Director for the state, are selling literature in the city in preparation for an evangelistic crusade to be conducted during the year 1988.



Donnell Morgan in Tupelo, Mississippi witness.

TRINITY/MORRISTOWN DISTRICT COMES ALIVE

Pastor Timothy Lewis, a recent graduate of Oakwood College, and his wife were headed to Virginia to do self-supporting work when invited by the executive committee of South Central Conference to serve as the district pastor for the Trinity (Knoxville) and Morristown congregations in East Tennessee. The Lewis' accepted the challenge and moved ahead to help build up the work in that area.



L. E.'s witness in Tupelo under B. E. Cone.



Pastor Timothy Lewis and Knoxville congregation.

EVANGELISM BRINGS NEW LIFE TO LEXINGTON

"Evangelism" is a watchword that is spoken and lived within the heart of Elder O. E. Rudley, pastor of the Lima Drive SDA Church in Lexington, Ky. The 15 new members that were baptized during his crusade this summer are off and working for the Lord in a very strong way. In joining hands with the older leaders and members of the congregation, exploits are being realized within this congregation. Two of the newcomers to the faith are Pastor A. Million and his son. He had been a pastor of the Holiness congregation just one block away from the Lima Drive SDA church, but now has joined this church to help make ready a people to meet the Lord when He comes again. Pastor Million is a preacher, teacher, musician, composer and servant of the Lord in his own right. A goodly number of talented persons were among the group of new converts. The work in Kentucky is on the move.



Rudley baptizes 15 in Lexington, Ky.

CUSTARD/CLEVELAND MARRY IN NASHVILLE

On Sunday, Sept. 6, 1987, Mr. Marvin Custard and Mrs. Florence Cleveland, both of Nashville, Tenn., exchanged their wedding vows. They will live in Nashville.



Custard/Cleveland Wedding.

SOUTH CENTRAL STUDENT WINS WHITE HOUSE AWARD

Sharonda Martin, a senior pre-med major at Oakwood College was one of the 30 outstanding science, mathematics and engineering students selected through a national competition to receive the First Annual HBCU Student Awards for Excellence in Science and Technology. Notice concerning the award was sent to Sharonda by Dr. Margaret J. Seagears, Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The meeting took place on Oct. 2. Words of commendation were given to these students by President Ronald Reagan.

President B.F. Reaves and Dr. Ashton Gibbons, Chair of the Department of Biological Sciences at the college, attended the Awards Ceremony with Miss Martin. It "will be a major activity of the 1987 White House Initiative Science and Technology Symposium at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D. C.," stated Dr. Seagears.

Miss Martin is the daughter of Drs. Thelbert and Elizabeth Martin, members of the Longview Heights church in Memphis, Tenn.

SOUTHEASTERN



Elder and Mrs. Hugh Lee.

SATELLITE ADVENTIST BOOK CENTER IN FT. LAUDERDALE

Many times members of Southeastern Conference who do not live near Hialeah and Orlando, Fla. do not have ready access to the books, Bibles, records and other Adventist Book Center (ABC) items. To meet the ever-growing demand, the publishing department started operating a satellite book store in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. It has been in existence since March 1987.

Elder and Mrs. Hugh Lee, associate publishing director, are responsible for its operation. There are book and ABC product sales at every convention, rally, or meeting to supply the demands. The service rendered by this satellite operation have been most helpful.

SALUTATORIAN BECOMES BAPTIZED MEMBER

On May 23, 1987, several young people at Mt. Calvary Junior Academy reached a special milestone in their lives when they graduated from eighth grade. Their graduation marked the beginning of a "new adventure" into a world where they will strive "to be a servant of God and a friend to man". But for one class member, this day held a greater meaning.

Andre Hughes, class salutatorian, had only been a student at the academy for the 1986-87 school year. As a student, he was always receptive to the Word and willing to do what was right. When the appeal went out from the teachers and pastor, Andre readily gave his heart to Christ. Andre and several others were baptized.

For Andre Hughes, the class motto and aim became even more meaningful in light of his baptism. He is determined "to be a servant of God and a friend to man", and "with God's help, to make all things possible".

EVANGELISM IN QUINCY, FLORIDA

Evangelist Lucious Hall conducted a three-week revival at the Mr. Olive SDA Church in Quincy Fla. As a result of the crusade, 11 persons were baptized August 19, one of whom was his mother.

Evangelist Hall, a 1984 Oakwood College graduate, has been assisting Pastor Tyrone Boyd since Nov. 1986 in the Tallahassee/Quincy district. He was supported by Pastor Boyd; Betsy Hall, his wife; Sheila Johnson, and Jasper Musgray. Mrs. Ruth Jacobs was the pianist.

Prospective baptismal candidates are being readied for another baptism.



Lucious Hall, 1984 Oakwood College graduate.

EDUCATION AWARDS DAY HELD AT MACEDONIA

The Macedonia SDA Church in Ft. Pierce, Fl. held Education Weekend. Friday evening services featured "Awards Night". All children and youth up to college level who received school awards were honored.

The guest speaker for the Divine worship service was Mr. Gilbert Cooper, principal of Ephesus Junior Academy, West Palm Beach.

This year Macedonia honored two high school graduates: Ramona Hunt, daughter of Mrs. Rosanna Lee and the late Mr. Hunt, and granddaughter of Elder and Mrs. A. Forbes. Ramona will enter the University of South Florida in the fall. Edward Richardson, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Richardson, Sr. and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Nelson was also honored. Edward is a 1987 graduate of Westwood High School and will enter the United States Armed Services.

—Tracy Bonner
Correspondent



Shinika Alegra Wilson, fifth-grader and Mrs. Helen Stolte, principal of South Hialeah Elementary School, Hialeah, Fla.

ELEMENTARY STUDENT RECEIVES HIGHEST AWARD

Shinika Alegra Wilson, a fifth grader at the South Hialeah Elementary School, Hialeah, Fl. received the highest award conferred upon an elementary student during the school's promotional exercises. In recognition of her distinguished achievements, her honor, courage, leadership, patriotism, scholarship and service rendered to South Hialeah Elementary School, she was granted the coveted American Legion School Award-Sullivan Babcock Post #32 of Dade County, Fl.

In addition to the American Legion Prize, she received awards for: perfect attendance, outstanding music ability, presidential physical fitness, and scholarship. She also received the Award of Merit in School Safety Patrol, and received first place in the City of Hialeah art show.

Shinika's club activities are numerous: science club, South Hialeah Elementary School Chorus and safety patrol, Mt. Pisgah SDA Church children's choir, pathfinders, junior ushers, and the Dade County Public School Expressive Arts Center-Music and Drama.

Her hobbies include: playing the piano, singing, reading, swimming, and collecting stamps and stickers.

Shinika is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wilson.

PROGRESS VILLAGE CHURCH HONORS MOTHER

Sarah E. Johnson, the inspiration behind the Progress Village Church, Tampa, Fl., which started from a prayer meeting held in her home, was signally honored by the members of the church. Pastor Theus Young acknowledged her achievements on Mother's Day and declared her "Spiritual Mother" of Progress Village Church.

Since the church's inception in 1981, she has worked untiringly as Sabbath School Superintendent and usher. Ms. Johnson is responsible for bringing a family of 12 along with others into the church.

Ms. Johnson became an Adventist in 1943, baptized by Elder W.W. Fordham. She became a member of the Miami-Bethany Church and subsequently joined the Ephesus SDA Church, New York City. She returned to Tampa in 1950, and worked faithfully as a member of the Tampa-Mt. Calvary Church. She remained there until the establishment of Progress Village Church.

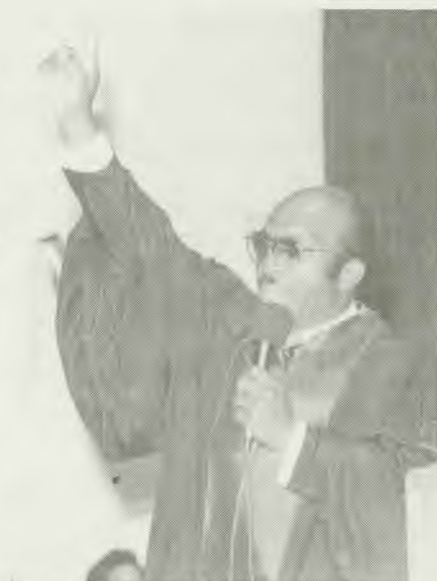
During Campmeeting '87, she celebrated her 72nd birthday with family and friends.

GRADUATES HONORED AT BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Mt. Calvary Church, Tampa, Fl. honored its graduates during a Baccalaureate Service held at the church on May 23. Elder Keith Dennis, Youth Director for the Southeastern Conference, delivered an inspiring message to the Mt. Calvary Elementary School graduates.

Members of the graduating class were: Cicily Brown, valedictorian; Andre Hughes, salutatorian; Saeed Henderson and Lemon Williams, III. Kindergarten graduates were: Yolando Amaro, Kiwana Bell, Nicholas Brown, Cornelius Curtis, Andre Davis, Winston Davis, Zara Harmon, Keshia McCarr, Timelle Morgan, De Nario Small, Stephanie Stevens, Cedric Thomas and Frank Williams.

Other graduates included: Mark Jones, eighth grade graduate, Tampa Junior Academy; high school graduates—Valerie Davis, Randy Henderson, James Jones, Charles Moore, Lawrence Norton and Michelle Wilds; college graduate—Carmelita Smith; and medical school graduates—Francesca Balmir and Handel Reynolds. Special monetary gifts were given to high school, college and professional school graduates.



Elder Keith Dennis, Director of Youth Ministries, Southeastern Conference.

JOINT TEACHERS' CONVENTION HELD IN FLORIDA

The Southeastern Conference (SEC) annual Teacher's Convention added a new dimension in 1987. James Ford, Superintendent of Education for Southwest Region Conference along with his teaching staff joined O.H. Paul, Superintendent of Education for SEC and its teaching staff for a joint convention held at the Grenelefe Resort and Conference Center, Grenelefe, Fl.

SEC President J.A. Edgecombe was the keynote speaker. Facilitators were Dr. Norwida Marshall, Southern Union Conference; Mrs. Ethel Stewart, former principal of Orlando Junior Academy; Elder R.R. Brown, SEC Executive Secretary and Eugene Mason, SEC Assistant Treasurer.



Teachers from Southeastern and Southwest Region Conferences gathered for Teachers' Convention.

The convention activities included an awards banquet and trip to the Epcot Center and Disney World.

MESSAGE MAGAZINE DRIVE IN SOUTHEASTERN

Southeastern Conference was the first of the Regional Conferences to reach its MESSAGE Magazine goal in the North American Division. The last count totaled 6,826 subscriptions. Personal Ministries Director, Ira L. Harrell, supported by committed pastors and church members, finished the campaign in record time. They are aware that the message must go everywhere, and that when MESSAGE goes out, souls come in.

Sandy C. Robinson, Marketing Representative for the North American Regional Division, stated in his news report that this accomplishment was worth repeating. Southeastern is doing just that. The "baby" among Regional Conferences is doing what the scriptures enjoin, "a little child shall lead them."

SOUTHEASTERN ORGANIZES 76TH CHURCH

The Southeastern Conference organized its 76th church on April 4, 1987 in St. Petersburg, Fla. President James Edgecombe joined Secretary R. R. Brown who served as liaison between the new All Nations SDA Church and the conference.

Forty-nine members, formerly with the Elim SDA Church, St. Petersburg, registered as charter members of the new congregation. Patrick Crawford, Franseco Mitchell,

Raphael Nugent, Pearlita Odlum and Uriel Quailey formed the nucleus of the church.

Over 100 persons enjoy the facilities of the Unity of Christ Church, where the company meets weekly.



Elder O. J. McKinney, Ministerial Secretary for Southern Union Conference.

NEW CONGREGATION ESTABLISHED IN RIVIERA BEACH

A new 47 member congregation was recently established in Riviera Beach, Fl. as a result of a summer evangelistic crusade conducted by Elder O.J. McKinney, Ministerial Secretary for Southern Union. McKinney, former pastor of the Ephesus Church, West Palm Beach, Fl., the sponsoring church, worked in concert with Elder Benjamin Browne, present pastor of the church; Bible Instructors Vashti Waugh, B. Saleem, and Harold Carrington; and Panchita Hendrix, who served as Music Coordinator.

The ground work for the crusade was laid early this year when Personal Ministries leader, Eric Ebanks and members of the church saturated the city with tracts, door to door visits and Bible studies.

Formal organization of the new congregation is scheduled for the near future.

I.L. HARRELL SPEAKS AT JAMAICAN CAMPMEETING

Elder I.L. Harrell, Personal Ministries/Sabbath School Director of Southeastern Conference, accepted an invitation from President P. Hosten of the East Jamaica Conference to their first Campmeeting session held Aug. 3-8 at Robins Bay, Jamaica, West Indies.

Elder Harrell conducted five one-hour workshops on the Caring Church. The Caring Church concepts were graciously received and a planned program for



Elder I. L. Harrell, Personal Ministries/Sabbath School Director for Southeastern Conference.

implementation in the conference was considered.

On Sabbath, Aug. 8, he delivered the message for the worship service. While there, he visited the West Indies Union Conference office and West Indies College.



Mr. Charles Farrington, still active at 100 years of age.

CHARLES FARRINGTON STILL ACTIVE AT 100

Charles Farrington, the founder of the SDA Church in Delray Beach, Fl., was honored by his children and members of the church with a surprise birthday party.

In 1933, because of his love for God and a desire to teach others, he gave Bible studies and several families were baptized. To date, three generations who accepted Christ as a result of his efforts, are a part of and worship in the church.

He now resides in Tampa, Fl., but will always be remembered for his leadership in the Delray community.

—Geraldine King
Correspondent



Deputy Secretary of State, Clarence Hodges (l); Executive Secretary R. R. Brown, Southeastern Conference.

SECRETARY INVITED TO NATIONAL FOREIGN POLICY CONFERENCE

R.R. Brown, Secretary of Southeastern Conference was invited by Deputy Secretary of State, Clarence E. Hodges to attend a Foreign Policy Conference for leaders of National Minority and Women's Organizations. This meeting convened on July 23, 1987 at the U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C.

Chairman C.E. Hodges who also serves as Director of Equal Employment Opportunity and Civil Rights dealt with a number of initiatives: the Persian Gulf, Central America and the Caribbean, and International Narcotics matters to name a few.

A mini-concert by the Social Security Administration Chorus in the Dean Acheson Auditorium was one of the highlights of the conference.

The conference concluded with a reception held in the Benjamin Franklin Room. Deputy Asst. Secretary of State Hodges is a Seventh-day Adventist.

IN THE NEWS

HIGHLIGHTS OF G.C. ANNUAL COUNCIL

The 200 voice choir from Pine Forge Academy gave a command performance to open the 1987 Annual Council of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Washington, D.C. The meetings began October 6 with C.B. Rock, Vice-president for the General Conference, chairing the opening sessions. Serving as secretary for the meeting was G. Ralph Thompson, General Conference Secretary.

During his opening address to the assembly, Elder N.C. Wilson, General Conference President, pointed out a number of areas where progress has been realized in work:

(1) A new SDA radio station has been opened on the island of Guam. KSDA will help the church to send the message of God's love to millions in Russia, China, India and vast regions beyond.

(2) The SDA Church is presently building a university in the country of Russia. The church is also producing a special magazine for the people of that country. The relationship appears to be very good.

(3) The General Conference officers held ground-breaking ceremonies for their new office building September 1, 1987. The building will cost approximately 30 million dollars and will be located in Silver Springs, MD.

(4) The work of the SDA church has been recognized in the country of Italy for the first time.

(5) The Inter-American Division passed the one million mark during 1987.

(6) The membership of the world church is now over five million, with more than one million members on the continent of Africa.

(7) Dr. Calvin B. Rock just completed an evangelistic meeting in Kenya, Africa, where more than 1,200 persons were baptized.

(8) The SDA work has been re-opened in the country of Burundi after a coup took place within the government.

(9) The church is seeking to address the problem of chemical usage present among some of its members.

(10) The theme for the 1990 General Conference session will be "We Shall Behold Him!"

CLIFTON DAVIS SPEAKS AT YOUTH RALLY

Clifton Davis, star of the popular NBC series "AMEN," spoke to more than 3,000 persons during the North Central Texas Youth Federation's Better Living Your Rally at Tarrant County Convention Center in downtown Fort Worth.

According to Federation president, Spencer Anderson, "Despite our modest budget, we were determined to bring Davis here. We knew our youth as well as the public could relate to his stardom and his Christian experience." Based on the seating reserved for visitors, at least several hundred non-members attended the morning and afternoon sessions at the convention center, Sept. 19, 1987.

Combining his testimony with a concert

Sabbath afternoon, Davis said, "I believe the Lord was leading me to use both my acting and pastoral talents."

After completing a B.A. in theology from Oakwood College and an M.A. from Andrews University, the former star of "That's My Mama" was offered his current role as a fictitious Philadelphia minister. He told the youthful audience, "I would not take a part that was demeaning or be involved in a series where I could not practice my beliefs, including having Sabbath off."

After enthusiastic applause, Davis continued, stating, "I am now in a position to reach people in Hollywood that the average person would never get the opportunity to talk to about Christ." As a non-salaried assistant pastor of the Loma Linda SDA Church, Davis said several people

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have joined the church from attending his Sabbath School classes.

Other events during the Youth Rally included: a morning rap session on youth conflicts, which focused on dating, suicide and secular music, and a downtown Fort Worth Pathfinder Parade, which featured anti-drug and alcohol slogans and posters. Literature was given to spectators as well as invitations to attend the afternoon program.

CALVIN B. ROCK, V.P. OF G.C., BAPTIZES HUNDREDS IN ENGLAND AND IN AFRICA CRUSADES

In recent months, Dr. Calvin B. Rock, Vice-president of the General Conference, conducted evangelistic crusades in England and Africa. These meetings led to the baptism of hundreds of precious souls. Dr. Rock gives this account.



*Calvin B. Rock,
Vice-president of
the G. C.*

Numbers are not always a true index to evangelistic success. It is possible to have worked harder and in God's sight prove more effective while baptizing lesser numbers. God alone is the true judge of the harvest. However, it is undeniably exciting to participate in those special occasions when all the variables allow for a bountiful response to the gospel appeal. Such was our pleasure in Nairobi, Kenya, Aug. 16 through Sept. 13, 1987. Our team from the United States included my wife Clara (pianist), Gwen Foster (health lecturer and choir directoress), Thompson Kay (assistant evangelist) and Brenda Spraggins (soloist).

The format of the meetings followed the usual U.S. Black evangelistic style with one notable exception—we conducted double sessions each night, the first in Kaloleni Hall, a suburban community center, where the sermons were translated into Swahili, the second, without translation, in City Hall in beautiful downtown Nairobi. Preaching services were held six nights each week.

There were three Sabbath celebrations during the meeting. The first at Uhuru (Freedom) Park where approximately 8,000 were in attendance, and the other two at the baptisms and in individual churches.

In the first baptism, Sept. 5, 688 persons were harvested for Christ. The second baptism, Sept. 12, yielded 527 additional

souls. Approximately one-half of those baptized became members of the seven churches already existing in Nairobi. The rest were organized into two separate congregations, each with its own pastor.

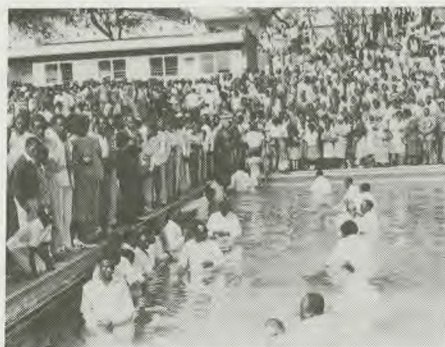
In charge of the follow-up work are Elder and Mrs. Ron Wright of the United States. Ron is also Ministerial Director of the East African Union.

In a letter from Pastor Wright since returning to the U.S., I was informed that additional baptisms are now being planned and that the total fruitage from the Nairobi meetings should exceed 1500 by the end of the year.

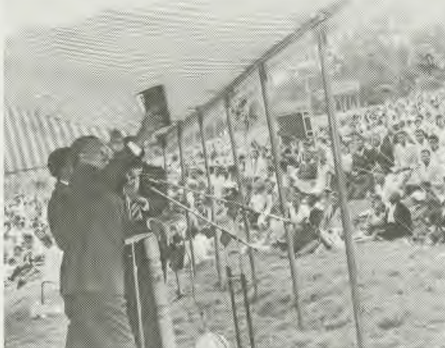
All of us who were and are involved give thanks to God for allowing us to be a part of something special He is doing in Nairobi. But thanks is also due to Pastor F.K. Wangi, East African Union President; Pastor S.O. Omulo, East African Union Secretary; Pastor J.N. Kyale, Central Kenya Field President, and Pastor Bekele Heye, Eastern Africa Division President, for seeing that funds were made available for additional staffing.

What we learned in Nairobi is that man's extremity is still God's opportunity. We are encouraged by that demonstration and hope that as a result of our sharing this story you will also be inspired.

Calvin B. Rock



1,200 baptized by Rock in Nairobi, Kenya.



C. B. Rock preaches to thousands in Kenya.

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| ¼ cup margarine or butter | 1 cup thinly sliced celery |
| 2 cups Boston Brown Bread (½ of 1 lb. can) | 1 teaspoon rosemary |
| 1 cup pineapple juice | 1 cup or more of chopped |
| 1 cup finely chopped walnuts | Turkey from center of roll |

Defrost Turkey Roll in refrigerator overnight. Combine all other ingredients for stuffing. Mix well and allow to soak for 30 minutes. Cut ½ inch from each end of Turkey Roll and carefully hollow out from each end with apple corer or sharp knife, leaving a one inch circumference. Carefully fill firmly with stuffing. Replace sliced ends and hold together with toothpicks.

Place in roasting pan and baste with liquid margarine and ½ cup water. Cover and bake at 350°F for one hour. Remove cover after first ½ hour and baste again. Continue cooking for remaining time uncovered. Remove from oven and allow to set 20–30 minutes before slicing. Serve with cranberry sauce or Loma Linda Gravy Quik.

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