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LEGACY**



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THE SAMPSON FAMILY

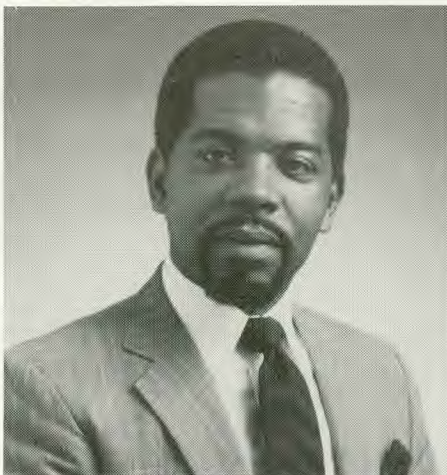
George Sampson Sr. and Mary Helen Sampson were natives of Fayetteville, North Carolina who migrated to New York State. They were both reared in Christian homes and became baptized members of the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church in New York City, February 1950. They became the proud parents of twelve (12) children

Believing children are a heritage of the Lord, George and Mary Helen sought God's help to do their best to train their offspring to live useful, productive lives, and be prepared to live together in the "earth-made new." Mother and Father Sampson believed their children should be reared in a home where love, discipline, and encouragement prevailed. The children were taught that God desires the best for his followers and that anyone, with God's help can reach a degree of excellence, in spite of certain disadvantages.

The family was aware of the odds against them: a large family, Black, poor, and living in the ghetto. However, the parents taught them that if they worked together as a family, they could aspire and achieve any goal they desired to pursue. The family aim was to strive for excellence with the help of the Lord. The family philosophy was to develop the physical, mental, and spiritual dimensions of man. They knew by training the head, the heart, and the hands they could be winners!

George and Mary Helen Sampson were staunch supporters of Christian education. Whenever an elementary church school was accessible, the children attended. Twelve of the children attended Pine Forge Academy, a secondary Seventh-day Adventist school in Pine Forge, Pennsylvania. Eleven of them graduated from there. Eleven of the children attended Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama; eight of whom received their bachelor's degrees from Oakwood; and four received their bachelor's degrees from other colleges.

Father Sampson was an outstanding layman during the years. He served the church in many capacities: local elder for over a quarter of a century; president of the Hudson Valley Laymen's Federation for six years; coordinator of the Hudson



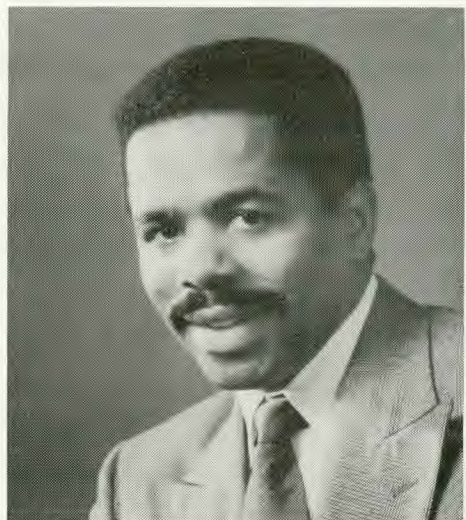
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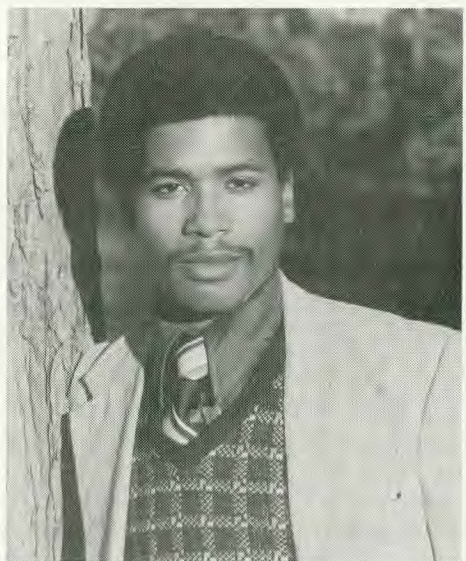
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Reginald Sampson, 5th child



James Calon Sampson, Sr., 3rd child



Alan Dexter Sampson, 6th child



Helen Vernitta Sampson Johnson, 7th child



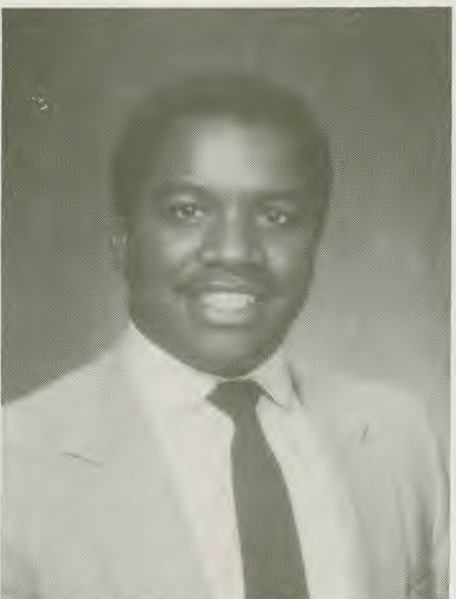
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Arlene Lu Valle Sampson Johnson, 8th child



Michael Dwayne Sampson, 11th child



Carlton Bernard Sampson, 9th child



Sonya Maria Sampson, 12th child

Valley Prison Counsel Program of SDA's; conductor of laymen's evangelistic tent efforts, forming the nucleus of the Trinity Temple SDA Church in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and Beacon Light Tabernacle in Beacon, N.Y.; director of the Northeastern Community Services Center in Corona, N.Y.; ordained minister, Northeastern Conference in 1985; pastor of New Hempstead SDA Church and Macedonia SDA Church in Long Island.

Mrs. Sampson supported her husband in all his evangelistic endeavors, also serving the church in many capacities. She attended Morgan State College and Oakwood College, taught church school at Abney's Chapel in Fayetteville, N.C., and after eleven years as a licensed practical nurse, N.Y. State, Victory Lake Nursing Center in Hyde Park, N.Y. She also assisted her husband at the Northeastern Community Services Center.

For many years the Sampsons struggled in order to make Christian education a reality for their children. Mrs. Sampson was a faithful and attentive mother during the day and a professional nurse at night. In this manner she was able to supplement the family income so their children could attend church school and boarding school. Oft-times there were two children in boarding school and two in college at the same time. Despite this tremendous financial responsibility, the Sampsons made their children's education and well-being their first concern; everything else took second place.

Elder and Mrs. Sampson are grateful to their children for their cooperation and willingness to follow their leading. The children worked hard while attending school and in the summer months. Some worked two jobs; one drove a taxi at night while attending school; others took advantage of the loans and grants available; all of them made many sacrifices to reach their goals. As the older ones finished their education and became financially able, they reached back and assisted the younger ones.

The Sampson family is proof indeed that a family that stays together and works together can be successful. Mother and Father Sampson say, "We owe much of our children's success to the dedicated faculty members at Pine Forge Academy and Oakwood College who were beautiful role models, and helped our children realize that Blacks can make it even against the odds. God bless them!"

The Sampson's "greatest victory has been to watch our children one by one

reach goals they have aspired to attain, to see them living useful, productive lives, and to know they are still striving for excellence. To God be the glory, great things He has done."

George and Mary Helen Sampson were honored by the Oakwood College National Alumni Association in April 1985 as the Parents of the Year. One son describes them thus: "For you truly are parents for all times."

PUBLISHER'S PAGE



E. E. Cleveland

GENERAL CONFERENCE "THE MISSING LINK"

Once again we've come to the feast of the tabernacles. The saints have gathered from the ends of the earth to this fellowship of praise. Though it was originally conceived as a business session, it has evolved into something considerably more. Reports oriented toward the general public now enliven the night sessions. Powerful preaching provides the focus, and incomparable music creates a festive air. The fellowship of brothers and sisters makes every General Conference an occasion. Potential attendees could come from 193 countries. The city of Indianapolis, Indiana, has never seen a sight like this.

We gather mainly to celebrate the thousands of new believers that fill our church pews world-wide. This is the fruitage of the "Harvest 90" evangelistic thrust. The President of the General Conference and his staff deserve our encouragement for all such successful missions thrusts. The promotional materials are focused,

simple, and easy to follow. Under the blessings of God, the program is impacting at the street level. An increasing number of lawyers are getting involved. This speaks well for our church-growth future.

And of course there are elections, and hence nominating committees. The General Conference leadership of the church will be elected here. This is set at this level. The influence of the body of the General Conference should not be underestimated, nor may we lightly regard those elected to its staff. Those who reach this level of church ministry have earned the respect of their peers in their service specialties. In the absence of the Urim and Thummim, how else would you do it? Some raise the question of politics. This involves the efforts of some to elect others. To be sure, there are worse ways to do it. We could have a bishopric which would lead to "office by appointment" rather than election. Then, there is the Papal system which is even more absolute. By far, the method that provides the most democratic input is the Committee system with the elective process as its base. So we shall see it here, and we shall respect and abide by its results.

The Evangelism Council will precede the business sessions. This emphasizes the church's chief focus. Evangelism has ever been, and remains the Church's first business. Other legitimate church interests will compete for top priority. To its everlasting credit, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has stubbornly held to its God-given priority. An evangelist is highly regarded in this church, and evangelism is no side issue. It has been said that church growth leads to institutionalism and stagnation. We are growing, and we are highly institutionalized, but we are not stagnating. Why? The commitment to evangelism. The General Conference leadership has set the tone by constantly reiterating this priority. Executives who expect to advance on the Adventist corporate ladder know that the prime requisite is a fervent interest in church population growth. As this remains so, the living waters will continue to flow, and the hot breath of the Holy Ghost will be felt in the church body.

There is, however, one missing link. From every quarter of the globe Union presidents representing their ethnic constituencies will sit on committees affecting denominational policies. They are answerable to their constituents back home for their positions taken at the Council. Germans will represent Germany, Australians will represent Australia, Indians will

represent India, Mexicans will represent Mexico, a Black South African Union president will represent Black South Africa, and the Afrikaaner Union president will represent White South Africa. The missing link is this: North American Black Adventists, with nine Black controlled Conferences, have no Black Union president—*answerable to them*—to represent them. And consider this: these nine Black Conferences give more money to the church than any church division outside North America. The significance of this lies in the fact that the ten Union presidents in North America are the decision-making persons in North America. Our absence from that table leaves us out of the priority-setting process. Perhaps, in the next five years the church will accept this wisdom and accord us equality with our brethren. If it does, General Conference 1995 will be pure jubilee for North America's Black Seventh-day Adventist leaders.

Finally, let us salute the General Conference food service. This typifies the great contribution that the church has made to the health of its members. No animal, fish, or fowl flesh will be served here. The Indiana animal kingdom can rest easy while the General Conference is in town. The carnivorous among us who seek Biblically permitted meats will have to find them elsewhere. The vegetarian diet that our church recommends has bought us from eight to ten years of life more than the average American. The soy-bean fiber as developed by Loma Linda and Worthington Foods has been a blessing to the nation. Our hospitals and health-care clinics are among the most highly rated in the world. Our divinely inspired, total-health philosophy is responsible for this.

The church still teaches the Commandments of God and the faith of Jesus; that the cross of Christ is central to the salvation of man; that the Lord is in His Holy Temple, ministering the blood; that our bodies are the earthly temples of the Holy Ghost; and that Christ will soon come in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. Other teachings surround this cluster, but the above describes the heart of the matter. The influence of Ellen White's teachings among the faithful has grown with the passing years. And our Message to the delegates of this Council is: "Courage in the Lord: and let us go forward, doing the best things more and the worse things less."

—E. E. Cleveland

A REGIONAL THEOLOGY OF WORSHIP

As we enter the decade of the 90's, there are many pressing controversial issues that vie for attention in the Black SDA church. There is the subject of regional unions; an attempt of the constituents of African descent to forge an agenda for self-determination in order to promote the concerns of Blacks in the Adventist church.

Secondly, there is the moot point of Christian standards. There seems to be a furor over church standards as they relate to this contemporary society. Should they be revised to reflect current trends or should they remain the same? That is the question. And there are other topics: General Conference session, South Africa, Education, AIDS, etc. But none of these issues in the opinion of the writer sets off such a barrage of contention as the subject of worship. Church liturgy and one's expression in the context of that self-same liturgy is a tempestuous issue which is becoming increasingly controversial.

Debates and counter debates rage over the question of reverence as it relates to worship. "What" we ask ourselves, in the context of worship "is reverence exactly?" In order to resolve this polemical issue, we must examine existing forms of worship and determine which reverence style is correct. Is one more appropriate for a particular group given inherent cultural and religious differences? The response to this query falls basically under two viewpoints:

1. *Reverence equals silence:* Those who espouse this theology believe that reverence in worship is expressed by taciturn quiescence. Worship should flow with tranquil somnolence. To even breathe an "amen" is equated with irreverence—an outward symptom of eventual apostasy.

2. *Reverence equals emotionalism:* Some individuals believe that the Holy Spirit's presence in worship is revealed by the exhibition of vociferous behavior and the playing of rhapsodic music. Such a disposition is very characteristic of neopentecostalism. To these individuals, "having church" is dependent on the emotional "high" one experiences during the worship service.

Which viewpoint is correct? Which definition is actually representative of a regional theology of worship? Before we answer this question we must understand why some individuals prefer the former worship style rather than the latter.

One's style of worship is formulated by one's religious background and cultural experience. For example, those who lean toward the "reverence equals silence" philosophy probably inherited the roots of a "high church" liturgical practice. Traditionally, this experience focuses on the cerebral aspect of worship instead of the emotional appeal. In other words, worship is an intellectual experience.

Proponents of the "reverence equals emotion" ideology embrace the "down home" liturgy of the call and response pattern formulated between preacher and congregation. This type of worship is often called a dialogue between God and the worshipper. Emotion in this sense is the essence of one's contemporary experience crying out to the transcendent God.

Worship styles are also relative to one's class status in society. In some instances, the upper classes tend to gravitate toward the cerebral form of worship whereas the lower classes embrace the emotional form of worship. Again, there are exceptions.

From a Biblical perspective, worship is a celebration which is manifested in a variety of ways: silence (Hab. 2:26), verbal affirmation (Ps. 95:1, 2), even surprisingly, physical demonstration (Ps. 47:1, Exod. 3:1-5). Worship is neither purely cerebral nor purely emotional. Worship in its truest sense involves man's total being. The point cannot be overstated that worship involves the total being in response to the acts of God in human history. Praise and adoration to the living God is not static, it is dynamic.

What has happened is that many Seventh-day Adventists of African heritage have indiscriminately bought into the European cultural value system and have defined their worship style within those parameters. Our history indicates that worship is a jubilant event. It is centered in God and characterized by a festive climate as we gather to express thanksgiving to the risen and living Christ. In the church our people are confronted by God, comforted by His grace and convicted by His word.

Worship was an instrument used by our people to rise above the stresses of an oppressive society. The African-American church received power in the worship service to endure suffering, discrimination and second-class citizenship imposed by that society. The worship service in the Africa-American context was filled with celebration, not lamentation.

Our failure to adhere to our spiritual

roots has engendered a level of cognitive dissonance among our people over the issue of worship styles. In order to solve this controversy, we must study the Bible, the Spirit of Prophecy, and African-American church history not only to redefine the standard of church liturgy but recover the spiritual fervor and dynamism which is a part of African-American religion.

—Kevin L. Jenkins
Pastor, New Life SDA Church
Brooklyn, New York

ALLEGHENY EAST

BLACK HISTORY AT NEWTONVILLE

Newtonville, New Jersey's First Church, closed out Black History month with a weekend celebration featuring Elder Ronnie Vanderhorst from Washington, DC with a theme of "Victory Is Mine." It started Friday evening with a dynamic talk by Vanderhorst on how good-looking flesh can be yet how worthless it is in the end as you can only take your mind and character with you.

Sabbath morning Vanderhorst started his sermon with alarming statistics on the state of Blacks in America and then proceeded to step on as many toes as he could find with a sermon entitled "Dirty Dancing." It was based on Matthew 14:6, where Herodias' daughter danced for John the Baptist's head. Likewise, many adults teach their children to do evil; e.g., sending them to the store for cigarettes, etc.

Relating how parents unwittingly raise their children to be like them, he spoke of a mother who threatened to "snatch the hindparts out of the frame" of a recalcitrant child, not realizing the senselessness of her words and the effect this gross lack of respect will cumulatively have on him.

Other parents will eat vegetarian meat at church and then flesh at home, and talk about how good family prayer is, while they have a TV in every room at home so they never even get together. They work two jobs so their children will not want, then neglect to spend any time with them and have none for witnessing.

Vanderhorst also explained a favorite habit of many lazy parents, which is to treat their children like servants, demanding that they do picayune tasks like fetch an object that they could readily reach if they chose to. Then they wonder why the

child will memorize rap songs instead of Bible verses.

For the AY program two phases were arranged. In the first a panel of students presented information about several Black historical figures, including Sojourner Truth, a reputed Adventist who bore the surname of her last owner. Interspersed were a skit and songs such as "Don't Feel No Way Tired," accompanied by Conga drums. This part showed how far Black Americans have come by faith.

Phase two continued with a memorized recitation of Dr. Martin Luther King's "I have a dream" speech and the history of Pine Forge. It was revealed that in the past century the site was used as a stop on the Underground Railroad. When Elder Wagner saw it, he recommended that it be purchased. Later, Dr. Kimbrough gave munificently so a new dormitory could be erected. This material was largely excerpted from the book "We Have Tomorrow."

Physical exercise was last in line to close out a good day with rounds of games, volleyball, and basketball in the gym.

RODNEY MALCOLM GRACES NORRISTOWN

After Kirk Thompson was moved to the First Church in Teaneck, NJ, the AEC Norristown District was without a pastor for a period. This ended with the arrival of Pastor Rodney Malcolm, a '76 graduate of Oakwood College, and graduate of Andrews University. Previously, he served at Dupont Park, Capitol Hill, and in the Gaithersburg, MD, Berryville, VA district.

The tone of his administration was hinted at on January 27 when he first spoke to Grace Tabernacle in Norristown. "WE" was the kind of church he referred to. It is also obviously a young family-oriented church that cares about and supports Adventist education.

"Storms Keep Coming" was the title of his sermon with a message of fixing your eyes on Jesus. "You haven't seen a storm like Noah, and the recent ones that hit England, not the U.S., but you may have to weather a marital crisis. Like the weather, you may not know much for sure beforehand, except the source and direction.

Pastor Malcolm plans to continue Norristown's active Community Services activities, including a weekly soup kitchen, reclaim missing members, and try to attract members of all ages. The church

The Editor's Desk

THEOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF OAKWOOD COLLEGE
TO RECEIVE \$100,000.00 GRANT



Clifton Davis and wife pledge \$100,000 benefit for Oakwood Theology Department

In appreciation for having gotten his training and opportunities when he attended the school of theology at Oakwood College several years back, Pastor Clifton Davis, the star of the "Amen" television program aired on Saturday evenings, pledged that he and his wife would contribute the sum of \$100,000.00 to help with the various projects that are needed for the continued development and growth of the department. Davis was one of the guest speakers for the "home-coming" weekend at the school during the month of April of this year. The president of the college and the directors of the Department of Religion express their gratitude to the Davises for their kindnesses in making available this gift.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	May 25	June 1	June 8	June 15
Boston, Mass.	8:08	8:14	8:19	8:23
New York City	8:18	8:22	8:28	8:32
Buffalo, N.Y.	8:41	8:47	8:52	8:55
Atlanta, GA.	8:38	8:43	8:46	8:49
Miami, Fla.	8:04	8:08	8:11	8:13
Charlotte, N.C.	8:28	8:33	8:37	8:40
Birmingham, Ala.	7:47	7:52	7:56	7:58
Jackson, Miss.	7:58	8:03	8:06	8:09
Memphis, Tenn.	8:04	8:09	8:13	8:16
Louisville, Ky.	8:55	9:00	9:04	9:08
Detroit, Mich.	8:57	9:03	9:08	9:11
Chicago, Ill.	8:13	8:18	8:23	8:27
South Bend, In.	8:07	8:13	8:18	8:21
Minneapolis, Minn.	8:46	8:52	8:58	9:01
St. Louis, Mo.	8:14	8:19	8:24	8:27
Kansas City, Mo.	8:33	8:38	8:43	8:46
Denver, Co.	8:16	8:22	8:26	8:30
Little Rock, Ark.	8:12	8:17	8:21	8:24
Dallas, Texas	8:26	8:30	8:34	8:37
New Orleans, La.	7:53	7:56	8:00	8:03
Albuquerque, N.M.	8:10	8:15	8:19	8:22
Oklahoma City, Okla.	8:37	8:40	8:44	8:47

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

officers were called together the first Sabbath at each church to share working goals.

Willow Grove is the other part of his district and will receive as much attention. Both of these churches were built by Elder George L. Braxton, now retired and assisting at Norristown.

—Mark Frog Harris

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

Leadership development and training have become priorities in the Allegheny East Conference. Bennie W. Mann, Conference Treasurer, held a first quarter three-day Seminar for Church Treasurers. Assisted by Lawrence E. Martin, Under-treasurer; Deborah Brown, Conference Accountant; and Reather Cheatham, Secretary to the department, Mann planned and presented a seminar that covered every aspect of financing and record keeping used by the average church treasurer. Some of the areas included Examination and Review, the Role of the Church Treasurer, Auditing, Budgeting, Disposition of Records, and Computers.

A special feature of the seminar was the presentation by Attorney Oliver S. Palmer on Taxation and Tax Exemption.

RETIRED AUDITOR PRESENTS SEMINAR

Retired Auditor, Robert S. Deal, presented materials on financial statements and auditing.

In attendance at the seminar was Sam Jones, the oldest member of the Ebenezer Church in Philadelphia and a member of the Ebenezer Church's Treasurer staff for over 45 years.

Children's evangelism also plays an important part in the overall program of evangelism of the conference.

The Allegheny East Conference has a very strong Vacation Bible School program, thanks to the many dedicated women and men who give of their time and talents to insure that there are special programs for the children of the church and neighborhoods during the long hot summer months.

Over 150 men and women attended the Allegheny East Conference Vacation Bible School Seminars under the leadership of Robert L. Booker. Barbara Manspeaker, Columbia Union Children's Ministries Coordinator, was the presenter.

Daniel Davis, Allegheny East Confer-



Bennie W. Mann gives personal help to treasurers during an exercise at the treasurer's seminar.

ence Youth Director, along with more than 200 Pathfinder leaders, has planned many programs for youth outreach this summer.

Alvin Kibble, Allegheny East Conference President, is more than excited about the many different possibilities of evangelistic outreach; and perhaps he should be, for the assault on sin in 1990 in the Allegheny East Conference could rival the assault of the Allied Forces of World War II on V-E Day against the Axis Powers.

"We will meet them on land. We will meet them in churches. We will meet them in tents. We will come to their neighborhoods. We will drive and march down their streets. We will find the lost sheep of Israel during the summer, fall, and winter of 1990," said one worker.

ALLEGHENY EAST CONFERENCE PLANS FOR GROWTH

The Allegheny East Conference, already the largest conference in membership and territory in the Columbia Union, has taken steps to send an army of preachers, teachers, Bible workers, and other support groups into more than 50 cities and towns throughout its territory during 1990.

The Allegheny East Conference Administration has pledged nearly \$150,000 toward the evangelistic activities planned for this year.

Evangelism will take many forms and will utilize many different structures including churches, schools, tents, and auditoriums.

At least three languages will be spoken in the series of meetings being planned: English, French, and Spanish, since the evangelists and groups are from those cultures.

From information received from conference headquarters, some of the evangelism will be very unique, including an evangelistic effort to be held in a tent on the campus of Pine Forge Academy, where Stephen Richardson, pastor of the Pine Forge SDA Church plans to train and utilize Pine Forge Academy students as preaching evangelists.

Other cities and towns where efforts are to be held include: Alexandria, Virginia; Asbury Park, Montclair, Newark; Trenton, Orange, Jersey City; Plainfield, New Jersey; Wilmington, Delaware; Clayton and Salem, New Jersey; Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Newtonville, New Jersey; Atlantic City, New Jersey; Bridgeton, New Jersey; Coatesville, Pennsylvania; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Pottstown, Pennsylvania; Petersburg, Virginia; Hopewell, Virginia; Portsmouth, Virginia; Richmond, Virginia; Berryville, Virginia; Newport News, Virginia; Gaithersburg, Maryland; Crewe, Virginia; Emporia, Virginia; Washington, DC; Baltimore, Maryland; Brinklow, Maryland; Cambridge, Maryland; Annapolis, Maryland; Whitesboro, New Jersey; and Chester, Pennsylvania.

Evangelism is being encouraged from every department. The focus of all Church Ministries Officers' Meetings has been outreach evangelism and special member nurture. J. Alfred Johnson II, Personal Ministries and Community Services Director, held a Federation for Community Services Workers in the first quarter in which more than 500 persons attended.

Also, in the first quarter more than 1,200 church officers attended the Church Ministries Officers' Meetings held regionally throughout the conference under the leadership of Robert L. Booker, Conference Church Ministries Director.



Members of Regeneration receive a 20-inch television from Waste Management of Pottstown. Left to right: Dwayne Dunn, James Flowers, Ted Charles, and Carol Johnson

REGENERATION

The Walnut SDA Church of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, has taken yet another step in its war against drugs and substance abuse. The church sponsored two city-wide drug marches last year and has now formed a local chapter of Regeneration.

Regeneration is a 12-step Christ-centered program first conceived by Hal Gates of Seattle, Washington. Through the use of informational lectures and videos, Regeneration has already assisted several addicted individuals to seek detoxification.

Hal Gates, J.D., is pastor of the West Seattle SDA Church. As a former alcoholic and presently a minister, he founded and is presently the Director of SDAXA or Regeneration.

Says Gates, "The group (Regeneration) serves as a bridge between the substance abuser and the church and works as an adjunct to Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon.

The free-to-the-public meetings are held every Tuesday evening at the Walnut Street Church. Their positive impact has been felt in the community to the extent that Waste Management of Pottstown has donated to them a 20-inch television for their video presentations.

Coordinated by Kenneth Branford, Sr., of Pine Forge, the core group includes Dwayne Dunn, James Flowers, Marsha Ford, Lenore Miller, Ted Charles and Carol Johnson, local health and temperance director. Paul Anderson, active in

local drives against drugs and alcohol, is pastor of this congregation.

—Debra Anderson, Secretary
Communication Department

METROPOLITAN CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

The Metropolitan Church in Plainfield, New Jersey, welcomed Frank Legette, III as their new pastor. Pastor Legette comes from Trenton, New Jersey, and is an energetic, capable, and God-fearing young man. He has stated his plans to make Metropolitan Church a leader in soulwinning, emphasizing the social, physical, as well as the spiritual aspects of his ministry.

Metropolitan hosted a Homecoming recently, inviting friends in the community. Three former pastors were guest speakers.

Elder J. Milton Thomas was the speaker from the Friday evening services. He reminded all of how God has led in the past and will continue to lead in the future. On Sabbath, Elder Stephen Boyce inspired the congregation, as did his youth choir from Virginia under the direction of Ms. Rosalyn Johnson. This 30-voice choir also gave a concert in the afternoon for the Adventist Youth meeting.

On Sunday evening, Elder Melvin Hayden closed out the Homecoming services. He admonished youth and adults to keep their lives anchored on the Solid Rock, Christ Jesus.

The members of Metropolitan are thankful for Pastor Legette and look forward to other Homecomings.

The Family Choir, under the direction of Mr. Donald Nicholas, held its third anniversary recently. Area choirs were featured on the program.

A pre-Valentine extravaganza, under the auspices of A.Y. leader June Roberts, was held at the beautiful Embassy Suite Hotel, and included dinner, fashion show, and musical entertainment. Ms. Roberts is a recent Revelation Seminar convert.

The Home and School leader, Ruth Trawick, purchased approximately \$400.00 worth of books from the Book and Bible House to present to the Adventist Youth Society for their lending library. The Home and School has also given numerous scholarships.

Metropolitan is on the move.

—Ruth Trawick
Communication Secretary

FIRST CHURCH OF FRANKLIN, VIRGINIA, CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

The First SDA Church of Franklin, Virginia, recently commemorated a landmark in their development with a special weekend celebration. The Friday evening speaker was Pastor Stephen Boyce of the Ephesus SDA Church in Richmond, VA. His topic was, "Can These Bones Live?"

The Sabbath service found the sanctuary filled to capacity with several visitors from churches as far away as Crewe, VA; Murfreesboro, N.C.; Washington, D.C.; and Maryland. The speaker for the day was Allegheny East Conference President Alvin Kibble. The city was represented by Councilman Gatling who brought greetings from the mayor and the city board.

Following a fellowship dinner, there was a gospel concert with individuals from Norfolk, Newport News, Williamsburg, and Franklin churches.

The history of First Church dates back to 1975 when two residents of Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. James Byrd, took Voice of Prophecy lessons. Later, Pastor Oliver Cheatham of the Campostella SDA Church in Norfolk, VA, conducted a Stop-Smoking Seminar and evangelistic series in the city of Franklin.

Mr. & Mrs. George Watson, residents of Norfolk, VA, came to Franklin and started giving Bible studies. They met regularly in the home of the Byrds and a company was organized. After the

completion of the Stop-Smoking Seminar, they moved to a storefront building.

In April of 1987, the newly organized church held groundbreaking ceremonies for their new church home. Four months later, the church was dedicated with a membership of 40.

Pastor John Anderson was the first pastor assigned to the company. Pastor Gene Donaldson organized the group into a church and oversaw the construction of the church building. Elder Maurice N. Taylor now pastors this congregation.

—Luella Lake Taylor
Communications Secretary

DEACONS AND DEACONESSES HAVE THEIR DAY

At a recent Deacon-deaconess Day, the Walnut Street Church of Pottstown, PA had as their guest speaker Elder J. Alfred Johnson II. Pastor Johnson is the Director/Facilitator of the Community Services and Personal Ministries Departments of the Allegheny East Conference.

Johnson chose as his sermon title "The Glory of Servitude." He presented a challenge to those who serve in the offices of deacon and deaconess.

The sermon was followed by a dinner in the fellowship hall prepared by the deacons and deaconesses. Paul Anderson is pastor of the church.

POTTSTOWN VISITS LIBERTY

The Walnut Street church members of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, under the pastorate of Paul Anderson, is far from static. They are a vibrant force in their community who also shine far from home.

Most recently, they visited the Liberty Church of Baltimore, Maryland, and made their positive presence felt. Pastor William Taliaferro of the host church shared his pulpit with Anderson as they preached a joint sermon. A special feature of the morning service was the dedication of the Taliaferro's daughter, Aubrey, by Pastor Anderson. The two families had waited five years for the performance of this rite and this was the first opportunity that had presented itself when all members of both families could be present.

After a generous lunch served in the fellowship hall of the Liberty Church, the two congregations returned to the main auditorium to present a joint AY Program. Two special groups from Pottstown that performed were the King's Daughters, a ladies' trio, and the Pine Forge

Harmonaires, a male quintette.

At the end of a full day of worship, the Pottstown members returned to their homes. Says Anderson, "This type of activity is spiritually stimulating."

CENTRAL STATES

A TRIBUTE TO AGAPE'S FRIEND

When death stilled the exuberant spirit of Mattie Collins last fall, Agape members of University City, Missouri felt the loss especially keenly. Although Mattie remained a life-long member of the Northside church, the influence of her life and Christian character left an indelible mark upon Park/Agape church. First, Mattie was directly responsible with the Holy Spirit for the presence of many members. She and First Elder Manuel Clay were childhood friends growing up at Berean. In later years their paths diverged when Manuel left the church. Eighteen years later God arranged a rendezvous between them. Manuel was driving a truck when he looked into Mattie's eyes as she stood on a corner waiting for a bus. As they renewed their friendship, Mattie quietly let the Holy Spirit use her to woo Manuel back into the fold. She invited him to the initial tent meeting that led to the formation of Park Avenue. Manuel subsequently became the first First Elder of the new church. That conversation eventually led to the conversions of Ben Steele, Anita Clay, Mary Patterson, Emma Avery, and many others directly or indirectly. In Park Avenue's early days Mattie often served as the church's informal, unpaid Bible worker. She also was always willing

to give liberally of her limited time to support Park Avenue/Agape's Health and Temperance Department. Many times the church services were blessed simply by her vibrant testimony.

Beyond a trail of stars for her crown, Mattie leaves behind the testimony of a committed life. She was widely known for her joyous witness, her cheerfulness, and her refusal to hear evil, let alone repeat it. All negative comments were met with prayer from Mattie. She was a person without guile. Her testimony was bright in her work as a Licensed Practical Nurse. For many years she held two full-time jobs. Not only was she well-known for her radiant personality on her first job, but on her second eight-hour job she was nicknamed "Sunshine."

In spite of long hours by all standards, Mattie led a very simple life. Her earnings went primarily to support Christian education. Beyond her tithe she was generous with offerings and church causes. Her financial affairs were marked with miracles that she loved to recount. Mattie never possessed much of this world's goods. She never owned a home. She never desired or possessed fine clothes or a large bank account. In later years she was able to purchase a new car after many years of bus riding, but she missed making her bus contacts. She often recalled a small group of drunks who seldom spoke to her, but purposely loitered near her bus stop nightly to protect her in the dark hours after work. Her light had shown in physical as well as spiritual darkness.

The onset of her final illness caught many by surprise. It seemed shocking that one of God's staunchest warriors could be felled. However, throughout her illness



Lenore Miller, left, of Pottstown enjoys fellowship of Liberty members at dinner which was served in the church's recreation hall.

she was a blessing to all who visited. Invariable, visitors reported being cheered and inspired by her testimony. When she was hospitalized, her room was filled with tracts and *Steps to Christ* books. Her hospital was the same one she had labored in. A measure of their love and respect was reflected in their care for her. She was given the largest, sunniest suite facing the park, a suite she could never have afforded. Her sick days and wages were stretched beyond the limit. Her care was tender and loving with employees from all over the hospital coming in to attend to her. Toward the end she revealed that she had stopped praying for healing and asked only that God's will be done. Her funeral was a celebration of her life. Pastor B. T. Rice remarked that she herself had delivered the sermon, all that remained for him was to give the appeal. Family members, including her beloved mother, Mae Eliza Bell, and friends filled the sanctuary. Young people, a special burden of Mattie's, were especially numerous. Many uniformed hospital employees wept openly.

The world little noted Mattie's passing. Near that time a noted St. Louis beer baron also died. Tributes from near and far flooded the newspapers and airwaves. Famous people formed a funeral cortege of expensive cars. He was remembered in great style. The world little noted Mattie's passing. She was just a humble Christian, but angels marked the spot where she lies sleeping. She is sadly missed by friends and family who work to hasten the day of Christ's coming so that they may see Mattie again, standing on the sea of glass tossing back her luxurious mop of shining black hair and shouting, "My Father!"

Anita L. Clay
Communications, Agape

DISTRICT DAY

On Sabbath, March 17, 1990, District Day was held in Columbia, Missouri. The district comprises the churches of Sedalia (Sharon Chapel) and Columbia (Breath of Life).

There were approximately thirty-five people in attendance. The Sabbath School program was lively and spiritual. Bessie Garr presented the mission story as class members listened intently.

The Sabbath School lesson was taught by Pastor Matthew L. Gibson. You could tell everyone had studied their lessons well by the discussion that was generated

by the class members.

Elder J. Paul Monk, Jr., accompanied by his wife Carolyn, was the featured speaker for the divine worship hour. His message was taken from the book of Revelation.

The topic was "The Ultimate Idol," in which he pointed out that idols today are not so easily recognized and that Christians today need to avoid the pitfalls of making idols of material things, social economic positions, and careers.

He stressed that many demote God to their level, thereby demoting Him to the level of what their conception of God is, which is equal to "god"—a totally erroneous view of the Creator.

After the 11 o'clock service a potluck was served in the lower auditorium of the church. The menu included a variety of vegetarian dishes. The women of the Breath of Life Church prepared a scrumptious meal under the direction of Debra Gibson and Lilla Jefferson.

After lunch the church's newsletter was distributed and plans were discussed for a forthcoming evangelistic meeting and a progress report of the church's building fund program was given.

Many of the saints expressed excitement and anticipation of the president's interest and concern for the development of the churches in Columbia and Sedalia.

Elder Monk expressed a desire to come back again to discuss in detail with members of the Columbia Church plans to further their growth and development.

It truly was a Sabbath that will be remembered by all who attended.

—Matthew L. Gibson, Pastor

"FAT, FAT, JEHOSEPHAT"

The Linwood Blvd. Children's Choir did it again. They presented a musical entitled "Fat, Fat, Jehosephat." It was the story of how Jehosephat went on a fast seeking for an answer from the Lord because he was being attacked by three armies. During this fast he lost all of his "fat."

The production consisted of 34 excitable, energetic youngsters from the ages of 4 to 13 years. The message of the production was "What Love the Father Has for Us."

The children did a superb job in portraying the characters in the story, thanks to the direction of Ms. Freda Wallace and her assistants, Shirley Cooper, Gaye Martin, Glenda Seales, Michelle Bailey, and Rena Dixon. The stage setting and

costumes were outstanding, thanks to the artists and seamstresses.

—Rena C. Dixon
Communication Secretary

STRIVING TO PROMOTE THE LOVE OF GOD IN THE COMMUNITY

A while back the members of Sharon Chapel distributed food baskets to the elderly and less fortunate. They experienced as much joy as the recipients did for being remembered.

In February, forty valentines and forty pieces of literature were mailed to individuals in the community who may otherwise have been forgotten, to remind them that God loves them and that the church does also. Interests are being reawakened through this ministry. In addition, convalescence, birthday, and sympathy cards are sent when any of these events occur throughout the year.

—Gertrude Boggess
Sedalia, Missouri

AGAPE NEWSFLASHES

Appropriately, February marked the Second Annual Sweetheart Banquet. This event, sponsored by the Dorcas Society, promotes love not only for friends and family, but all of God's children. To that end the banquet is used as a fund-raiser to underwrite various Dorcas projects throughout the year. According to Dorcas leader, Diane Jackson, this year's banquet was a resounding success. A fashion show featuring members and guests, including a wedding scene finale, followed a delicious meal. In addition, members were given an opportunity to publicly express their affections. Enthusiastic tributes of love to their spouses were given by Janice Cole, Ed Joyner, and Pastors Pembleton, Turner of Kirkwood, and Meadows of New Jerusalem, East St. Louis, Missouri. One and all again agreed that Agape has earned its name.

The pastor's study of the church recently underwent extensive renovation with the installation of new carpeting and drapery. The church members also repainted the fellowship hall and thoroughly cleaned it.

Wallpaper and carpeting in the hallways and restrooms were replaced. These improvements were done by small groups and individuals as a token of appreciation for God's blessings.

The Health and Temperance Department has begun an extensive educational

project. Members will soon participate in a Sabbath fast for spiritual and physical renewal. Cooking classes for adults and children, tutoring sessions, nutrition and health principles studies, as well as hydrotherapy training sessions, are also planned.

Members are enjoying the services of a new church bus. The modern, comfortable bus was acquired from a company in Memphis, Tennessee, through the cooperative effort of Adventist friends and head deacon Carl Smith.

NEWS FROM SHARON CHAPEL, SEDALIA

Conference president Monk visited the congregation in Sedalia, Missouri to introduce the new pastor, Matthew Gibson. Pastor Gibson, his wife and son, were warmly welcomed. His duties will be in Sedalia and Columbia. Pastor Gibson and his family reside in Columbia where they are striving to build a church home for new members.

"Redeemed? Say So!!" The integral part of the meeting was the spiritual, mental, and social development of the literature evangelist and the church member.

The purpose of the year-end retreat is to provide a place of reunion for literature evangelists from all over North America to come together to praise the Lord for the protection and blessings that He has rewarded them with during the year. Also, for the spiritual revitalization by way of the mountain top sermons preached nightly by administrative officials from the North American Division, General Conference, Union Conferences, and Local Conferences. The mental development consisted of training seminars focusing on the personal and spiritual growth of the literature evangelists and church members. The social activities consisted of touring sights surrounding Tampa, a picnic,



Presentation of award to Elder & Mrs. C. E. Bradford (center), President, North American Division. Presented by Elder Robert Smith, Sr., Director of Publishing, General Conference.

NORTHEASTERN



Accepting first place trophy for Northeastern Conference sales in 1989. Left: Elder Clarence A. Richardson, Publishing Director. Center: Mrs. Anne F. Richardson, Marketing and Advertising Coordinator. Right: Elder Stenneth H. Brooks, President, Northeastern Conference.



Group picture of literature evangelists from different conferences proudly presenting trophies received for a certain level of sales.

FHES LITERATURE EVANGELISM RETREAT

"Hats Off to Northeastern FHES Literature Evangelists!" Over \$1 million in Sales!!!

The theme for the Annual Literature Evangelist Retreat was entitled,



Literature evangelist group picture (displaying trophies).

Gazebo party, and the Annual Banquet to cap things off.

In addition to the other activities included in the literature evangelist retreat was the Old Fashioned Prayer Meeting and Testimonial Service. It was the highlight of the retreat. Morning and evening devotional services were well attended with sermons and inspiring special music by guest musicians. Everyone familiar with the Literature Evangelist Retreat looked forward to the Holy Communion Service on Friday night. The presence of the Holy Spirit was felt in that service through the ordinance of humility. The publishing houses and other institutions were represented at the Promotion Period. There were two well-attended worship services on Sabbath, with notable speakers delivering powerful sermons that will long be remembered.

The grand finale of the retreat was the Annual Sales Banquet. This was a rewarding experience for all literature evangelists. It was held in the grand ballroom of the hotel, and was a beautiful sight with everyone looking their best. Dress styles ranged from semi-formal to formal. Literature evangelists from all nine regional conferences accompanied by their leaders, publishing directors, and conference administrators, walked proudly up to the platform to receive their trophies for the sales they had achieved during 1989. The highest recognition in sales for 1989 went to Northeastern Conference Family Health Education Service.

The 1989 NAD Literature Evangelist Retreat was a powerful and rewarding experience for all who attended.

—Anne F. Richardson
Marketing & Advertising Coordinator
Northeastern Conference FHES

SOUTH OZONE PARK EXPERIENCES NEW LIFE

The members of South Ozone Park SDA Church in Queens, New York, pastored by Charles A. Tapp, were richly blessed with the presence of Elder Philip Follette, President of the Atlantic Union Conference, on April 14.

In keeping with the spirit of Easter, his sermon was entitled "New Life." Elder Follette expressed that death has not gained the final victory nor is it the end of life. "We, like Peter, may experience spiritual death, but through Christ we can obtain spiritual life."

AY was highlighted by a slide presentation of various countries within the Inter-



Elder Philip Follette addresses the South Ozone congregation



Left to right: Pastor Charles A. Tapp, Elder Follette, and local elder Katherine Woodlen.

American Division that were visited by Elder Follette. The church was informed of the evangelistic work being accomplished by youth from Colombia, South America.; Costa Rica; Haiti, Jamaica, West Indies; Panama; Puerto Rico; and Trinidad, West Indies.

Elder Follette motivated the members of South Ozone Park to continue in God's work.

—Dawn Campbell
Communication Secretary

IN PURSUIT OF HIGHER GROUND

The Majestic Heights SDA Mission of Brooklyn, New York, began the new year on a high note with the ordination of two elders, David Worrell and Maclauren Bourne; and two deacons, Stephen Guthrie and Daniel Henry.

The Speaker for the day was Pastor

Ted Jones of the Atlantic Union Conference, who also conducted the ordination ceremony.

The Gourmet Committee, headed by newly ordained elder, David Worrell, prepared a beautiful Sabbath luncheon.

The church, under the leadership of Pastor David Willis, also held a candlelight dedication service for the consecration of newly-elected officers and the church at large.

The Building Committee of the mission, with Daniel Henry as leader, and assisted by Cecil Sandy, has added a new member to its team in the person of Elder Floyd Irving. Together, with Elder Joseph Champen, the committee has created a unique plan for fundraising. The project, which has been named "The Finishing Touch," promises to be the most exciting fundraising concept of the year.

—Ingrid Clark
Communication Secretary

YOUTH WEEK OF PRAYER MT. SINAI, QUEENS, NY

"Teens on the Scene for Christ's Return" read the banners heralding the theme of Mt. Sinai's youth during the Week of Prayer held March 17-24, 1990.

Blessed with an abundance of vibrant and talented youth, guided by their leader, Antonio Campbell, the church placed its future leadership on display. The result: high calibre performances, individually and collectively, from a takeover of Sabbath School sessions on the first Sabbath to conducting of the A.Y.S. program.

Guest preachers, Elders Wesley and Jones, brought dynamic messages specifically tailored for their spiritual development. The former poignantly pointed out the elusiveness of "apparent green pastures," which lure unsuspecting youth to their downfall. The latter, as if by divine inspiration, continued on that theme, identifying pitfalls, stimulating self awareness, and making recommendations to build Christian character.

With vivid and picturesque narration, he used the story of Elijah's revival of the widow's son to outline his theme. Depicting himself as the widow, he was out to seek the Man of God (Jesus) to pray back life into the youths dead in trespass and sin. He followed up with the story of David to exhort courage, creativity, competence, and consecration to overcome sin (Life's Giant); and Joseph to illustrate the art of living victoriously by recognizing, resisting, and running away from temptations.

The season of devotion was an inspiration to those attending.

—G. & L. Williamson
Communication Secretary

NORTHEASTERN MEMBER SELECTED TO WRITE ADULT PROGRAM HELPS

Dr. Jesse M. Bradley, member of Mt. Zion SDA Church in Hamden, Connecticut, was selected by the Church Ministries Department of the General Conference to write the *Adult Program Helps* for second quarter 1991.

Dr. Bradley is a former member of the Conference Executive Committees, Member of Oakwood College Board, President of Oakwood College Alumni Association (the New Haven Chapter), Public School Administrator, consultant for the State for education, and Friendship Force Ambassador to West Germany.

She has held many offices in the church, including Stewardship Secretary, Education Secretary, Sabbath School Superintendent, and presently, Family Life Director.

The members of Mt. Zion wish her all the best as she takes on this important challenge.

—Shirley Gordon
Communication Secretary

BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT CALVARY

The Calvary SDA Church in Bridgeport, Connecticut remembered the month of February for more than its Valentine and President's Day celebrations. February was also Black History month.

Pastor Martin Benjamin used the Black History theme to focus on some of the contributions and achievements made by brothers and sisters in every age. From (and before) the Biblical personalities Jethro, Zipporah, and Simon of Cyrene, right down to today, God's providential leading hand and guidance is evident.

A.Y. programs at Calvary also had a Black History theme. David and Lori Robertson, A.Y. leaders, brought Sabbath afternoons that featured stories of Martin Luther King; a talk given by Kenneth Dubose on some historical highlights, and even the singing of the national Anthem of Jamaica, West Indies, along with "Lift Every Voice and Sing," the Negro national anthem.

On the last two Sabbaths of the month following the A.Y. programs, members

sharpened their knowledge with a "Black History Challenge."

—Michele P. Fowler
Communication Secretary



Pastor & Mrs. Ralph Shelton, niece Janean, and son Ralphie



Pastor A. Jules presents certificate to Ms. Marge Mack as Pastor E. J. Humphrey looks on.

NEW HOPE REFLECTIONS

Adoration and praises to God resounded from the New Hope congregation in New York City as Pastor Ralph E. Shelton, Sr. of Niles, Michigan presented the message, "The Attitude of Gratitude—A Mountaintop Experience." Said Shelton, "The expression of thankfulness is the attitude of gratitude."

On another occasion, Pastor Eugene Armstead, Sr. of Orlando, Florida enlightened and elevated all with a message entitled "His Name Is."

Praise/Prayer services held each

Wednesday evening at New Hope remind one of a regular Sabbath worship. One Wednesday evening Pastor Abraham Jules played the guitar and sang "One Day at a Time." The elders supported him as usual.

A goal of ten home Revelation Seminars was set by the church and they were to be held for eight weeks. At their conclusion, 43 proud graduates marched down the aisle to receive their certificates of completion. Nine individuals made decisions to follow Christ through baptism, and others are anticipated to make that decision soon. Elder E. J. Humphrey, New Hope's Community Service honoree, delivered the message, "The Midnight Deliverance." Marge Mack, a graduate, mailed a note of thanks to Jean Norris, her teacher, to state, "The seminar has made a positive difference in my life." She requested more studies and attended the church services.

The Personal Ministries department plans a sequel to the Revelation Seminar. Deliah Rodman, leader, attributes the church's faithfulness and work to "the understanding and experience of each member that the church is the body of Christ and call to ministry."

New Hope enjoyed a banquet sponsored by the Personal Ministries department in recognition of Ingathering efforts. The church accomplished its goal with Josephine Edwards, a blind member, crowned queen. She raised over four personal goals. Boswell De Lisser was crowned king.

Abraham J. Jules, Pastor of the Year, 1989, admonished the believers to "Get to know the Saviour individually," and that "the shortest trip is one in which you have good company—take the compassionate Saviour."

M. Jean Norris
Communications Secretary

SOUTH CENTRAL

"PRAYER IS THE ANSWER"

The members of the New Covenant SDA Church in Memphis, Tennessee, completed their first all-night prayer meeting recently. This was a follow-up to the four-hour prayer meeting that was held in January.

Mrs. Myrtle Smith, Bible Instructor for New Covenant, and Mrs. Myrtharyn Power, Coordinator, along with the

members of the Bible Instructor's Guild, planned this special prayer meeting. The theme for the evening was "Prayer Is the Answer."

Over the past few months, prayers have been answered. Members can testify that God answers prayers if all seek Him diligently. Missing members have begun to return to church. The Sabbath School has begun to come back to life. Financial problems have been lifted. The church's parking lot will soon be completed. Yes, these and other petitions to God have been answered.

Each Sabbath morning at 8:00 a.m. the early morning prayer service is conducted by the Bible Instructor's Guild. From thirty to fifty individuals are present for this spiritual session prior to the Sabbath School.

Members of New Covenant can say that "God does answer prayers!" Dr. Roland J. Hill is the pastor.

—Charles D. Battles
Communication Secretary

ALCY STUDENTS EARN MONEY FOR SCHOOL EXPENSES

Seven students from the Alcy SDA Junior Academy in Memphis, Tennessee who are members of the New Covenant SDA Church, worked during the summer selling *Steps to Christ* to assist their parents in helping defray educational expenses for the coming school term.

Elder Robert Crawford, Associate Publishing Director for the Memphis Area, along with Pastor Charles Brooks, currently pastor of the Tunica-Batesville, Mississippi District, served as the sponsors for the Alcy students as they worked various malls and shopping centers in the Memphis area. Keisha King, a seventh-grade student at Alcy, was able to earn approximately \$500.00 in just a month and a half. Keisha was the top canvasser.

This student literature project not only provided the students with the opportunity to earn money for Christian education expenses, but also an opportunity to witness by selling spiritual literature to a dying world.

Elder Crawford has plans to continue the student literature work for the summer of 1990 but is soliciting parents and other adults to work on a rotating basis with the students throughout the entire summer. He feels that no child should be denied a Christian education if he is willing to work for it. Interested parents may contact Elder Robert Crawford or Principal Battles by calling the school at 901-775-3960.



Left to right (back row): Sonia Hill, Mian Hill, Keisha King, Terrynce Dandridge, Chantay Williams. (Front row) Cherim Gwin and Kendrick Dandridge.

This is one job that any child can qualify for if he is willing to put in some effort each day.

—Charles D. Battles

SDA EDUCATOR SERVES IN SPECIAL RESEARCH PROGRAM

1989 was designated as Year of the Seventh-day Adventist Teacher. Throughout the North American Division, many schools, churches and conferences recognized the role, commitment, and dedication of the many unsung heroes that are contributing to the education and training of our young people in schools across the country.

There are many Seventh-day Adventist educators who serve in the public school systems across the North American Division who are also giving of their talents in training young minds. One such Seventh-day Adventist educator is Dr. Arnett Montague of Memphis, Tennessee.

Montague teaches biology and computer science at the Fayette-Ware High School in Somerville, near Memphis. Montague was one of 25 science and mathematic instructors that were selected for the Science Teachers Research Involvement for Vital Education (STRIVE) program. STRIVE participants spend eight weeks each summer studying and working in research laboratories in Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina, and Pennsylvania. Part of the program also includes workshops in how to carry what they have learned in the laboratory back to the classroom.

Montague's research assignment was at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in eastern Tennessee where he worked in

the Health Science Division. He and his mentor Dr. Mark Cristy worked together to develop a mathematical model of the movements and absorptions of fluids in various portions of the gastrointestinal tract.

Montague has taught for 29 years. He holds a bachelor's degree in biology from Kentucky State University, a master's degree in natural science from Arizona State University, and an Ed.D. from the University of Tennessee. He is married to Valeria Shields of Memphis and they are the parents of two grown children. He is a member of the New Covenant SDA Church in Memphis.

—Charles D. Battles
Communications Secretary

MASTER TEACHERS AT ALCY

Professional growth and improving oneself is the goal of the teaching staff at the Alcy SDA Junior Academy in Memphis, Tennessee. During the 1989/90 school year thus far, the teaching staff has continued to take an inward look and study ways whereby they can become better educators. After returning from the week-long Tri-Conference Teacher's Convention in Eufala, Alabama in August, the teachers began to prepare for the new school year.

During pre-school week, Dr. David Friedman, specialist in children's developmental vision, presented an inservice on ways to detect visual problems in children. Dr. Carolyn Mayo of the West Tennessee Area Health Education Center conducted a follow-up inservice for the teachers in reference to detecting visual, hearing, and language problems in students.

Officer A. L. Patterson of the Shelby County Sheriff's Department, presented an inservice on Substance/Drug Awareness and Abuse for the teachers. He is scheduled to return to Alcy for Part II in the early Spring.

Throughout the school year the Alcy teachers participate in the "Master Teacher" inservice program with headquarters in Manhattan, Kansas. Each week a different topic is discussed relating to current and relevant issues pertaining to discipline, teaching objectives, parent-student-teacher relationships, professional growth, classroom management, and many others.

At the conclusion of this school year the Alcy teachers will qualify for the status of "Master Teachers."

—Charles D. Battles
Principal



Alcy faculty/staff (left to right, front row): Charles Battles, Principal; Carlton Powell, Treasurer; Queen Robinson, Grades 5 & 6; Michael Tompkins, Grades 7 & 8; Hazel Farwell, Secretary; Lynne Middleton, Grade 4. (Back row) Brenda Renfroe, Pre-K; Susie Hill, Grade 3; Dessie Earl, Child Supervisor; Jo-Ann Wade, Grade 1; Merle Brooks, Grade 2; Elizabeth Perkins, Kindergarten; and Jill Edmond, Pre-K.

JAMES HERBERT TO CELEBRATE HIS 102ND BIRTHDAY

Mr. James Herbert was born in Greenville, Alabama in 1888 during the year of the great controversy that hit the Seventh-day Adventist church over "righteousness by faith." He knew nothing of the problems that then shook the church. Shortly thereafter he met and married Miss Macie Smith of Montgomery.

"Jim," as he is fondly called throughout the city, worked beside his father in the

plastering business throughout the city and community before attending A. & M. College in Huntsville. Still later, he entered the United States Army during World War I.

Miss Macie, an ardent member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for more than fifty years, won his heart, and together they settled in Greenville where they set about to make the city an enjoyable place in which to live. He became a respected civic leader, builder, mortician, and friend to his people, and a good husband to Macie.

Macie was the only member of the SDA church in that city, but she held firm to her beliefs. This left a favorable impression on the leaders of the city and other municipalities in the surrounding areas.

When his wife passed away, Mr. Herbert built and donated a new church building to the South Central Conference on her behalf. He never married again, and

the health practices that her life influenced him to acquire have helped to add to his years and to bring him to his 102nd birthday which will be celebrated during the month of July this year.

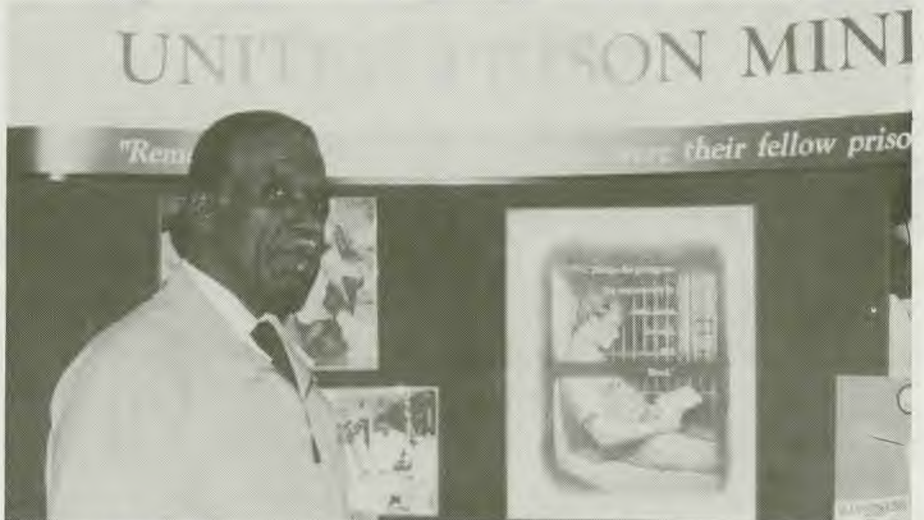
PRESIDENT VISITS UPMS OFFICE

President and Mrs. Charles E. Dudley of the South Central Conference visited the United Prison Ministries office in Verbena, Alabama, a few days ago. At that time they were given a grand tour of the six apartments and 77-acre grounds which is to be developed for a training center for workers in prison ministries for the church.

The United Prison Ministries program, under the direction and leadership of Richard Bland, has spread from one prison in Alabama to over 600 prisons across the country. The program is welcomed by the authorities in the various



Elder and Mrs. Dudley visit with James Herbert



Elder Dudley inspects the Prison Ministries headquarters in Verbena, Alabama

communities as one that helps defenders to become good citizens for the communities and for the upbuilding of society. Some of those who are helped by the program become members of the church and give their hearts to the Lord.

Elder Dudley and his wife were thrilled to learn of the program that led to the distribution of over \$500,000.00 worth of spiritual materials during 1989, and for the fact that for every \$10.00 invested in the program a soul is led to Christ.

Soul-winning crusades that are scheduled for 1990 are to be held in Ocala, Silver Springs, and Orlando, Florida. Other places that will be served are Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Orangeburg, South Carolina; Portland, Maine; Bronx, New York; Indianapolis, Indiana; and Orangeburg, South Carolina.

MAYOR ARRINGTON CUTS RIBBON FOR NEW SCHOOL

The church school in Birmingham has played a major role in training Seventh-day Adventist and other community children. The program has come a long way since the days when Mrs. Avie Joseph and Ezra Watts helped to mold the minds of these future leaders in the "one-room" school house in Smithfield Gardens. In later years the facility was placed in the basement of the then newly-constructed church. This became too small, and when the school building of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference became available, M. E. Joiner seized the opportunity to procure it. A new era for Christian education has been born.

Because of the quality of education that is found in the SDA school, many commu-

nity friends enrolled their children. There was a need for additional expansion, so for the past nine months construction has been underway to enlarge the building. Approximately twelve additional classrooms have been added. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was conducted on March 18. On hand for the ceremony was Mayor Arrington, whose children have been in attendance for the past few years.

It is the plan that the leaders and teachers of the school expand their program to become a full twelve-grade school in the not-too-distant future.

ADVENTIST STUDENTS RECEIVE SPECIAL GRADUATION SERVICE

Because of their Biblical beliefs and the Christian demeanor that they have displayed, three of the students who attend the Seventh-day Adventist church were granted a special graduating service in their honor from a non-Christian school in Gadsden, Alabama, recently. Pastor Washington Johnson, Jr. spoke of the fortitude that these young people displayed and the Christian witness demonstrated before the faculty and student body.

PORTRAIT OF A PIONEER

A very small company had been organized into a church in Knoxville, Tennessee. In 1923 Elder B. W. Abney held a tent effort and the little church moved across town to where the tent was located. They purchased the lot where the tent meetings were held. A large number accepted the Third Angel's Message under Elder Abney.

Since there was no building to worship

in, they held their services in a tent one block from where they were building their church. During the winter a large heater was placed in the tent for warmth. In the spring of 1925, the new building was completed and they held their first baptism. On a beautiful Sabbath at 5 o'clock in the morning, the large number which had been waiting for two years were baptized by Elder P. M. Boyd. In that group was Mrs. Daisy Stanford and her three oldest daughters. Her two younger daughters were baptized a number of years later. A very quiet person, the love of Christ was reflected in everything she did. As a result of her faithfulness, two of her daughters, Priscilla Steele and Nellie Hardin, are still attending the Knoxville church. Kate Reeder is now attending the East Side church in Indianapolis, Indiana; Ruth Willis is in Crewe, Virginia; and the oldest daughter, Lula Brown, is deceased. There are grandchildren and great-grandchildren



Mrs. Daisy Stanford



Mayor Arrington cuts the ribbon for the new school



Anniston SDA Church seniors who were given a special graduation service by a non-SDA school. This is the first time this has been done.

who are members of the church because of the faithfulness of this quiet woman.

Note: Mrs. Pearl C. Hamilton and her three oldest daughters were also in that 1925 baptism.

OAKWOOD

OAKWOOD ACADEMY HONOR STUDENTS

The academy continues to be a strong feeder school for Oakwood College. As such, the college is observing closely the progress and achievements of its students.

The grading period for the first semester shows 37 percent of the students (9-11) with averages above 80 percent.

Fourteen students made the Honor Roll, 13 Honorable Mention, while 8 qualified for the Principal's List as follows:

Sonia Benn (11)	97.6
Chanel Malcolm (11)	97.2
Kia Thornton (12)	96.0
Shane Cox (11)	95.7
Stanton Dulan (12)	95.6
Belvia Matthews (11)	95.1
Jewell Walker (11)	94.3
Shawn Cox (11)	94.0

OAKWOOD ACADEMY

At a recent meeting of the Academy Board, Mr. Donald Monroe, who has served as acting principal over the past year, was voted the principal at the recommendation of the search committee.



Oakwood Academy honor students (principal's list)

The Board also approved the recommendation to employ a vice-principal for the new school year. Applications for this post may be submitted at the principal's office.

Ms. Zenobia Seward, the finance officer of the academy, was commended for an excellent financial report which reflected careful research and realistic forecasting.

Elder Trevor Fraser, who has served as board chairman for almost three years, plans to resign effective June 30, 1990.

REAVES ELECTED TO UNCF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At its recent meeting held in New York, the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) elected President Benjamin F. Reaves of Oakwood College to its Board of Trustees and Executive Committee. This is a real



Dr. Benjamin F. Reaves, Oakwood College president

honor for Reaves personally, for Oakwood College, and the Seventh-day Adventist Church at large.

Present at this meeting were numerous stars from the entertainment world. The special honoree was singer Whitney Houston, while Take 6 and Bebe and Cece Winans were the guest artists.

Also present were Ambassador and Mrs. Walter Annenberg who recently donated to the UNCF capital campaign the sum of \$50 million.

In conversation with President Reaves, the Annenbergs revealed that their son was once treated at Loma Linda. This experience acquainted them with Seventh-day Adventist higher education.

OBITUARY

TONETO BARRY

Toneto Barry was born on November 17, 1926 to Charles and Lelilah Amanda Frett in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. He spent his early childhood in Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

His early education was in the school systems of the British Virgin Islands and in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. He attended trade school, taking courses and receiving diplomas in electricity, electronics, refrigeration, and plumbing.

Toneto enlisted in the U.S. Army at the age of 17 and was inducted in Puerto Rico where he remained until the end of World War II.

His uncle, Alexander Frett, was instrumental in his accepting the Adventist message. He was baptized on June 15, 1947, by Pastor F. A. Sebros. He has been a faithful member here at Ephesus for 43 years.

On February 17, 1952, he married the former Delilah Elizabeth Gibbs at the City Tabernacle SDA Church in New York City. Six children are the results of this union.

Whenever and wherever a need arose, Brother Barry made himself available. He was often seen assisting with the electrical work around the church or wherever a tent was being pitched.

His service as a deacon was well recognized by the members of the Deacon Board of Ephesus Church when they presented him with a plaque in 1977 for 25 years of service.

On June 6, 1987, Toneto was one of

the Golden Age Honorees of Ephesus.

The Christian education of his children was a major goal of Deacon Barry. He worked two jobs to make sure tuition was paid for his six children from elementary through high school. When his children decided to attend Adventist colleges, he was there to help as much as he could.

A jovial and congenial person, Deacon Barry will always be remembered for his friendliness, warm personality, and endearing smile.

About four years ago, his health began to fail. He fell asleep on Sunday, April 1, 1990, at 2 p.m. at the North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset, after a week's stay there.

He leaves to mourn his passing:

A devoted wife, Delilah Elizabeth (Gibbs) Barry

Three daughters: Lucretia Melbadine Barry, Hempstead, L.I.; Louisa Barry Martin and family, Lagrange, N.Y.; Escocomed Amanda (Barry) Harris and family, Virginia Beach, VA.

Three sons: Toneto Gibbs Barry and family, Hephzibah, GA; John Barry and family, Houston Texas; and Culvar Brainard Barry, Hempstead, L.I.

Sons- and daughters-in-law: Patricia Barry, Sabrina Barry, Calvin Harris, Roy Martin

One grandson: Stephen Wesley Barry

Four granddaughters: Christina Romona Barry, Katrina Anette Barry, Tania Elizabeth Barry, Amber Tramine Harris

Brothers: Juanito Barry and Family, St. Thomas, V.I.; Charles Barry and Family, NY, NY; Samson Frett and Family, Massapequa, NY; George Ugal Frett and Family, Brooklyn, NY; Cammy Frett and Family, Bronx, NY; the late Henry Williams and Family, St. Thomas, V.I.

Sisters: Elsa Rabsett and Family, St. Thomas, V.I.; Velissa Hansen and Family, St. Thomas, V.I.; Isa Barry and Family, St. Thomas, V.I.; lone James and Family, Brooklyn, NY; Ruth Frett, Brooklyn, NY

Aunts, uncle, nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of co-workers and dear friends.

Life's Gales

by Robert L. Byrd

I saw a raven in a storm
Tossed wildly by a raging gale;
He turned about his shapely form
And 'gainst the torrent upward sailed.
The winds that sought to cast him down
Served but to lift him with a bound.

Today I saw a sturdy oak
Stand fast upon a mountainside.
A storm in all its fury broke
But only swayed its branches wide.
The winds that sought to lay it low
Served but to help it stronger grow.

Today I saw a bouncing kite
Tossed wildly by a stormy gale,
But facing upward in its flight
It smiled as steadily it sailed;
The winds that sought to lay it low
Served but to help it higher go.

I saw today a struggling soul.
Tossed wildly by a raging storm,
But facing toward a cherished goal,
He braved the gale with courage warm;
Those winds that sought to lay him low
Served but to help him higher go.

—*Lovingly submitted*
The Family

EUREKA EDWARDS SUCCUMBS

1990 will be remembered as a year when many things happened, including the year that the Calvary SDA church in Bridgeport, Connecticut, said goodbye to its last charter member. Eureka Edwards, the widow of Elder Alfred Edwards Sr., passed away at the age of 92. Born in Barbados, West Indies, she came to the United States where she eventually discovered and accepted the Advent message. She joined her energies with those in the New Rochelle area and the eventual result was the New Rochelle SDA church. Thus Mrs. Edwards had the unique distinction of being a charter member in two churches.

Her first husband passed away and she moved to Bridgeport, Connecticut, where she met and married Alfred Edwards, Sr. Their home served as the church until the group became large enough to purchase their own building. As an act of faith, they put a mortgage on their home to help erect a structure for



Mrs. Alfred Edwards

worship. (Elder Alfred Edwards, from St. Croix, V.I., passed away in 1988.)

In their 65 years of marriage together, Elder and Mrs. Edwards raised 11 grandchildren (2 of whom are now deceased), and 26 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Edwards will long be remembered as a legendary cook and a determined worker and pioneer in the cause of God. She passed away on January 17, one month before her 93rd birthday.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Milburn Taylor Maupin entered this life March 23, 1925, the first-born child of Miller R. and Mary T. Maupin.

Milburn accepted Christ at an early age. He was a member of the Magazine Street Seventh-day Adventist Church in Louisville, Kentucky. He was united in holy matrimony to Madeline Taylor on July 6, 1947. This union produced two daughters.

He departed this life on Sunday, March 11, 1990, at 6:40 a.m. He leaves behind his parents, two loving daughters, Madeline Maupin Hicks, and Jacqueline Maupin Tytus; three grandchildren—Thea Yvonne Rogers, Cynthia Elise Rogers, and Chester Luther Hicks, Jr.; three brothers—Robert Maupin of Tacoma Park, Maryland; W. Carlyle Maupin of Louisville, Kentucky; and LaVaunt Maupin of St. Louis, Missouri; three sisters—Roslyn Anderson of Richmond, Virginia; Idabeth Jacob of Louisville Kentucky; and Lolita McRoy of Kansas City, Missouri; and many relatives and a host of dear friends.

Milburn was an innovator in education, political, and social reform. His life can best be exemplified in his own words expressed in a letter to his family:

*It takes two men to make
one brother.*

Israel Zangwill

"I have enjoyed to an unusual degree, the benefits and joys of life in the United States of America. Due to the blessings of this Life, I have achieved far more than I ever dreamed of achieving in Louisville, Kentucky. There are no unanswered prayers, no unrealized dreams.

In my heart there is only gratitude and appreciation for the hand that life has dealt me."

MELBA QUIRANTE

Melba Andal Quirante was born on May 14, 1920, in San Pablo City, Philippines. She was the second of four children of Mateo Andal and Gavina Cierte.

After her elementary education in San Pablo City, she went to Philippine Union College in Manila where she finished high school and a year of college. She was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1936 by Pastor Roman Senson L. Quirante. To this happy union were born four children, namely Melu Jean, Delma, Luceno Jr., and Ednardo.

Melba spent many years of denominational service for the SDA Church in the Philippines, Far Eastern Division, and the North American Division. Among her activities were the following:

1. Food Service Director and Head of the Sewing Department of Philippine Union College
2. Credentialed Literature Evangelist in various union missions of the Philippines
3. Admitting Clerk, Credit and Collection Manager, and Director of Patients and Public Relations Officer of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital
4. Fund-raiser for Adventist hospitals, schools, and building projects
5. Member of the Deaconess Board and Stewardship Committee of the Oakwood College Church of Huntsville, Alabama.

To her friends and acquaintances, Melba will be long remembered as a friendly, loyal, and loving person. She was always ready to help those in need without any thought of return and her exuberant spirit, warmth, and hospitality touched all around her.

A man has to live with himself, and he should see to it that he always has good company.



Melba Andal Quirante

Her three surviving children and six grandchildren will long remember her as a loving, caring, responsible, thoughtful, and forbearing mother and grandmother. Her bereaved husband will miss her loving and caring companionship. He will miss a loyal, devoted, courageous, reassuring, comforting, and inspiring partner. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Lu L. Quirante; daughter, Dr. Melu Jean Quirante; daughter, Dr. Delma Chen and son-in-law, Dr. Tony Chen and their four children—Delton, Billy, Kenneth, and Mellie; son, Ednardo Quirante and daughter-in-law, Teresa Ogle and their two children, Jillian and Christie.

Also left sorrowing are older sister, Adela Kabigting; younger sister, Rebecca Cerna; and brother, Ricardo Andal and their respective families.

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