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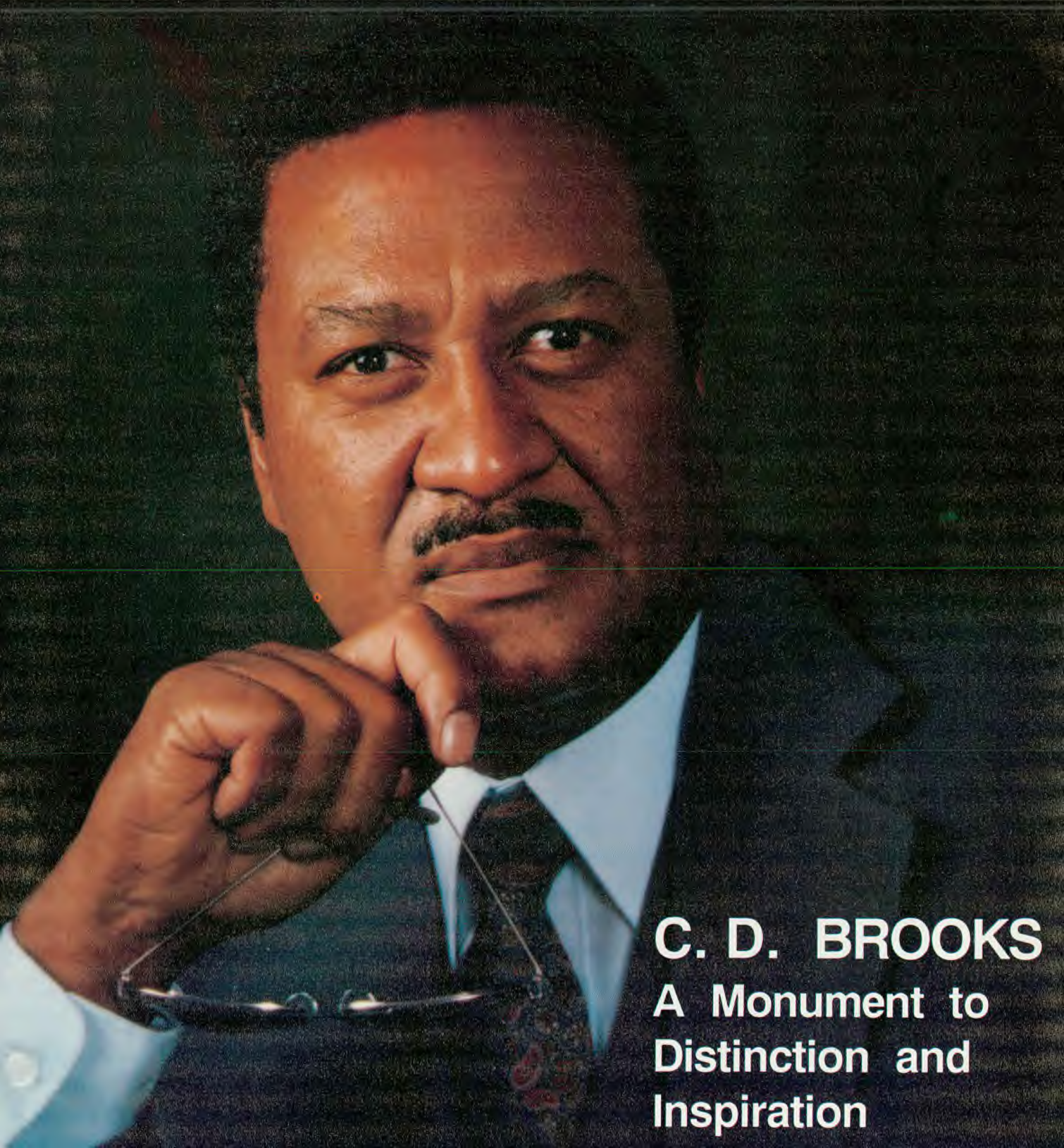


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**C. D. BROOKS**  
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Inspiration



## COVER STORY



Elder C. D. Brooks

Right in the heart of the bitter depression which gripped our land in the early 1930's, the Lord sent a boy child to the loving home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Brooks who lived in the quaint little college town of Greenboro, North Carolina. The date was July 24, 1930. At the time, the Brooks were faithful members of the Methodist faith and lived in a rural community where every family belonged to the same church. Mr. Brooks was a farmer/landscaper. Mrs. Brooks was a devout Christian housewife. They named their new son Charles D. He was the tenth of eleven children.

Charles' father was a large man with exceptional physical strength who was known far and wide for his honesty and integrity. He enjoyed a good solid reputation amongst merchants and well-to-do citizens all over the area. "The Brooks name (was) a treasure, the only thing of real value which he could bequeath to this children," he used to tell his family. Mrs. Brooks was a saintly, kind, unobtrusive woman who studied her Bible daily and who was considered a "mother in Israel" by the Methodist Church. She could be counted on wherever the church needed her and she was called upon incessantly. When severe illness befell neighbors or church members, there was one person all wanted for special prayer—Mrs. Brooks. Charles has early memories of these good and saintly neighbors sitting together in deep Bible study on the

sprawling front porch of their country home. The yard was filled with flowers and tall stately oak trees. "It is a good memory."

After Charles' birth in July, his mother became critically ill and was put in St. Leo's Catholic hospital—an incongruity at the time: A white hospital in a white community which served Black citizens, too. His father walked to work, then to the hospital, and then home. Winter had come and the nights were bitter. However, his being from a hearty stock and God's blessings kept the father on this daily routine—about 15 miles per day.

Eventually, the physicians told the family that the mother's condition was considered terminal and that they should prepare for her demise. Charles' eldest sister, Pattie, dropped out of high school to care for him. This she did without complaint. In later life, she would become his Bible worker, travelling with her younger brother all over this land as a gifted soulwinner in the Adventist Church. She has been blessed to bring great numbers into the Remnant Church as she toiled with her brother and other Adventist evangelists.

During this dark period, when the Brooks family was awaiting the terrible news of Mother's passing, a strange and marvelous and glorious thing happened. Mrs. Brooks was awakened one night by a bright and beautiful light pervading her hospital room. A voice called out to her, using her own name: "Mattie, I want you to keep all of My Commandments." She was amazed and responded, "Lord, which one am I not keeping?" The fourth Commandment was then highlighted in an aura or "halo" as she told it. There seemed to have been no elucidating of the text—suddenly it was just clear! A new, earth-shaking revelation, totally surprising to one who so long had served the Lord—and why to her? She cried out, "Lord, my friends don't know this! My family doesn't know!! If I am going to die, let me leave this as a testimony so they will believe." The Lord answered, "I want living sacrifices." Immediately, Mrs. Brooks began to recover. She would live for many years to train her son with the rest of the family and to see him ordained, to watch him baptize and perform the other ordinances of the Church—to see her dream fulfilled.

She spoke to the Lord as the vision faded: "Lord, I will do this thing if no one does it except my children and myself." The family had never even heard of Seventh-day Adventists. Mrs. Brooks was the

daughter of a prominent Methodist minister and merchant, Rev. George Reaves. Her brothers were both Methodist preachers and school teachers. Immediately after her commitment, she set her heart to obey. This brought conflict into the home, the neighborhood and the church. This new Sabbath was disruptive. Mr. Brooks didn't like it and certain others turned vicious!! Yet, for several years, this faithful mother without literature, without counsel and without a church was faithful to her word. With her children, she kept Sabbath every week—from Friday midnight to Saturday midnight without fail. Pastor Books likes to add that "this was perfect obedience." She was doing all she knew. At the same time, the family thrived on choice cuts of home-grown pork, with coffee and other forbidden things on the table.

On one Thursday evening, Charles got off the school bus to find his dear mother excited with joy. She could hardly contain herself!! His eldest sister was now the wife of Rev. Eugene Black, a fine young Methodist pastor. There was a knock at her door as she was busy with house chores. Mr. Willie White, a faithful old colporteur was calling with his memorized canvas and he set in to make a sale. Now, Mrs. Black was of a little different temperament than her mother and she interrupted the canvass: "Listen," she said with cool courtesy, "I am not interested. I'm a little disillusioned with religious promotion at this point. We are not obedient Christians! We do not keep God's Commandments! We are worshipping on the wrong day! Sunday is not the Sabbath, etc." On she went as the amazed colporteur sat hardly able to restrain himself. Finally, he broke in: "How would you like to go to a church where everyone believes that?" That was a Thursday in 1940. "On Friday, the faithful minister, Elder N. B. Smith, was at our home in the country. On Sabbath, Mother, five sisters and I were in church. I knew as a boy in short pants that I had found the Truth—the True Church and I have never changed my mind," Elder Brooks said.

Soon the family knew about "sunset to sunset," Sabbath observance and many other things as God now set about filling in the gaps. The family heard of a baptism coming up very shortly in early 1941. All were excited. The minister (correctly) wanted them to wait and study more. This was not understood at all. The mother was persistent: "You mean after all this we are not ready?" Finally, the pastor said, "Mrs. Brooks, there are aspects of Truth which you don't know yet." "Like what?"



"Well, God wants our diets controlled. Certain foods are prohibited." "Like what?" Then came the "crash course" and first was NO PORK which we ate three times per day. Mother's response was "show me." This done, she simply said, "Alright, what else?" Then came the whole truth on health and dress reform in short order. We were all baptized in that first baptism. "Dad didn't like it," Mrs. Brooks' minister brothers were beside themselves with their sister's disaffection from the old family faith. "They called Aunt Mary in Pittsboro, North Carolina and said, "Go over to Greensboro and see about your sister! She and her family are losing their minds." Aunt Mary came and stayed about two weeks. She returned home and joined the White Seventh-day Adventist Church in Pittsboro. Then they called their sister Minnie in Philadelphia! They were alarmed!! "Go down south and try to save your sisters," they exclaimed. Aunt Minnie arrived, stayed a while, returned to Philadelphia and joined Ebenezer Seventh-day Adventist Church. The "parson-brothers" decided this was not working and let us alone," Elder Brooks reports with smiles.

Charles graduated at 16 from high school and had settled on a career in Dentistry, along with three close friends. In August of 1947, all four were accepted at A&T University's "pre-dent" program. He was not looking for a career. He had one! He certainly did not want to be a minister! But isn't God good? He was positively called to the ministry with emphasis on evangelism just two weeks before school opened. He was sitting in E. E. Cleveland's tent all alone when the Lord called him. A complete change of plans had to be worked out in just two weeks. The father tried desperately to get Charles to stay home and go to school there even if to become a Seventh-day Adventist minister. After his best attempts (which

included offering the bribe of a car in those days) did not avail, he stormed! "Alright, go ahead, but I will not give you a single dime!! Do you understand?" Everyone just kept praying. What an extraordinary mother Charles had. What power in prayer was hers.

On Sabbath morning before the youth from Greensboro were to leave for Oakwood College, Charles sought his mother for something now forgotten and found her in her "prayer room." He recognized her tears as tears of joy. "Go find your father," his mother told him. When he entered his dad's room, he found him dressed up with a baptismal bundle beside his chair. He hadn't told a soul! That Sabbath, Mr. Brooks was baptized into the Remnant fold. Hallelujah!

The evening, Mr. Brooks said to Charles, "Are you going to the students farewell social?" His son admits he had not thought about it. He was so ecstatic over his Dad's baptism, he considered that he had had enough blessing for one day. Then this father spoke again, "You're going away to Oakwood, aren't you?" This was his way of giving in. On Sunday he bought a neighbor's used trunk and repaired it (Elder Brooks still has it) and on Tuesday, the father opened his wallet and emptied its contents in Charles' hands. Two weeks before, he had angrily exclaimed, "I'll not give you a dime." Now, he gives every dime he has—\$310.00 to start off at Oakwood. "Great are the miracles in my life," Elder Brooks says.

Charles graduated from Oakwood College in June, 1951 and began in the Ministry in Allegheny Conference. Soon thereafter, he conducted his first campaign at Chester, Pennsylvania, and married the president's daughter—all in the same year. Walterene Wagner Brooks has stood by his side in service ever since. "She is my earthly rock," he says. "What a mess my life might have been without her." They have two children, both married. Diedra Brooks Tramel, a speech pathologist is married to Mr. Samuel Tramel and they have two fine sons. Mr. Tramel is the Director of Youth Services for Washington, D.C. Charles D. Brooks, II, is married to the former Detra K. Henry of Winnsboro, South Carolina. Charles is a Computer specialist and Detra is a dentist.

Elder Brooks has been greatly blessed in the Lord's work. He expresses deep gratitude for all the Lord has done. His family, all in the church, is amongst those things he is most grateful for. He has

conducted numerous campaigns all over the world, having baptized in excess of 7,000 souls and seeing many others join the Church during weeks of prayer, camp meetings and revivals.

#### Facts of Interest

1951	B.A. Oakwood College
1956	Ordained, Pine Forge, PA
1951-63	Pastor/Evangelist, Allegheny Conference
1963-65	Field Secretary, Columbia Union Conference
1966-71	Ministerial Secretary, Columbia Union Conference
1970	Honorary Doctorate, Baptist Seminary
1971	Field Secretary, General Conference
1974	Speaker/Director, <i>Breath of Life</i> Television Ministry
1975-76	<i>Who's Who</i> in Religion
1976-77	<i>Notable Americans</i>
1981	Represented Protestants at inaugural Festival
1981	Voted Alumnus of the Year, Oakwood College
1985	Honorary Doctorate, Andrews University
1990	"Distinguished Alumnus," National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO)

Elder Brooks has traveled and preached on five continents. He is a regular columnist for *Message* magazine and has written many articles for books and magazines. To date, seven *Breath of Life* Churches have been organized. His plans are to keep praying and preaching "til Jesus decides its time to stop.

"This is a great and powerful Message," he says, "and we have a mandate from heaven to live it, believe it, proclaim it!! I want to. Pray for me."



Elder Brooks speaks to members of the first *Breath of Life* congregation in Memphis, Tenn.



Elder & Mrs. Charles Brooks



**VIEWPOINT**

*The Global Change and the Global Challenge*

The changes in the international political arena are coming with rapidity. These changes represent great challenges for Christianity in general and the SDA Church in particular. I am so very pleased that our world church leadership has shown such vision during these times. No other church had positioned itself and prepared for the crumbling of the Kremlin and the fall of atheistic communism as had the Adventists. God is leading His people and the results are seen in our worldwide growth.

Less than five years ago, individuals were going to prison for up to five years for owning a Bible in one Communist country. In another, 20,000 Bibles were sent to persons just wanting to study God's word, but the government intercepted that holy shipment and recycled those sacred pages into toilet tissue. Today, those leaders are gone for good. Many of us talk about persecution of the future not knowing others have already experienced it—including death for their faith.

A great challenge is before the church. We have approval to proceed with our publishing house and printing plans in Russia. We have a seminary there. Christian education is no longer outlawed for children under eighteen in the Soviet Union, East Germany, Hungary, Poland, Bulgaria, Romania, Czechoslovakia, and Nicaragua. Faith-sharing and proselytizing are no longer bad words. We must move with haste during this challenging window of opportunity for it will not last forever.

The CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) has informed Congress that the Soviet economy is in an unstable state and can be pushed over the edge into sharp deterioration by strikes and unrest. Economic chaos has been predicted by some. The fall of Mikhail Gorbachev is feared by many.

Regarding the call for independence by some Soviet republics, Mr. Gorbachev has stated that this could lead to war and "such a bloody carnage that we won't be able to crawl out of it."

National governments have been saved from internal destruction by initiating external war. While the world cries peace and plans are made for peace dividends, sudden destruction could come. Atomic bomb technology is spreading to Israel, South Africa, Pakistan, Iraq, and North Korea. We must not be deceived by peace talks, the release of political prisoners, and the return of hostages, though we thank God for these blessings. Now the opportunities are here. It is time to evangelize, evangelize, evangelize. Let the real love of Jesus be revealed to the world through His Church.

The United States Senate and House of Representatives have both passed non-binding resolutions calling on the President to recognize Jerusalem as the capitol of Israel and move our seat of diplomacy there. President Reagan and President Bush have stood in the minority of political leaders against the call for us to move our embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Such a move will not only anger the Arab nations and lead to increased threats to peace in that region, but will lead to one possible fulfillment of Daniel 11:45 in that any country (including the Vatican) having diplomatic relations with Israel could then have an embassy and an ambassadorial palace in Jerusalem. The fulfillment of Daniel 12:1 could follow that.

Our broad, global, flexible strategic plan must respond to the global changes and the global challenges. From my viewpoint, among others already implemented, under consideration, and yet to be articulated, I urge the following:

—We should use differences of race, culture, gender, and age with love and equality to maximize the use of our God-given talents where the use of such differences is positive and does not promote attitudes of superiority. Institutions and groups which are not exclusive may be more effective in working for similar groups while not promoting exclusivity.

—We should continually clarify our doctrine of righteousness by faith until we as a people are convinced that our righteousness is as filthy rags and that we (modern-day Laodicea) have earned no right to look down on any other of the souls for whom Christ has died.

—We need to continually clarify what in our teachings are tests of fellowship and what is counsel for individuals, allowing for a margin of growth and not condemning new believers and youth for not having attained the same level of righteousness as "old timers."

—We should not be afraid to exercise the authority God has given to His Church to implement policies not specifically forbidden in His Word. This includes policies of fairness and full utilization of the talents He has given to His children to finish His work.

—Our witnessing commitment must be expressed in our service with new schools for children and health institutions for the underserved of every region of the world, including the ghettos of the United States. The whole truth should be told about our financially failing institutions so the needed expertise can be secured to prevent avoidable losses and curtailment.

—In South Africa we must be seen clearly as standing on the side of the right—as the Pretoria heavens fall.

—We must stand against the causes of poverty, homelessness, racial underrepresentation in high places, sexism, the plagues of AIDS and drug abuse, and geographyism in the Church.

It is time for reformation, revival, refreshing, and renewal of our commitments to Christ and the spreading of His gospel to all His children.

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Affairs Consultant*

**CENTRAL STATES**

**AGAPE CHURCH NEWS**

*Pathfinder Club*

The Agape Light Bearers Pathfinder Club at University City, MO, recently conducted the entire Sabbath services at the church. Members witnessed the Pathfinder Club led by flag bearers Eric Griggs, Dominic Murphy and Randy Burnett enter the sanctuary in full regalia. The Light Bearers are only two years old, yet fully active. It is currently led by Judith Josiah-Martin, director; Nadine Richards, deputy director; and counselors, Annie Murphy, Carla Sharp, Patricia Andrews, Gabriella Fowler, Orville Gordan and Preston Baker. The club consists of 41 members, including the Adventurers, and ranges in age from 5 to 15. Unofficially, the Light Bearers includes underage, overage and even a baby division among the active membership. The Light Bearers Pathfinder Club is a dream come true to members including Helen T. M. Williams,



# The Editor's Desk

The May 1990 issue of the North American Regional Voice featured the Sampson family. Inadvertently, the accomplishments of the twelve children were omitted. They are as follows:

Name & Profession	Education	Name & Profession	Education
George, Jr. (son) Realtor—Soloist	Oakwood College B.S., Columbia Union Howard University	Arlene S. Johnson (daughter), Family Nurse Practitioner Director of Nursing, Home Health Service	A.S., B.S., M.A., University of California at L.A.
Paula S. Hatcher (daughter) Teacher	Oakwood College B.S., Heartland Inst.	Carleton B. (son) Senior Resident Anesthesiology	B.S., Oakwood College M.D., Loma Linda University
James C. (son) Regional Sales Mgr.	B.S., Oakwood College University of Missouri	Devore S. Winkfield (daughter) Family Nurse Practitioner	A.S., Oakwood College B.S., Loma Linda Univ. M.A., University of California at L.A.
Gwendolyn F. (daughter) Graduate Student	B.A., Journalism Columbia University	Michael D. (son) Salesman	Oakwood College Andrews University B.A., University of Maryland
Reginald (son) Ophthalmologist	B.S., Oakwood College M.D., Loma Linda University	Sony M. (daughter) Certified Paralegal	Paralegal Certificate, Barclay College; B.A., Oakwood
Alan Dexter (son) Ophthalmologist	B.S., Oakwood College M.D., University of Iowa		
Helen S. Johnson (daughter) Anesthesiologist	B.S., Oakwood College M.D., Meharry Medical College		

## SUNSET CALENDAR

	July 27	August 3	10	17
Boston, Mass.	8:09	8:02	7:53	7:43
New York City	8:19	8:11	8:02	7:52
Buffalo, N.Y.	8:46	8:34	8:25	8:15
Atlanta, GA.	8:42	8:36	8:30	8:25
Miami, Fla.	8:10	8:06	8:01	7:55
Charlotte, N.C.	8:31	8:25	8:18	8:10
Birmingham, Ala.	7:51	7:45	7:39	7:31
Jackson, Miss.	8:02	7:57	7:51	7:43
Memphis, Tenn.	8:08	8:02	7:55	7:47
Louisville, Ky.	8:57	8:51	8:43	8:34
Detroit, Mich.	8:58	8:51	8:42	8:32
Chicago, Ill.	8:14	8:08	8:58	7:48
South Bend, In.	8:09	8:01	7:52	7:43
Minneapolis, Minn.	8:46	8:38	8:28	8:17
St. Louis, Mo.	8:16	8:10	8:02	7:53
Kansas City, Mo.	8:35	8:28	8:20	8:11
Denver, Co.	8:18	8:11	8:03	7:54
Little Rock, Ark.	8:15	8:10	8:03	7:55
Dallas, Texas	8:30	8:24	8:18	8:11
New Orleans, La.	7:57	7:52	7:46	7:40
Albuquerque, N.M.	8:14	8:08	8:01	7:53
Oklahoma City, Okla.	8:38	8:32	8:25	8:17

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who with the late Alice Elmore worked with youth in JMV and Pre-JMV activities.

### Farewell to a Beloved Member

Agape members lingered after sunset on a recent Sabbath to bid goodbye to Mae B. Davis, a long-time, beloved member who leaves to join her son in Texas. Davis is an outspoken and outstanding worker in the church, was responsible for great works in the church. She became a charter member of the Park Avenue Church in St. Louis. Ever after, she was a willing servant of God. For many years she was a faithful deaconess. In addition to taking responsibility for maintaining the church, Ms. Davis often initiated new projects. One of her last projects at Agape was refurbishing the pastor's study. She left behind strict instructions that it was to be kept up! Sister Davis will be remembered for her sense of humor, good cooking and love of children. She "adopted" many of the young people throughout the years, helping out on church school tuition and remembering birthdays and graduations.

Members presented Ms. Davis with gifts and tributes at the social in her honor. She leaves with members best wishes, prayers and many promises to "come and get her any time she wants to come back."

### Joint Church Fellowship

Years of Christian friendship was climaxed when Linwood Boulevard Church of Kansas City, Missouri, visited Agape for Linwood Day. Pastor James White, Sabbath School members, choir members and friends conducted the entire day, from a joint Sabbath School to an enthusiastic Adventist Youth Program. Pastor White, who was an associate pastor at the original tent meeting which formed Park Avenue, brought an enlightening and thought-provoking sermon. Both choirs provided special music and a Fellowship Dinner provided renewal of old acquaintances. Agape members look forward to meeting their Christian brothers and sisters again in united fellowship.

—Anita Clay

*What makes us discontented  
with our condition is the  
absurdly exaggerated idea  
we have of the happiness of  
others.*





Elder and Mrs. Perry Jennings



Ron Garnett

### YOUTH WEEK OF PRAYER AT BETHEL

Youth Week of Prayer at Bethel Church in Kansas City, Kansas, was outstanding. The children and youth worked hard. Even five-year-old children took part and attended regularly.

Elder Perry Jennings, a former pastor at Bethel, was the guest speaker for the week. He encouraged all to be faithful and ready to meet the Lord when He comes.

Mrs. Betty Jennings, Lenard, Kimmie, and Christopher came to Kansas City to join Elder Jennings for the weekend. Their musical renditions added more to the services.

Pamela Reece and her committee did a superb job of planning the activities for the week. The youth planned a delicious dinner for the entire church, and an overflow crowd enjoyed the day.

—Mazie Mitchell

### RON GARNETT IN CONCERT

The Community SDA of Denver, Colorado, was pleased to present Ron Garnett in benefit concert. He was accompanied by his lovely wife, Yvette, and his son, Chris, during this visit, and to the members' delight, Chris joined his father in a song. Also on the program was Carla Brown, and The Testimony who added to the spiritual singing that evening.

The concert was the second in a two-part project to raise funds to finish the album Community Sings "TRY HIM". The album is being produced to gather the needed money for a new public address system in the church. The overflow would go to the Home and School Department to help with tuition and the newly formed CO-OP school, as well as the new church

school in progress. The fund raising goal was reached and exceeded.

—Tanya Marshall

### A STAR IS BORN

Sabbath, March 3, 1990 heralded the formal organization of one of Central States Conference newest churches. Ebenezer Fellowship SDA Church was born!

Twenty-one individuals were voted in as full-fledged members—charter members of Ebenezer Fellowship. Ebenezer Fellowship S.D.A. Church is located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, thus representing the move of Central States into the northern-most reaches of its vast territory. This church is the glad fruition of a pressing need, a brave idea and dogged perseverance. Pastor E. McPherson had a dream of taking this Advent message into south Minneapolis, an area of the city where existed no African-American Adventist Church. March 3 will live forever in the memories of all who attended, for that Sabbath marked the culmination of Pastor McPherson's dream.

There was joy unspeakable as the members and friends witnessed the birth of the church superintended by the Conference President, Elder Paul Monk, and supported by the members of the Conference Committee. God's presence was felt during a special communion service, the ordination of two deacons, Roy Ramnarain and Jeffrey Naab, along with the ordination of an elder, Anthony Mosley.

Elder Monk challenged all present to work, to war and above all, to walk with Jesus. A church building is needed, but the members are undaunted. They believe in the optimism of Pastor

McPherson: "The Lord who has led us thus far will surely see us through."

### LOVE FESTIVAL MUSICAL

Spring is the perfect time for expressions of love and Black Heritage, and that's exactly what happened at the Love Festival put on by the Home and School Department of Community Seventh-day Adventist Church in Denver, Colorado. The theme of the musical was Black Heritage and the importance of Christian education. Under the guidance of Sister Pam Mobley, choirs, musicians, musical groups and narrators were gathered from Denver and Colorado Springs area churches.

Special acknowledgments were given to Vina Cole and Immanuel Jones for their untiring efforts with the newly formed Community Christian School. The school consists of five young students (Tamara Mobley, Jania and Jara Wright, John Fields and Chuck Marshall) who are on the Home Study Program. The Cooperative School has been in existence since September of 1989 and both teachers and students are proud of the school and its progress. Cole is not only a teacher and head of the school, she's also head of the Home and School Department. Jones unselfishly came out of retirement to help these young people.

The evening was a spiritual blessing for all and reaped over \$300 for the Home and School Department.

—Tanya Marshall

## NORTHEASTERN

### QUEENS/LONG ISLAND LAY-MEN'S FEDERATION UPDATE

Bethesda SDA Church:

Every Sabbath the elders go out to visit and pray with the sick and shut-in.

A drive is on for the Message Magazine. The goal is not yet reached. They are feeding the poor and needy in that area. Each week five (5) people are asked to bring five lunch bags. With these they feed the homeless.

Bethesda church purchased VCR equipment to tape church services. They take it to nursing homes and to the sick and the shut-in so they can watch the church services in their homes or wherever they are confined.



One Sabbath a month, they visit a particular nursing home and do a Sabbath Service.

#### *Springfield Gardens SDA:*

The recent In-Church crusade at Springfield reaped 74 souls. Follow-up work is now in progress.

Springfield is still feeding the homeless and hungry and a campaign is on for the Message Magazine. They have three (3) on-going Revelation Seminars and Bible Class every Sabbath. Pathfinders were very helpful during the crusade. They went from house to house delivering invitations.

#### *South Ozone Park SDA:*

On May 26th two (2) were baptized at South Ozone. An In-Church Crusade should surface in September. Home Revelation Seminars are in the making, also one that will be open to the church.

Every third Thursday of June, July and August will be an "Evening on the Lawn" at South Ozone Park Church. This is a time of Praise and Worship with family and neighbors in the open air.

The Message Magazine Drive is in progress. The goal will soon be reached.

South Ozone has an on-going Bible Class, Prayer Bands and Tape Ministry. It also has a Radio Ministry that is aired each Wednesday and Friday on Station WTUE-AM 1520 9:00-9:15 a.m. The Pathfinders are also participating in the lay activities. They go out two Sabbaths out of every month to distribute literature and to visit the sick and shut-ins. Some of the staff has made it possible for the shut-ins to have a Sabbath School program in their home. The Pathfinders have also started a Branch Sabbath School on Sabbath afternoons at 4:00 p.m. During the Youth Week of Prayer, the Pathfinders took part every night in full dress uniform, which included ushering, opening prayer, song service, scripture reading and offertory.

The Community Service Department held a Clothes Drive which took place in the church basement and flyers were circulated in the community so that they could come in and take advantage of this program. Various clothes were given out for all. Unfortunately, there was a family in the community who was burnt out. They were given clothing, food and money. There were four children—two boys and two girls ranging from ages 3 to 14. The family has attended church on several occasions.

#### *Macedonia:*

Inez Diamond, P.M. Director—the church has been divided into four bands. These bands are working. Each week one goes out. They are now giving Amazing Facts studies. The church gives out food boxes each week. They have acquired a new building but are not in it as yet. A musical program on May 5 raised \$1700. They work in the Soup Kitchen at Bethany, Westbury every third Sunday. Six individuals were enrolled in the Lay Bible worker's course. Reynolds Caleb will be the nightly speaker for the Laymen's Crusade. There was also a Laymen's Rally at Macedonia on May 19, 1990.

#### **SHARON MARCHES ON**

The Sharon Seventh-day Adventist Church located in the Bronx, New York, recently welcomed their new Pastor, Newton U. Cleghorne.

Building on the firm foundation laid by the former pastor, Samuel Stovall, the church marches on. New innovations and plans have sparked new life and enthusiasm in the entire membership.

On May 26, 1990, one of the many new programs introduced by Pastor Cleghorne was realized. In a memorable graduation exercise, fifty-nine members received certificates for completing a fourteen week on-the-job training course in Soul Winning.

A four-week Crusade will begin on August 4, 1990 as part of the soul winning outreach of the church.

—by Myrtle Myke

#### **PASTOR & MRS. OSWALD EUELL ASSUME NEW LEADERSHIP AT THE LEBANON CHURCH**

Sabbath, April 21, 1990, Northeastern Conference President, Elder Stennett Brooks, introduced Lebanon's seventh minister, Pastor Oswald Euell.

After Elder Brooks presented Pastor Euell and his wife, Marcia, to the church family and visitors, Berlette Tribbette presented a solo rendition of "Welcome Home Children." The Ambassadors for Christ, the children's choir, delighted the Euells and guests with two selections during the Divine Service. The new pastor entitled his sermon "PURSUING THE CHALLENGE" which set the tone of his new administration here at Lebanon.

After the morning service, the Pastor and family and visitors recessed to the fellowship hall for a delicious luncheon



*Pastor & Mrs. Oswald Euell*

prepared by the officers of the church under the supervision of Desmond Mahoney, Communication Secretary, and Sylvia Modeste, Sabbath School Superintendent.

In the afternoon the combined Linden and Lebanon Sanctuary Choirs performed the "Seven Last Words of Christ" with guest soloists, Rawl Baker from the Bethel SDA Church; Mr. Selwyn Ash, Assistant Treasurer of the Northeastern Conference, and Ms. Johnson of the Hanson Place Church. The choirs were under the direction of Mr. W. Moncrieffe of the Mt. of Olives Church in Brooklyn and Mr. Albert Rahming, the church organist, was at the console.

Pastor Euell expressed gratitude to his new church family for their warm welcome.

—Desmond L. Mahoney

#### **HEALTH AND TEMPERANCE ALIVE IN ROCHESTER**

Mae Nelson, Health & Temperance leader for Jefferson Avenue SDA Church in Rochester, New York, has been giving encouragement to the church on a weekly basis to heed the health message that makes the Adventist church unique.

When the Northeastern Conference Health & Temperance director, Pastor Carlos de la Pena, challenged the congregation through Biblical examples to live clean lives, it reinforced the stand taken by the local department. He further impressed the church with current data that supports Bible teachings concerning temperance and health.

Many of the nurses and other medical personnel of the church participated in the program. During the prayer of intercession, Elder Edwin Thoms, pastor of





Conference Temperance Director Carlos de la Pena



Chef Roy Holman and assistant Billie Johnson

Jefferson, admonished the church to remember that even in the area of health and temperance, Jesus will help. After the service, a healthful meal was served by Chef Roy Holman and Billie Johnson, assistant in the culinary department.

#### EDUCATION DAY

The annual Education Day program was held at the Jamaica SDA Church, Jamaica, NY, on April 21, 1990. During the 11:00 a.m. worship service, music was provided by the Linden School Choir of Laurelton, NY. Their director/ accompanist is Mr. Filbert Michelle.

"The Battle is not yours, but God's" was the message delivered by Mrs. Deborah Richardson, founder and the first principal of the Faith SDA School in Hartford, CT. Urging parents to educate their households in the ways of God, Mrs. Richardson recommended that certain gifts be given to children, including: (a) early home training; (b) acceptance; (c) self-esteem; (d) flexibility; (e) firmness and consistency; (f) Christ; and (g) a formal Christian education.

Mrs. Richardson's husband shared two items of special music during the service, "I Want to Know Christ" and "I Give All My Service to You."

The fourth grade class of the Linden school presented the afternoon program. Their teacher, Mrs. Edna Grizzle, also serves as the Education Leader at Jamaica Church.

—Merle Thompson-Adams

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*When you have no observers  
be afraid of yourself.*

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#### KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN'S OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Accompanied by their teachers, Mrs. Carolyn Beale and Mrs. Bell Solone, four children from the Kindergarten Sabbath School class of the Jamaica SDA Church, Jamaica, NY, took food they collected and tracts to the residents of a hotel located a block away from the church. The food was distributed to six families. Five of them had five children each, and there were three children in the sixth family.

The purpose of the visit was to teach the children the importance of sharing with others less fortunate than themselves. Mrs. Solone, the Kindergarten Leader, reports that the class plans to make this type of outreach program a year-long project. Weather permitting, the children will distribute tracts on a monthly basis.

—Merle Thompson-Adams

#### "PASSING THE MANTLE"

"No condition is permanent." These famous words came to mind on April 7, 1990 at the Linden Church where Pastor Larry Bailey spent his final Sabbath at the podium in numerous activities that included: the welcoming of the New Believers; blessing of several babies; blessing of the robes for the Linden Ensemble Choir and ordination of a deacon.

As the countdown time became zero hour, Pastor Bailey's final "Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior" prior to the intercessory prayer, was sung with even deeper solemnity; but he delivered his sermon, "Passing the Mantle" valiantly. He called on the master leaders, Moses, Joshua



Pastor Larry Bailey

and Jesus to inspire him. He spoke of the loyalty of Jesus to His Father as an example; also John the Baptist, Daniel and Paul on Mars Hill. His closing words, "Hold on! Hold on! Hold on! Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" echoed through the temple into the hearts of the congregation.

His final official steps down the main aisle were measured and treasured ones. He took with him glorious memories including the zenith of his accomplishments at Linden: the Mortgage Burning Ceremony. A plaque of that historical occasion was presented to the family.

Bailey's official farewell was on Sunday, April 8, 1990 where the crowd was an expectant mix, included Elder Leroy Hampton, Treasurer, Northeastern Conference; Pastor Augustus O'Giste and family and Pastor Bailey's parents and other relatives.

"Forever Friends, bound by love that time can't take away," were the words



Keotisha O'Giste sang as a tribute to Pastor Bailey and his family as they took their leave.

—Sheri Forrest

### KING'S DAUGHTERS' DAY AT LINDEN

I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the House of the Lord, Won't you come, come, come" sung the Cantata Choir under the direction of Professor Lloyd Chung (City Tabernacle Church) with Ms. Everyl Gibson (Ephesus Church) at the organ. The Sabbath was April 28, 1990; the occasion, the King's Daughters' Day with the Linden Church as host.

Special greetings were given by Elder Lee Paschal, Communication Director for Northeastern Conference. In attendance



Justice Sheila Jackson Lee



New York Police Commissioner Lee Brown speaks at the King's Daughters service

was New York State's Commissioner of Police, Dr. Lee P. Brown, a friend and colleague of the speaker of the hour, Justice Sheila Jackson Lee who serves in Houston, Texas. The Commissioner used the parable analogy of the Ten Talents regarding Justice Jackson who has demonstrated good stewardship.

It was particularly gratifying to the parents, Elder and Mrs. Ezra Jackson, to have their daughter, a product of Linden, address the congregation. As Jackson gave the simple introduction of her daughter, she told her hearers that at age five Sheila insisted that the New York Times be bought for her. Prov. 22:6, "Train up a child" has followed Sheila all the way.

The Cantata Choir's renditions added to the rich ambience of the worship.

"It's good to be back home," said Justice Sheila Jackson Lee as she stood at the podium to open the audience's eyes to: Sister! Sister! Who Me?

—Sheri Forrest

### WESTERN NEW YORK HEALTH FAIR

For two days the 9th Annual "Spring for Better Health" sponsored by the Victory Temple—Buffalo General Hospital Health Fair was conducted at the Buffalo Main Place Mall in Buffalo, NY. Each day hundreds of people passed by the various booths and exhibits which included counseling, cancer screening, blood pressure testing and hypertension testing.

Media and many businessmen asked the Director, James Haskins, for advice on how to start their own Health-Fair. Others were exposed to literature about the

Adventist health message along with the Three Angels' message. Many sought spiritual counseling from Pastor J. Kendall Guy and Bible Instructor, E. Jeltz.

Television coverage by the local media was an added supplement to this major witnessing thrust. The "Spring for Better Health Fair" was visited by Adventist and former Adventist alike. In fact, many promised and did attend services the following Sabbath.

Lunch was provided for all members and hospital volunteers. Many asked among the non-adventist participants about the vegetarian meat. In fact, many asked for the recipes since it was so tasty. Highschool students were in full force giving their energetic support and witnessing to many of their peers. Registrant names were recorded for future follow-up.

All look forward to another successful year administering to the people of Western New York in "Spring for Better Health." Only time and eternity will tell the true value of this community witnessing tool.

—B. A. Winfield

### HEALTH/TEMPERANCE EMPHASIS AT COMMUNITY CHURCH

April 1990 was designated as Health/Temperance month at Community Church in Utica, New York. On April 1st, the Hands-on Beautiful Way Cooking School began. For four consecutive Sundays, 14 eager students and 2 assistants, Daisy Brown and Mable Makins, met under the instruction of Sophia J. Townsend to enhance their culinary skills in vegetarian cookery. The cooking school



Volunteers and participants at the Spring for Better Health Fair





Guest speaker (left) Pastor George St. John with Pastors Epi Rodriguez (center) and Pastor Neil (right) Reid



Students of the Beautiful Way Cooking School prepare to sample their creations

was sponsored by the Adventist Churches in Utica, the North-eastern Conference, and the New York Conference.

The month concluded with Health/Temperance Day and graduation for the students of the cooking school on April 28th. The guest speaker was Pastor George St. John from Brookton, Mass. He delivered a challenging message entitled, "The Survival." The graduating students prepared the lunch which followed. They received a certificate and were congratulated by Pastor Epi Rodriguez, Pastor Neil Reid, and guest pastor, Pastor George St. John.

Also over 200 pieces of health literature were sent out to members, visitors, and friends of Community Church.

### NEW LIFE CHURCH CELEBRATES WOMEN'S DAY

Women's day was recently celebrated by the New Life SDA Church in Brooklyn, N.Y. The theme of the Sabbath School was "A Different Kind of Mother." There were various aspects discussed and ideas were given to mothers as to how they could become better parents.

During the divine worship hour, the Hanson Place Youth Choir presented two musical selections. The speaker of the hour was Ms. Dale Jones. She delivered a rousing message entitled, "What Are You Doing." She spoke mainly to the women of the church, comparing them to women of the Bible such as Mary, Martha and the mother of Moses to present day women like Mother Theresa and Winnie Mandela. She encouraged the women to get involved in not only church issues but also



Upperclass students dressed in choir uniforms patiently await their turn to participate in the program

social issues for the betterment of the youth and community.

The message was aptly received as shown by the response of the congregation. Lunch was served after by the men.

—M. Simon



Principal Michelle Washington exclaims her pride in the students

### JEFFERSON AVENUE EDUCATION DAY

Rochester Junior Academy, along with the Education Department of the Jefferson Avenue Church in Rochester, N.Y., sponsored an Education Day to raise scholarship funds. The day was also used to heighten the awareness of the benefits of a Christian education.

The students, under the leadership of Principal Michelle Washington, Diane Holman and Edith Benjamin, teachers, administered every function of the church service with precision. Dressed in their school uniform and choir attire, the students led the congregation in a spirit-filled worship service. Elder Buford Griffith, pastor of the Columbus, Ohio, Ephesus Church of Allegheny West Conference, along with his wife, Carmen, children, Buford III and Carla Marie, ministered to the church in message and song.





Mr. RJA, Edward Wright, Jr.; and Miss RJA, Celeste Thoms, are crowned

In the evening the Education Department crowned Mr. and Miss RJA. The students had solicited patrons for a "Vote for Christian Education." The girl and boy turning in the most money were crowned at the ceremony and given a limousine ride. Edward Wright, Jr. and Celeste Thoms were crowned while they received an approving amen from their fellow RJA peers. All the participants received a gift, participated in a banquet, and received half of the money raised towards their tuition. The officers of the Education Department are Arlene Brathwaite, Patricia Lamb and Charlotte Thoms.

#### PRISON MINISTRY AWARENESS PROGRAM

Two Attica ex-offenders participated in a Prison Ministry Awareness Program which was held at Victory Temple Church in Buffalo, New York. The mistress of ceremony was Mrs. Ruby Graves of Emmanuel Temple Church in Buffalo. Ruby and Pastor T. Kendall Guy, Pastor Sherwin Callwood, Sr. of Emmanuel Temple Church and New Hope Church in Jamestown, New York; Pastor Daniel Freedman of Hyde Park Church in Niagara Falls, New York and Lockport Church in Lockport, New York and Christopher Love, an inmate, coordinated the beginning of SDA Bible study classes at the Attica Correctional Facility in Attica, New York.

The first ex-offender, Harold, was one of the original three inmates who had attended the first Bible study class at Attica in February 1988. He talked about finding the Lord while having been incarcerated.

Entering the penal system without a high school diploma, Harold left the system with a Master's Degree in Theology.

Bernard, the second ex-offender, had been released from Attica for nine years. He testified how the Lord had blessed him to get a job, to stay out of trouble and to get married. Bernard brought his wife and family to the program. He admonished the youth to listen to the counsel from Christian parents.

Other participants on the program were: Lashy Lucas, Naomi May and Barbara Winfield of Victory Temple Church; Wilbert Stokes of Breath of Life Church in Rochester, New York; Pastor Edward Couser of Buffalo Suburban Church in

Lancaster, New York; Archie Johnson of Jefferson Avenue Church in Rochester; Hector Todd of Buffalo Spanish SDA Church; Jean Barkley and Norris Weathington of Emmanuel Temple Church and Kerry Freedman and Alan Brimmer of Lockport Church. The offering was used to purchase Bibles for the inmates.

Updating Attica's monthly Bible study classes, only one of the original three inmates remains incarcerated. The total attendance for two years is 258. Fifty-three men attended at least one class. The average class size is ten men.

## SOUTH CENTRAL

#### MAGAZINE STREET SDA CHURCH ESTABLISHES AN ARCHIVE

She stands bent over a mound of files and photographs she has pulled for use on the bulletin boards she is preparing for the 100th Anniversary of her church. "Here are the pictures of Elders C. Kinny, J. H. Mallory, J. G. Dasent, A. B. B. Storey, and J. H. Laurence." She then begins to leaf through a large black 3-ring binder filled with pictures and biographies of each of the ministers who have pastored the Magazine Street SDA church in Louisville, Kentucky.

The woman is Mrs. Elizabeth Green, founder and archivist for the Magazine



Mrs. Elizabeth Green stands beside one of the bulletin boards she prepared for the 100th Anniversary of the Magazine Street SDA Church



Street Seventh-day Adventist Church Archives. Amazed at what she has been able to gather and preserve—much of it primary documents—I looked at the pictures, then back at her and said, “Mrs. Green, you certainly have gathered a lot of material.” She replied, “This isn’t all” and pointed across her living room to a bookcase full of notebooks filled with historical documents. There are church board meeting records, church bulletins, and books containing the history of every department in the church as well as the history of the E. L. Minnis Junior Academy which has been in existence for almost 75 years.

Beginning with Silas Osborne, a white layman, who began to give studies among the black people of Louisville and Elder Charles M. Kinny who organized the church on February 16, 1890, she has researched and preserved much of the 100-year history of her church. She tells of the ten charter members, the location of each building the congregation has occupied, the church’s Ingathering goal for 1917, and insights she has gathered about the various members.

The contents of the archives are divided into four general subject areas, The Church, The School, Layman’s Ministries, and Miscellaneous. The Church section includes the history of the Magazine Street SDA church and its ministers, charter members, pioneer members, departments, youth activities and musical groups.

The School section focuses on the 75-year history of the Emma L. Minnis Jr. Academy. Besides the history of the school, there are pictures and biographical information on each of the teachers, and documents relating to the Home and School and the School Board. Two particularly interesting items are a youthful picture of Elder Frank Peterson who taught in the school and a collection of articles and newspaper clippings that reveal that many of the students and teachers have made notable achievements in later life.

Under the heading of Lay Ministries there are photos, clippings from church papers, and other information about the black Literature Evangelists that have worked in the Louisville area. Because the laymen in Louisville have raised up at least three missions over the years, there is information on the Harrison Street SDA Church, the East End Mission, and the Roxie Community Mission.

Finally, there are documents such as historical periodicals, letters from mem-

bers and pupils, and programs from special events in a section called Miscellaneous.

#### *How the Archives Began*

Elder J. H. Wagner, Jr. requested Mrs. Green to plan the 90th anniversary in 1980. Having served as clerk and communications secretary of the church, she had accumulated many pictures, articles and records that were of historical value. She also felt it was her duty to accept the responsibility. So she planned the anniversary with the idea of establishing a church archive.

Since 1980, Mrs. Green has spent countless hours securing and verifying information. Her research activities have included letter-writing, telephone calls, and interviews with former ministers of the church and their families, and pioneer members. She also searches denominational periodicals, the local newspapers, the city directory and local libraries. Two of the oldest pictures about Black Seventh-day Adventists in the archives she found in the University of Louisville Archives.

#### *The Purpose of the Archives*

The primary purpose of the archives is to offer to the pupils of the Emma L. Minnis Jr. Academy, the members of the Magazine Street SDA church and others, the opportunity to become acquainted with the history of the Church. Use of the archives also gives the opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the pioneer ministers and members.

For information on how you can help your church gather your church’s history, the reader may write:

Mrs. Elizabeth Green  
Magazine Street SDA Church Archives  
1942 Magazine Street  
Louisville, KY. 40203

—by R. S. Norman, III

### **PORTABLE BUILDING SOLVES HOUSING PROBLEM TEMPORARILY AT ALCY**

A portable classroom building arrived and was installed on the campus of the Alcy SDA Junior Academy in Memphis, Tennessee, during the second semester. It was required to help ease the overcrowded conditions in the present school building. Grades 3 and 4 which had been a combination grade classroom for many years, once again grew to an unbearable size for one teacher. The school board hired Susie Hill to serve solely as third grade instructor to ease the responsibilities of Lynne Middleton who has endured a full classroom for two years.

The third grade class was housed in the portable classroom that is located directly behind the present elementary building. The portable building has 672 square feet with individual climate controlled heating and air conditioning. It is connected to the main building with a covered walkway. Monies for the purchase of the portable building was paid for by the members of the Breath of Life SDA Church. This purchase was initiated by the members of Breath of Life in order that more of their children could enroll at Alcy for the 1989/90 school year. The setup and installation cost of the building was paid for from funds raised through the Alcy Expansion (ALEX) Fund that was collected over the past eighteen months.



*Alcy students presented evening vesper concert at Graceland Junior High School*



Enrollment at Alcy soared to 160 students during this school year. Many students were turned away once again because of a lack of classroom space. A waiting list is maintained and when space is available, students are able to enroll.

Pre-registration for the 1990/91 school year was opened in March in order to project the enrollment and classroom needs. All indications point in the direction that Alcy will have another "full house" when school opens in August. Grades 5 and 6 as well as 7 and 8 are also showing signs of additional growth and in all probability will become the last two combination grades to divide into individual classrooms.

The school solicits the prayers as well as monetary gifts of constituents, former students and supporters of Christian education across the country. They are endeavoring to secure a larger facility not only for the present Pre-K through Grade 8 program, but in order to develop a quality 9-12 academy for Adventists as well as non-Adventists who value and desire a Black Christian school for their children here in Memphis.

Individuals who would like to contribute to the Alcy Expansion (ALEX) Fund may do so by contacting or sending their contribution to:

Alcy Expansion Fund (ALEX)  
Alcy SDA Junior Academy  
1325 Alcy Road, Memphis, TN 38106  
901-775-3960

Your contribution is tax-deductible. The motto, "Christian education, An Adventist Essential" is growing in the Memphis community.

—by Charles D. Battles

### SABBATH SCHOOL WORKSHOP AT NEW COVENANT

A weekend Sabbath School workshop/seminar was conducted at the New Covenant S.D.A. Church in Memphis, Tennessee recently. Shelton Kilby, Church Ministries Secretary for the South Central Conference along with his team from Huntsville, Alabama, presented a very inspirational and helpful workshop for Sabbath School superintendents, assistant superintendents, teachers, and other officers of the Sabbath School.

Alice Conley, Sabbath School Superintendent at New Covenant, desired that such a workshop be provided for the officers of the church in order that the effectiveness of each officer be enhanced.



Portable building arrives at Alcy SDA Junior Academy



Lower division leaders gain helpful tips for an effective Sabbath School

Training and educating new members and officers in regards to their role and responsibilities was also a need.

The workshop began on Friday evening. Elder Kilby delivered the Sabbath morning sermon during the divine worship hour. Sabbath afternoon, the workshop continued with a general session. Each division also had an opportunity to meet in their respective classrooms for smaller workshops aimed at that particular age level and group. After the Adventist Youth hour, the various leaders, teachers and officers reconvened in the main sanctuary to close the Sabbath with a final presentation. The climax of the Sabbath at Sunset was the soothing musical selections on the piano by Elder Kilby.

—by D. Grant

### HONOR SOCIETY REORGANIZED AT ALCY

Seven students were inducted into the Honor Society of the Alcy SDA Junior Academy during the Second Semester.

This honor is awarded to a select group of students that meet the following qualifications:

1. Student in Grades 5-8.
2. Exhibits spiritual growth in character and action.
3. Respects authority and school principles and rules.
4. Maintains a 3.0 grade point average.
5. Maintains Honor Roll status two quarters consecutively.
6. Exhibits leadership qualities in support of school's morale and among peers.

Cherim Gwin, Grade 5; Terrynce Dandridge, Grade 6; Richard Fordjour, Grade 6; Natalie Perkins, Grade 6; Shatoya Royston, Grade 6; Michael Tompkins, Grade 6 and Roberta Kilpatrick, Grade 8 became official members of the society during a special Friday assembly program. Chaplain Wanda Davis of the Memphis Regional Medical Center was the guest speaker for the induction service.

Queen Robinson and Michael Tompkins served as the sponsors of the Honor Society and it is hoped that more students



will strive not only for academic excellence, but spiritual and social excellence as well.

—by Charles D. Battles

### ALCY HOLDS HOMECOMING-CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DAY

Former students and teachers of the Mississippi Boulevard SDA School, the Longview Heights SDA School and currently the Alcy SDA Junior Academy in Memphis, Tennessee, celebrated Alcy Homecoming/Christian education Sabbath recently. The morning program was held at the Longview Heights SDA Church in Memphis. The Longview Heights Church served as the school for the academy from the years 1970-1977. Since then, it has been housed in a separate facility on Alcy Road.

For seventy years, Christian education has developed and expanded in Memphis from a one-room school in the back of the church with a handful of students, to a permanent school building with seven classrooms, a portable building, nine teachers and 160 students.

Sabbath School was coordinated by Alice Seay Conley, a former Alcy student who is currently employed as a Federal Parole Agent. The program featured former and present Alcy students and teachers.

Divine worship also featured former students and faculty members as well as the current student body that provided special music for the morning service. Dr. E. E. Rogers of Huntsville, Alabama, a son of Memphis and Alcy returned home. Dr. Rogers delivered the morning sermon. A potluck dinner for the faculty/staff and guests was provided after the morning service.

A special open house at Alcy was provided for those who had not had the opportunity to visit their former school, on Sabbath afternoon.

To end the Sabbath, a musical vesper concert was presented. Queen Robinson, teacher for Grades 5 and 6 coordinated this program. Interspersed with the musical selections. Personal testimonies of current Alcy students were shared with the parents, church members and guests present. The benefits and rewards of Christian education were expressed through the testimonies using the topic, "If You Ask Me." Several of the testimonies brought tears to the eyes of those present. The closing selection, "We Must Work," moved the entire audience to commitment

to Christian education. They pledged to unite efforts in working towards providing a larger facility for the young people of Memphis.

—by Charles D. Battles

## SOUTHEASTERN

### FIRST ANNUAL YOUTH CORONATION

The Marantha SDA Church in Tallahassee held their first Annual Youth Coronation at the Ramada Inn, North 27, on April 8, 1990.

Youth had the opportunity to experience being formally introduced to society and raising scholarship funds while significantly contributing to the reduction of Marantha's building/construction debt.

The young people, ages 15-19, each set out to raise \$1,000.00 between January 1st and April 8th. Dressed in formal attire, they presented their talents of poems, songs, and instruments.

The first place winner, Kamela Faye Boyd, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Tyrone A. Boyd, raised \$1,700.00 and received \$500.00 cash toward her college education. Kamela is a senior at Florida A&M University Developmental Research School. She plans to attend Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama, where she will pursue a major in chemistry and minor in mathematics.

Second place winner, Robert Louis Sheared, nephew of Elder and Mrs. Charlie Chatman, raised \$1,600.00. He received \$350.00 towards his college education. Robert is currently a Junior at

Florida A&M University Development Research School.

The third place winner, LaTonya Chatman, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Chatman, raised over \$635.00. She received a savings bond of \$250.00 towards her college education. LaTonya plans to major in photography and pursue a career in modeling, or join the United States Navy.

A grand total of \$8,500.00 was raised.

### WORD OF LIFE REVIVAL CRUSADE

The Marantha SDA Church in Tallahassee, Florida, held their Word of Life Revival Crusade for four weeks from April 21-May 18, 1990. Evangelist Dennis Ross, Jr., Southern Union conference Revivalist, was the speaker.

Throughout the duration of the meetings, an audience was provided by church members who invited their friends to attend. Twenty-five students were given a Bible and certificate for completing the Bible Study program instituted before and during the meetings.

On the last day, immediately after divine worship, 38 persons were baptized. A former Associate Minister of the African Methodist Episcopal faith was among that number. Prior to attending the meeting, she had decided to become a Seventh-day Adventist through her study of the Bible. However, what really led her to attend the revival services was the handbill found by her daughter on the ground advertising the revival. She also discovered that the meetings were to be held at the Marantha SDA Church she had planned to attend previously. The testimony of this new member of the family of God is that she came and God captured her heart.



Left to right: Kamela Boyd, first place; Robert Louis Sheared, second place; and LaTonya Chatman, third place



Evangelist Dennis Ross served the Southeastern Conference in a manner approved of God and supported by the Southern Union Conference. Tyrone Boyd, pastor, his members, and staff are still rejoicing in God's addition, number of souls yet to be baptized, and meetings still in progress by the pastor.

#### AFTER TEN YEARS

In temperatures ranging up in the high 90's, hundreds during the week and thousands on the weekends attended the campmeeting in Hawthorne, Florida. Conference personnel, pastors, and their families prepared a variety of activities to meet the needs of His people.

Elder W. D. Sumpter, Secretary of the Southern Union Conference, the keynote speaker, created an atmosphere that prevailed throughout the entire encampment.

Elder G. Ralph Thompson, Secretary of the General Conference, and Wintley Phipps, Pastor of the Allegheny East Conference, were Sabbath speakers in the Main Pavilion. Chaplain Barry Black and Pastor N. Meadows of the Lake Region Conference were with the youth. Alourdin C. Benoit, French Coordinator, Greater New York Conference, and Josue Parker spoke for the French and Spanish believers on the final Sabbath.

Workshops provided our campers with information in the following areas:

Gwendolyn Foster, Allegheny East Conference, lectured and held a large audience each day in the field of Healthful Living. Elder I. J. Johnson, former Stewardship Director, South Central Conference, on Christian Finance. Carl Nesmith, Pastor, South Atlantic Conference, on Community Services. W. Don Edwards & Lewis Edwards, Pastors, Southeastern Conference, on Family Life. Elder C. D. Henri, Administrative Assistant, South Atlantic Conference, was the keynote speaker for our Senior Citizens' Day. Under the direction of I. L. Harrell, Church Ministries Director, the Community Services Department sponsored the first Senior Citizens' Day at the Campground. A banquet was held in their honor (at conference expense) and over 250 persons were served. It was a delightful occasion. Elder C. D. Henri, President J. M. Doggette, and Secretary R. R. Brown joined sponsor I. L. Harrell in greeting the ladies and gentlemen who are so deserving and who have given so much to make Southeastern Conference what it is today.



*Baptismal candidates from the Word of Life crusade. Far left: Bible workers Juliette Winston, Mosel Madison, Jean Rolle, Dorothy Beets. Far right: evangelist Dennis Ross, Jr. of the Southern Union Conference, and Tyrone Boyd, pastor (second row)*



*Gwendoly Foster, Healthful Living Lecturer, and W. L. Taylor, Youth ministries & Health/Temperature Director, pose with oldest attendees to the lectures*



*Four of over 200 senior citizens hosted at the banquet in their honor. Standing left to right: Julia & Leon Carroll, president; J. M. Doggette, Willie Akers, & Doris Hardeman*

Our oldest citizen present was 93 years old.

Ralph Peay, President, South Atlantic Conference, spoke to the ordination candidates, and O. J. McKinney, Southern Union Conference participated. R. L. Woodfork, former president, South Atlantic Conference, and Secretary, General Conference, visited his formal camp-

grounds and saints. W. Coe, Vice-President, Sunbelt, visited our workers.

Veronica Howell's ministry in music captivates thousands. Her concert was an occasion to declare that the "Son" Shine Ministries is of God.

The Campground Improvement Committee addressed a number of significant issues in an attempt to improve the



conditions and they proved a blessing. Freshly painted cabins, resurfaced roads, new carpet and tile in areas, and plumbing, to name only a few.

The basketball court was resurfaced by AYS Director, W. L. Taylor, at a cost of over \$4,000.00 in order to provide better recreational facilities for the youth. That was a breakthrough.

The early morning services conducted by pastors in both the youth and adult pavilions, the evening activities, the all-night old-fashioned prayer meeting, the educational and publishing programs, the report of laymen, the Shepherdess meeting, the pastoral involvements throughout the entire encampment, in every phase, were attempts to revive pastors and saints alike.

This was ten years in Hawthorne, Florida, as a newly-organized conference, and surely the indications remain and are evident that God has blessed His people.



*Veronica Howell of "Son" Shine Ministries, Pasadena, CA captivated the audience in her musical concert*

## OAKWOOD COLLEGE

### YOUR GIFTS TOUCH MANY LIVES

George Bartholomew graduated from Oakwood with a degree in business. He knows how free enterprise works. He understands the world of the Wall Street Journal. But when he finished Oakwood, he decided to share what he'd learned



*George Bartholomew*



*Left to right: Robert Patterson, treasurer; J. M. Doggette, president; A. C. McClure, General Conference president; Raul & Marta Cruz, David & Francine Long, and John & Marguertie Wells; R. Peay, SAC president; R. R. Brown, secretary; and R. L. Woodfork, former secretary, General Conference*



*Julia Woolcock*

### COMMUNITY SERVICE LEADER RECIPIENT OF AWARD

Delores Johnson, leader of the Mt. Calvary Community Service, Tampa, Florida, was presented with the Martin L. King, Jr. Unsung Hero Award by the Tampa Organization of Black Affairs. The award was given at the Martin L. King breakfast held annually at the Hilton Hotel in Tampa. Mrs. Johnson was cited for outstanding contributions in the areas of youth development, voluntary, and humanitarian services for the work accomplished under her leadership by the Mt. Calvary Community

Service Center. She was also cited for additional voluntary services as docent for the Tampa Museum of Arts and the summer program of the Hillsborough County Center of Excellence. It is an achievement program for Black youth sponsored by the McKnight Foundation.

Mrs. Johnson, a retired school teacher, is presently serving on the Advisory Committee of the Greater Tampa Urban League's Basic Adult Education Program and is a biographical candidate for the 22nd Edition of Who's Who in the South and Southwest.



*Terry Johnson*



with schoolmates coming after. He joined the Oakwood Career Planning and Placement staff in 1987. Since then, he's helped scores of students write resumes, make solid career plans and he's helped to place more than a few in vital internship programs. George describes his work best: "The students are my resume!"

**Remember the Oakwood College Offering on August 11, 1990.** Please give generously. You'll make a great difference in the lives of more fine students like these.

Julia Woolcock has just completed her freshman year at Oakwood and she majors in accounting. If this first year is any indication, her college career will be a success. She finished with a 4.0 grade point average. Julia is one of six children in a Christian single-parent home. A Christian education means a lot. That's why Julia strives to do her very best.

Terry Johnson doesn't fear career changes. After he finished an Adventist academy in his native Portland, Oregon, he chose the field of law enforcement and attended the Air Force Security Police Academy.

From a field of more than 800 candidates, he was one of only seven chosen for the elite assignment of the White House Honor Guard. He served under President Reagan for four years, and under President Bush for three months.

Then came another change. From there he felt a call to God's service, and now he studies for another career—in active ministry.

## OBITUARIES

### OBITUARY OF MRS. SANDRA OLDS-MOORE

Sandra Olds-Moore, daughter of Frank C. and Jonnie Mae Olds who departed this life on February 12, 1990 was born on July 25, 1959 in Tallahassee, Florida.

At an early age she joined the Richmond Street Seventh-Day Church in Tallahassee, Florida.

Sandra moved to Rochester, New York in 1984 where she joined the Jefferson Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church, where she meet and married Leamon T. Moore, Jr., March 1987.

She was educated at Florida A&M University High School and Florida A&M University, where she received a BS Degree

in Computer Science. In addition, she was in pursuit of an MBA Degree at the University of Rochester.

She was employed by the Xerox Corporation as a senior technical analyst until her untimely death.

Sandra will be sadly missed by her devoted husband, Leamon T. Moore, Jr., her loving parents, Frank C. and Johnnie M. Olds; mother and father-in-law, Leamon T. Sr., and Loretta Moore; one uncle, seven aunts, two sisters-in-law, one brother-in-law and a host of other relatives and friends.

Sleep on dear Sandra  
And take your rest  
We love you dearly  
But God loves you best.

### MRS. MARY GOODWIN LILLIEWOOD

Mrs. Mary Lilliewood, widow of Mr. Eugene Lilliewood, died recently. She was born in Richland County and was a daughter of the late Mr. Bristol and Mrs. Nora Perry Goodwin.

She was a graduate of Allen University and was a retired seamstress from New York. She was a member of the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church, where she served in the Community Service Department as a Leader.

Mrs. Lilliewood is survived by a sister, Mrs. Maude Goodwin Walker of Bronx, New York; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

You are asleep in God's beautiful garden  
Your life is a beautiful memory,  
Your absence a silent grief,  
Of sunshine and perfect peace.  
You left a beautiful memory,  
Your memory will never grow old.

## IN THE NEWS

### CHRISTIAN OUTREACH MINISTRY CELEBRATES FOUR YEARS

Christian Outreach, a television ministry headed by Mr. & Mrs. Sadie and Walter Williams, celebrated four years of presenting the love of Christ on cable television.

The Williams began their ministry by doing street preaching on the streets of

Harlem, N.Y., in 1986. They also distributed thousands of pieces of literature. From here they branched into television.

Many area pastors and musicians have appeared on Christian Outreach Ministry, showing a diversity of talent across the New York metropolitan area. The Williams are to be congratulated for their faithfulness and willingness to present Christianity to many who would not otherwise be exposed to it.



Mr. & Mrs. W. Williams

### "CLIMBING' UP THE ROUGH SIDE"

In just two weeks, Victory Temple's layman James Haskins had preached nightly, covering the fundamental beliefs of the Adventist Church. The crusade theme was "Climbin' Up the Rough Side."

There were nightly quizzes, prizes, and special music for all ages. Many responded to the nightly appeals. This evangelistic thrust was a prelude to Victory Temple's summer evangelistic seminar by Pastor J. Kendall Guy.

B.A. Winfield  
Communications Secretary

### VIRGINIA AREA CHURCHES HOST YOUTH FEDERATION

Petersburg High School in Petersburg, Virginia, was the place where youth from the ten Virginia area churches came together for their annual youth convocation on Sabbath March 17, 1990. The Shiloh SDA Church in Petersburg and youth leader, Miss Sharon Gregory, hosted this year's event. Adventist Youth Leaders from each church selected youth to participate in various aspects of this youth-oriented service.



In addition to regular Sabbath School classes during the Sabbath School hour, five seminars were conducted. Topics included: "Safety and Fire Prevention," "Appropriate Dresswear," "Substance Abuse," "Singles Support Ministry." A guest facilitator, Rev. Lawrence Pollard from the city of Petersburg, donated his services by conducting a seminar on "Developing Self-Esteem."

During the worship service several new things were introduced to encourage and stimulate youth participation among Virginia youth societies. First, a Federation Chorus was organized under the direction of Mrs. Elaine Holloway of Norfolk, Virginia. This chorus made their debut at this federation meeting. Secondly, based on Ten Requirements formulated by the executive officers of the Virginia Chapter of the Youth Federation, each Adventist Youth Society selected one or more youths to receive the "Outstanding Youth Participation" recognition for 1989. The youth selected were those who displayed a willingness to participate and a Christian attitude in church participation, especially youth programming. A very special recognition and award was given to Mrs. Ruby Thibedeaux of the Shiloh SDA Church in Petersburg for her pioneer work in establishing the youth federation concept in Virginia.

The Mayor of Petersburg was on hand to give encouraging remarks to the youth assembled at the meeting. Elder Daniel Davis, Allegheny East Conference Youth Director, was also on hand for this event.

Another unique feature to this federation was the use of three speakers to give the youth insight on the theme for the day, "Real Happiness Is. . . ." Pastors Gary Adams (Sharon SDA, Crewe, VA), Maurice Taylor (Franklin and Suffolk churches), and Dennis Waters (Shiloh, Petersburg), aided by the Holy Spirit, shared with the youth the true source of happiness—a relationship with Jesus Christ.

After lunch the Allegheny East Conference Drum Corps assisted the youth in a "Say 'No' to Drugs" parade in the city of Petersburg.

An afternoon program, coordinated by Mr. Fernandus Rattliff from Newport News, VA, entitled "Get Tough with God," consisted of several churches designing a 10-12-minute skit based on Bible characters such as Joseph, Moses, Solomon, and the prodigal son—each of whom learned to trust God in difficult situations.

The Virginia Youth Federation president is Mrs. Bea Brito of the Sharon SDA Church in Crewe, Virginia. Quarterly meetings to organize youth programming combines the efforts of each Adventist Youth leader, various committee chairpersons, pastoral counseling, and representatives from each church. The annual youth federation is one of the largest programs coordinated by the Virginia Chapter. The area youth leaders are looking forward to designing specific programs to meet the needs of the area youth.

The next annual federation is scheduled to be held in the spring in the Hampton/Newport News area of Virginia.

Myra Walton  
Communication Secretary

### TWO OF MT. CALVARY'S COLLEGE STUDENTS RECEIVE FORD FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Misses Darlene Moore and Sabrina Powell, presently freshmen at Oakwood College, Huntsville, AL, each has been selected to receive a Ford Foundation Teacher Education Scholarship. The scholarships were merited based on GPAs, ACT test scores, and written essays from the students.

Darlene, the daughter of Charles and Rose Moore, is pursuing her degree in Secondary Education. She enjoys drawing, painting, and playing the piano.

Sabrina is the daughter of Martin and Donnell Power and is majoring in Elementary Education. Sabrina enjoys playing the piano and traveling.

### WEDDING

Lenna (Jackie) Moore and Zechariah (Robbie) Robinson were united in marriage April 14, 1990, at Marantha SDA Church in Tallahassee, Florida. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Tyrone Boyd. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Catherine Moore of Tallahassee, Florida. The couple will reside in Tallahassee.

### DAUGHTER OF ST. JOSEPH SALUTED

The Review and Herald Publishing Association saluted Black authors during Black Heritage month. Included in that group was Ms. Sally Carriger, the daughter of Mrs. Mary Carriger. Mrs. Carriger is a member of the St. Joseph, MO Emmanuel Seventh-day Adventist Church.



Sabrina Powell, Ford Foundation Scholarship recipient



Darlene Moore, Ford Foundation Scholarship recipient

Her two popular volumes of "I Can Read it by Myself-Bible Stories" make Bible stories fun for those just learning to read.

Sally is now teaching in an Adventist school in Omaha, Nebraska.

*Education would be much more effective if its purpose was to ensure that by the time they leave school every boy and girl should know how much they do not know, and be imbued with a lifelong desire to know it.*

—Sir William Haley



*There's only one method of meetin' life's test:  
 Jes' keep on a-strivin' an' hope for the best;  
 Don't give up the ship an' quit in dismay;  
 'Cause hammers are thrown when you'd like a bouquet.  
 This world would be tiresome, we'd all get the blues  
 If all the folks in it just held the same views;  
 So finish your work, show the best of your skill,  
 Some folks won't like it, but other folks will.*

—Author Unknown

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Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the constituencies of the Allegheny Association of Seventh-day Adventists and Pine Forge Academy is called to convene in the Fellowship Hall of the Pine Forge Seventh-day Adventist Church in Pine Forge, PA 19548 on Sunday, August 5, 1990, beginning at 9:00 a.m. to review the constitution and bylaws of the Association and Academy.

—Alvin M. Kibble, Board Chairman  
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