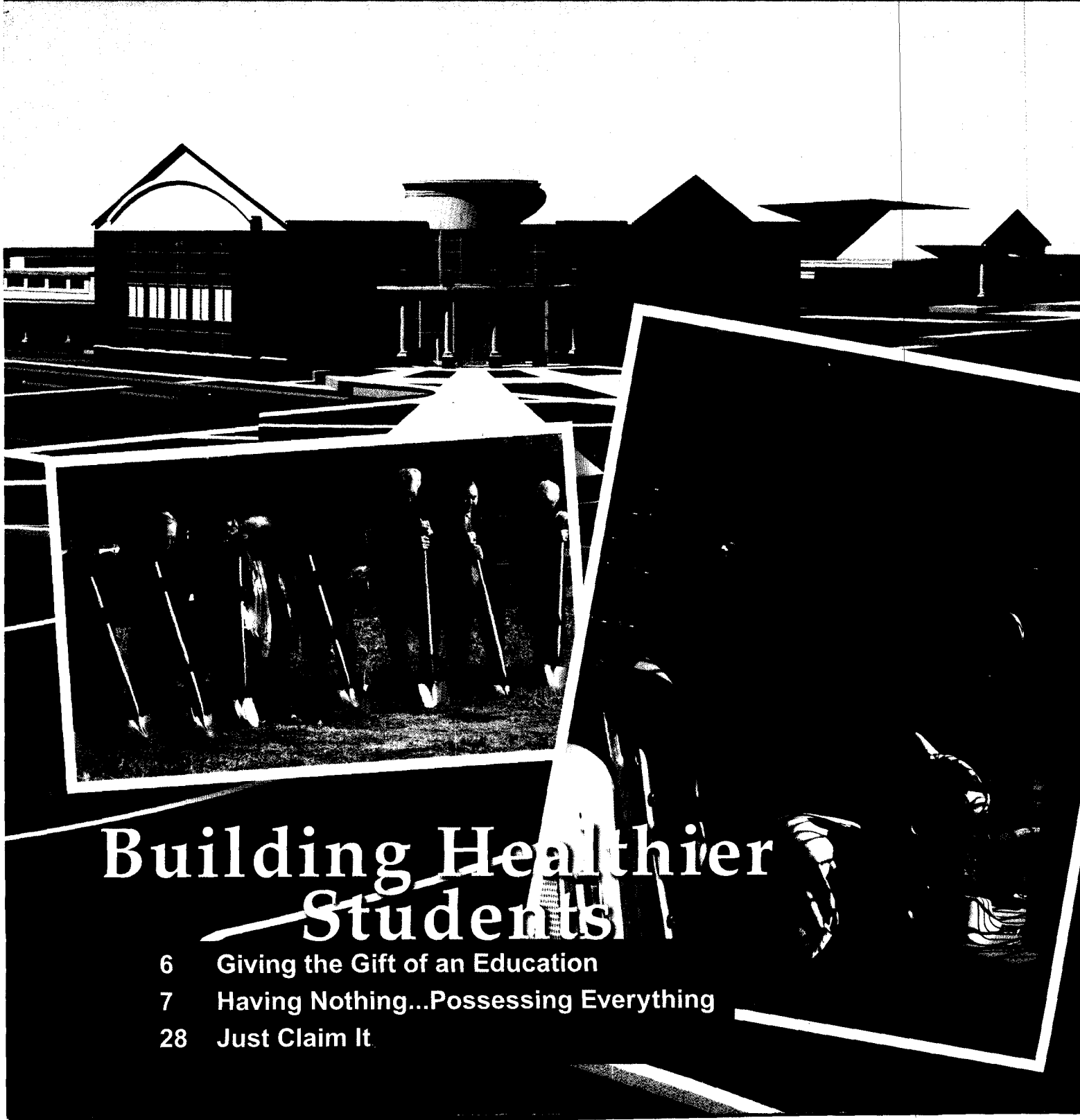


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A Tribute to the Heinrichs and *Mission Spotlight*

At the close of 2007, *Mission Spotlight*, the monthly Sabbath school mission video report born in the Southern Union under the leadership of the then communication director, Oscar Heinrich, will conclude 37 years of uninterrupted program release. Judy Heinrich, Oscar's wife and current director, says, "The time has come when it is no longer feasible to continue."

In 1969, as a young pastor, I was invited (along with several others from the Florida Conference) to fly from Orlando to Atlanta to preview the first *Mission Spotlight*. It was exciting! In 1970 the slide programs in the blue mailers began circulating in churches in the Southern Union, and Sabbath school members all over our Union got a fresh look at mission projects and needs. Since that time *Mission Spotlight* has grown in circulation to include more than 3,000 Sabbath schools in North America and six other world divisions. One of the things I've appreciated through the years is that the Heinrichs have always had as one of their goals to say thank you to Church members for mission giving.

From the beginning it's been a family project. Judy traveled with her husband and became the scriptwriter. Their son, Jerry, often accompanied his parents to assist with photography and videography. He also managed the duplication of slides, produced the sound tracks, and later did the video editing. Jerry's wife, Donna, helps secure visuals and researches information. Their daughter, Judy, has cared for the finances, promotion, circulation, and various office details. Their youngest daughter, Ginger, is the current scriptwriter and narrator.

On behalf of the members of the Southern Union, I thank the Heinrich family for your creative and visionary ministry for the past nearly four decades. I praise the Lord for your commitment to raise funds and launch a venture that has proven to be a tremendous resource in the communication of the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Thank you for carrying on for several years after Oscar Heinrich's death in September, 2002. You have visited the work of the Church in more than 160 countries. Thank you! Well done! The church has enjoyed tremendous growth since 1970—from two million members to more than 14 million members.

Elder Heinrich wrote before he died, "When I close my eyes, I see the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a great mosaic—from the little mission school far out in the interior of Borneo, to the great presses rolling out books and literature. I see impressive hospitals and medical centers. I see river launches with teachers, doctors, and nurses plying the waters of the great Amazon River. I see the faces of the thousands of young people attending a school operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church." And then he added, "*Mission Spotlight* is about faith, hope, love, and promises fulfilled. It is about people . . . people who spend their lives planting the Third Angel's message around the world."

If you want to join me in sharing your appreciation for *Mission Spotlight* and the Heinrich family, why not include an extra offering this month for the mission outreach of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

(Some of the details are from Sandra Blackmer, news editor, *Adventist Review*.)



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[RIGHT] Jon Stewart lost 30 pounds in one semester. He is excited about his weight-loss success and the upcoming Wellness Center.

[BACKGROUND] Architect's rendering of the Hulsey Wellness Center

Becoming Healthier Through Workouts

BY JAIME MYERS

...s flying
...feel of
Jon
...major, made the
final push toward the end of his
hour-long daily workout. Walking
to a nearby mirror, Jon stared at his
reflection as he caught his breath.
Motivated by what he saw, he said
determinedly to his reflection, "I'll
see you tomorrow."

Workouts weren't always a
part of Jon's daily routine. Like
most college students, the Southern
Adventist University student always
seemed to find himself short on time
and energy. But, when his weight
made it a challenge to walk up the

...Jon realized
...professors in the
Education, Health
...and told them I was
looking for help," say Jon.

Harold Mayer, Jon's Fitness for
Life professor, put a plan together
that would help Jon shed the excess
weight. Today, 30 pounds lighter, he
helps his fellow student with their
own weight-loss goals.

The Start of Something Big

Jon joined university officials,
community, faculty, and his fellow
students on February 19 to break
ground for the new center. In the
driver's seat of
a bulldozer, he
christened the fro-
zen earth as the
future site of the
Hulsey Wellness
Center, named for
the Hulsey family
who made a \$1.5
million pledge to
the Campaign for
Health and Heal-
ing.

Phil Garver
couldn't stop
smiling. As dean
of Southern
Adventist Uni-



Bill and Myrtle Hulsey expressed their gratitude for having the Wellness Center named in honor of their family.

versity's School of Physical Educa-
tion, Health and Wellness, he has
waited for, dreamed of, and worked
toward building a wellness center
for 20 years. Now his dream and the
dreams of many students, faculty,
and community members are about
to come true.

The Hulsey Wellness Center,
part of the \$9.7 million Campaign
for Health and Healing, will be a



Jon Stewart, a student who lost 30 pounds in one semester, bulldozed the first pile of dirt during the groundbreaking ceremony.

ISAAC JAMES

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Architect's rendering of the Hulsey Wellness Center

state-of-the-art addition to the existing Iles P.E. Center and will include facilities such as a heated therapy pool, a 30-foot rock-climbing wall, workout rooms, and an indoor track, just to name a few.

Learning to Live Well

“One of Southern’s most unique positives is our commitment to wellness,” says Garver. “We are committed to having every student leave here with healthy habits and a wellness lifestyle.”

That commitment will be aided by the wellness center, whether it be through much-needed classroom and office space for students and faculty of the School of Physical Education, Health and Wellness, or through the cooking school and workout rooms that will provide stu-

dents and community members with the tools to live well.

“If students do develop habits of activity for life here, the wellness center is worth the money we’re invest in it,” says Garver. “As Christians we see the connection between body, mind, and spirit. We need to take care of the body like we take care of the other two.”

Passing the Knowledge on to Others

Erica Kolcz, a senior with a double major in health science and corporate/community wellness management, came to Southern with wellness in mind. She wants to share her passion for

living a balanced lifestyle with others.

“Southern is in great need of a wellness center,” says Erica. “I think the health [on campus] will improve tremendously. It will also create more opportunities to actually work with the community, and it will help [wellness majors] gain the hands-on experience we need.”

While it has been a long time in coming, the Hulsey Wellness Center is a much anticipated addition to Southern’s campus, giving students the opportunity to live up to their wellness potential.

“This building will preach wellness,” says Christopher D. Carey, vice president for advancement. “This is the hands and feet of Christ’s message.”

Jaime Myers is a senior English and international studies major at Southern Adventist University.



Ward Sumpter (left), Southern Union executive secretary; Bill McGhinnis, Committee of 100 president; Gordon Retzer, Southern Union president; Myrtle and Bill Hulsey, campaign donors; Gordon Bietz, University president, showing his enthusiasm for the new Wellness Center as he jumped on his ceremonial groundbreaking shovel; Ted Rogers, Collegedale city manager; and Bill Hullander, Hamilton County commissioner.

NICK EVENSON



Chattanooga's News Channel 3 interviewed Jon Stewart about his weight-loss success and his excitement about the upcoming Wellness Center.

NICK EVENSON

Giving the Gift of an Education

BY KATIE SHAW

Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences (FHCHS) is committed to providing quality education to its students. A significant part of the College's founding mission was to offer affordable Seventh-day Adventist education, allowing its students to graduate with minimal debt. However, some students still face tremendous financial obstacles to realize their dream of a Christian education.

Through generous gifts donated by friends of the institution, endowed scholarships have been established. One such friend is Jean Walton Iles. In 1941, when World War II became the focus of American life, Iles entered a program to fulfill her ambition to become a nurse. She graduated with honors and pursued various health-related endeavors during her successful career. Because of her love for healthcare and her desire to help others fulfill their goals in this field, the Iles family donated a substantial monetary gift to the College.

Irma Montoya is a recipient of the Jean W. Iles Scholarship. Irma graduated in 2003 from Walker Memorial Academy in Avon Park, Florida, and came to Florida Hospital

College to pursue a degree in nuclear medicine technology. She completed her associate's degree in 2005 and is now looking forward to completing her bachelor of science in health sciences this month. "I chose FHCHS because it made Adventist education affordable," she stated. "Also, I really appreciate the opportunity to be involved in campus life as part of the campus ministries team."

Bridgette Smart has also benefited from the Jean W. Iles Scholarship. She first found out about Florida Hospital College through her subscription to *Southern Tidings*. A former member of the Belvedere church in Decatur, Georgia, Bridgette decided to pursue her dream of becoming a nurse. She graduated in December, 2006, and is currently working as a nurse tech while studying for her state board exam. "Receiving the Iles scholarship was a real blessing to me," Bridgette acknowledged. "It really helped me to pay my tuition costs."

During the 2005-2006 school year, \$6.8 million was distributed to Florida Hospital College students. More than \$23,000 was granted to

the recipients of endowed scholarships. "I love to help students reach their educational goals," stated Starr Bender, director of financial aid. "There are students who don't think that they can make it in

college, and we can show them that they can."

The many heartfelt donations of caring individuals help our students achieve their dreams.

Katie Shaw is the director of recruiting at Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences.



Marley and Beverly Soper, donors of an endowed scholarship, enjoy the positive impact their gift has made on Florida Hospital College students.



Irma Montoya is a recipient of the Jean W. Iles Scholarship. She will graduate this month with her bachelor of science in health sciences.

Scholarships

- Florida Hospital College Endowed Scholarships
- Florida Hospital Credit Union Scholarship
- Jean W. Iles Scholarship Marley and Beverly Soper Scholarship
- Trent Tindell Scholarship
- Emily Reeves Tremml Scholarship
- Susan J. Kintner Scholarship
- William H. Coleman and the West Orlando Rotary Club Scholarship
- Frances and William J. Green Trust Scholarship Fund
- Winter Park Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship

Having Nothing — Possessing Everything

BY JOY SEARCIE

than 50 children huddle together on the hard concrete floor, excited about their first day of school. They sing songs to learn the alphabet, and clap their hands to the rhythm of their only teacher. They have few desks, worn books, few pencils, an old blackboard, unreliable electricity, and none of the comforts we find here in our elementary schools. They have so little, yet they sing with an insatiable desire to learn, and relish the treasure of an education and the refuge and warmth of their school.

These are the children of Gulu, Uganda. They attend the UNIFAT elementary school, one of the few schools that provides assistance to orphans and needy children. Gulu is situated in the northern part of Uganda and has fallen victim to civil strife for almost 20 years. A religious group known as the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) has been waging war against the Ugandan government by carrying out horrific acts, including child abduction for its war effort, forcing them to fight, carry supplies, and serve as sex slaves. Exacerbating the already deplorable situation is the AIDS pandemic which has led to a multitude of orphans in the area. The small town of Gulu has become a refuge for orphans and children fleeing forced servitude, and thus increasing the demand for more schools in the town.

The local community desperately needed help. The answer came from a simple, quiet, and gentle woman named Abitimo Rebecca Odongkara. Despite the magnitude of the problems in Gulu, Abitimo had a simple dream.



Abitimo Rebecca Odongkara, founder of UNIFAT Elementary School and a parent to many orphans.

but she knew that their only hope was an education. She says God gave her a dream to build a school, and in 1987 she started UNIFAT with 30 children and a classroom under a tree. God later blessed her with land to build the school, provided donations, and she started construction of the school. UNIFAT has now grown to almost 1,500 students, and provides

low-cost, quality education for the very poor. However, the school is still in dire need of completion; classrooms are overcrowded; and there are few materials such as textbooks, stationery, desks, chairs, and teaching guides. Doors are missing from doorways and glass panes from windows. Abitimo would love to complete the school; add more classrooms; and build a library and furnish it with books, computers, and musical instruments. As she has been doing for many years, Abitimo waits patiently for God's provision.

In 2006, under the leadership of Todd Leonard, pastor; and Keith Wood, Ph.D., church leaders at the Buckhead Community Fellowship church located in Atlanta, Georgia, formed an international ministry team. A church member who met Abitimo years ago in Uganda informed us of her project. In November 2006, Abitimo found herself on her way to Atlanta, Georgia, to participate in a special fundraising campaign called Mission Gulu. She met our church members and learned more about our desire to partner with her and help meet some of their basic and most urgent needs (i.e., books, a

and scholarships for students). She provided a longer list of needs which included uniforms, blankets, computers, and a well for safe drinking water, just to name a few. However, amidst all the needs, Abitimo ends her story with humility by saying, "I am so rich." What a surprising conclusion to a long description of what she does not have. Abitimo explained that she was witnessing God's full provision and his fulfillment of His promise to finish the school through the love and generosity that complete strangers across the globe were expressing to her. She was experiencing the power of God's provision and living the testimony described in II Corinthians 6:10 "...Having nothing and yet possessing everything." Abitimo's faith in God was making what seemed impossible, possible. Our church members have learned so much about faith and God's plan and provision by committing to this partnership.

We invite you to join us to complete the UNIFAT Elementary School and to become a part of God's plan in giving hope to thousands of children in Gulu, Uganda.

For more information on Mission Gulu, visit www.buckheadcommunity-fellowship.org or call 404-943-0002.



The students of Gulu, Uganda, enjoying the teaching routine at the UNIFAT Elementary School.

Hendersonville Youth Answer the Call

Hendersonville, N.C., youth are leading the way in evangelism. First, it was an evangelistic campaign held in the Hendersonville church, where more than 200 attended the nightly event. Then, in October the youth traveled to West Virginia to hold a two-week series there. Now, the same young people are preparing to travel to Mexico to bring their newly acquired evangelistic experience to that country.

"The evangelistic events were entirely youth led," states Jorge Baute, associate pastor. The idea was sparked when several of the youth went to the General Youth Conference (GYC). It was there that the challenge was presented to hold an evangelistic series. "The youth didn't hesitate . . . they took the challenge," Baute continued.

Within months the young evangelistic team had chosen their speak-

ers and support staff. The series they selected to preach, "New Beginnings," is produced by ShareHIM and designed for young preachers. They chose the "Abundant Living" health series for the health presentations.

The Hendersonville youth knew they were experiencing the Holy

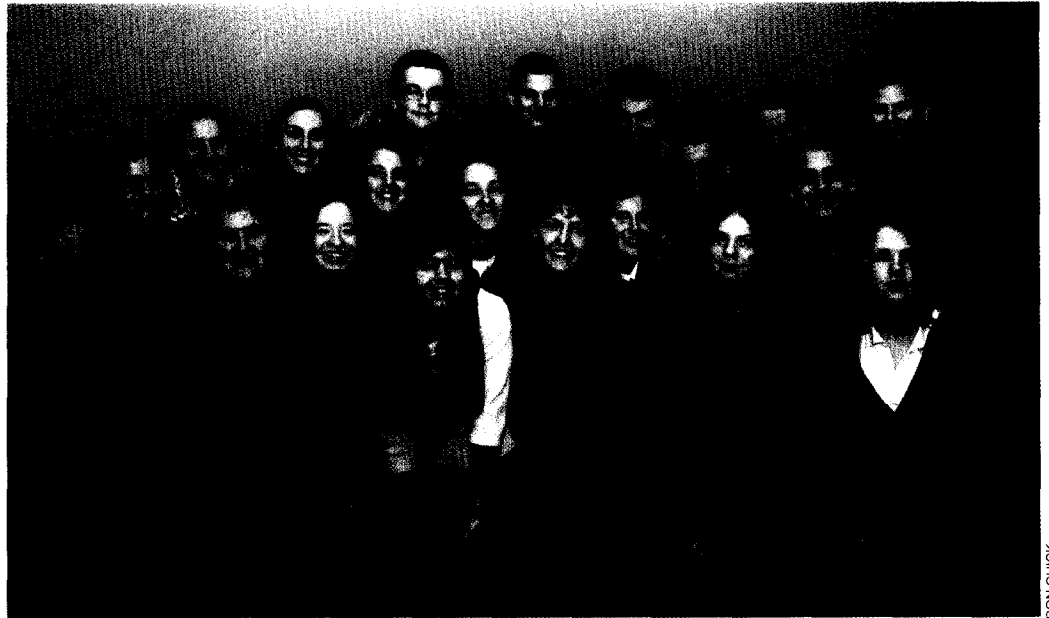
Spirit at work. One young person exclaimed, "No human words can describe the majesty and awe of His presence as we began to speak."

The only regret expressed by the young evangelistic team was the desire that more visitors from the community would have attended. Baute reminded

them that, "God does not call to great success, but to faithfulness."

As a result of their series, the youth-led evangelistic team had the thrill of witnessing several baptisms. They were very glad they had answered the call.

—BY RON QUICK



RON QUICK

Carolina Healthcare Meets at Hilton Head

Carolina Healthcare announces its 27th annual Post-Graduate Seminar,

occurring July 10-15, at Hilton Head Island, S.C. The theme is "The Prevention of Infections Leading to Disease and Death."

Topics will include the Bird Flu, MRSA and hospital-acquired infections, skin and dental infec-

tions including Candida infections, and the role of vaccines in adult illnesses.

The seminar is designed for physicians, dentists, RNs, and other allied health professionals (CME category I for physicians available).

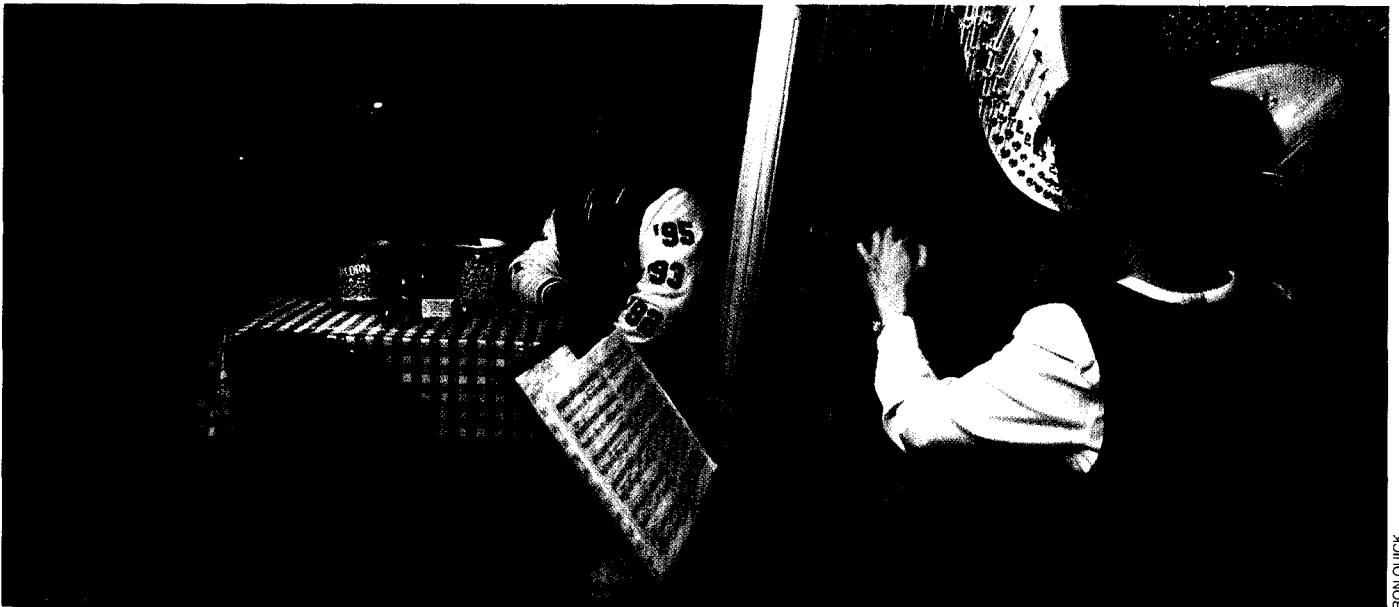
Plan now to bring your family and spend a weekend together enjoying the beautiful beach and all the other vacation activities available at Hilton Head.

In addition to the seminar, the weekend activities will include guest speaker Ron Halverson, Jr., senior pastor of the Sligo church in Takoma Park, Md., and special musical selections.

For details, contact Harold D. Schutte, M.D., at 828-645-7554 or cell 828-768-5505; Gloria Bareford, registrar, at 804-740-0399; or dellastreet@excite.com; or Valerie Jackson at 706-226-3620.



The Breadshoppe Café Opens in Kernersville



RON QUICK

When the "OPEN" sign is on at the Breadshoppe Café in Kernersville, you can count on camaraderie and a big dose of Christian fellowship. Plus, you won't want to miss the live music, which is performed every hour, on-the-hour. Susie Shumate and Kathy and Jeff Raible enjoy the music of Kathy Russell. In the background are Don Davis, pastor, and his wife, Robin.



The neon "OPEN" sign shines brightly at the Breadshoppe Café. Actually, the sign for this unique café is brightly lit every first Saturday night of the month, inviting the community to stop by. The Breadshoppe Café, sponsored by the Kernersville, N.C., church, is designed to be a Christian fun place for families of all faiths to come for fellowship and good food.

This is not your average café, however. It's a unique place where you can go to enjoy homemade soups, vegetarian hot-dogs and burgers, a wide variety of iced drinks and shakes, and of course, all the popcorn you care to enjoy.

Along with the fine food, patrons can also

enjoy a wide variety of table games. Or, they may want to slip over to the Breadshoppe Café Reading Lounge and indulge in a good book or engage in conversation with a friend.

When the "OPEN" sign is on at the Breadshoppe Café, you can count on camaraderie and a big dose of Christian fellowship and atmosphere. And, you won't want to miss the live music, performed every hour, on-the-hour. Local talent is invited to perform at the Breadshoppe Café, so there is always something new to enjoy.

The original Breadshoppe Café started in the Washington, D.C., area by Bruce and Carol Freeman more than 30 years

ago. The unique mixture of good food, live music, poets, and artists, proved to be a popular gathering spot for teens and adults. When the couple moved to Kernersville, they brought the idea for this unusual community outreach with them.

Now, once again The Breadshoppe Café sets out to meet that special need for Christian families and artists to gather and share their talents and stories, and to slow down and enjoy some good old-fashioned Christian fellowship. The Breadshoppe Café is under the leadership team of Bruce and Carol Freeman and Brad and Diane Anderson.

—BY RON QUICK

Transitions

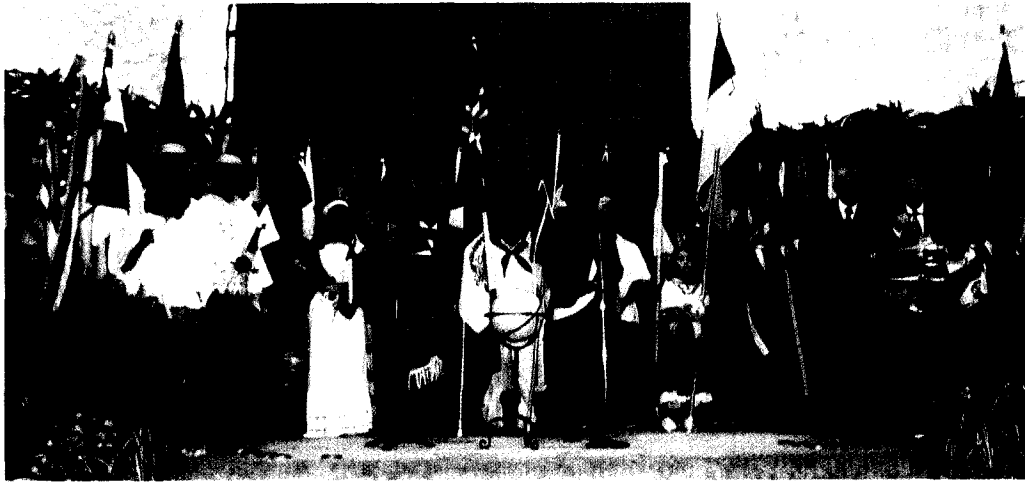
Hungry for a change?

If your life needs some zest—some new spiritual nutrition—the Kernersville Saturday morning Transitions Bible Fellowship at the Breadshoppe Café is the place to be. Refreshments are served as the Good News of Christ's grace, forgiveness, acceptance, and love are studied.

"It is written: 'Man does not live by bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4 (NIV) "Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry.'" John 3:36 (NIV)

So, how is your spiritual nutrition?

Fort Myers Church Hosts Mission Pageant



JACK SCHOMAKER

The Fort Myers, Fla., church International Mission Pageant program was narrated by the head elder, Simon Witter, M.D. (left at podium), and George Whitsett, pastor (right).

Fifty individuals in native costumes from 30 nations formed a colorful parade during the first International Mission Pageant conducted at the Fort

Myers, Fla., church. "God loves you," the participants declared in their national language as they carried their countries' flags at the January 27 event.

George Whitsett, pastor, and the Fort Myers congregation were joined in the celebration by members of the Port Charlotte Spanish and Fort Myers

Portuguese mission groups, led by Art Grayman and Sandro Morais. Grayman also directed the Sabbath school program and helped organize the parade.

Leo Ranzolin, a Fort Myers church elder and former General Conference vice president, organized the event and presented a message appeal to members for a commitment that would bring an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and a finished work world-wide.

Following the program, a potluck of international foods was served in the fellowship hall, which was decorated with artifacts from many different countries.

—BY LEO RANZOLIN

New Principal Voted at Forest Lake Academy

Gloria Becker was voted principal of Forest Lake Academy (FLA) on February 1, by the Forest Lake Academy board. She had served as interim principal since May, 2006.

"The board noted Gloria's outstanding contribution to FLA this school year," says Mike Cauley, Florida Conference president and board chairman. "With great confidence in her leadership, the board appointed her to a three-year term as principal."

Born in Havana, Cuba, Becker's family came to the United States when she was three months old. She graduated from Forest



Gloria Becker

Lake Academy in 1976 and attended Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University) where she met Jim, her husband.

After the young couple settled in Orlando, Fla., Becker was hired at the

Florida Conference Association as a secretary. She later served as human resources director and Conference executive secretary.

In 1999, the mother of three children: Kristin, Devin, and Ryan, accepted an administrative position at Forest Lake Academy so her schedule would align more closely with that of her family. During the past eight years, she has carried responsibilities in human resources, public relations, recruitment, admissions, safety, and alumni and development.

"Gloria's administrative expertise will be supplemented by three seasoned

vice principals in academics, student life, and distance learning," says Jim Epperson, Florida Conference vice president for education.

"Our young people need a safe, nurturing environment in which they can study, work, have fun, and build lifelong friendships," says Becker. "Forest Lake provides these things."

"Whatever her role, it is clear to us that Mrs. Becker loves Forest Lake," says senior Danielle Jones. "We are confident she will bring that love into all aspects of the principal position."

—BY DANIELLE JONES AND MARTIN BUTLER

Students Correspond with Air Force Captain

Students in Adele Jennings' K-2 class at the Port Charlotte, Fla., Adventist School have gained a unique education on world events through correspondence with a United States Air Force captain.

The adventure began last summer when Jennings met Captain April Pontz' mother, who said, "My daughter leaves for Iraq in September." Immediately, Jennings envisioned an opportunity for her students to "see beyond themselves" and become pen pals with the captain. Pontz was thrilled with the idea.

The students' first assignment was to locate Iraq on a map. Next, Jennings emailed Captain Pontz and told her about each class member. Then, from week to week, Jennings typed in the messages her students wanted to convey. Each week, Pontz would reply, often with words of encouragement.

When the students learned about "Captain April's" upcoming birthday, they sent hand-made cards



Briana Brooks, left, and teacher Adele Jennings read the Operation Iraqi Freedom certificate honoring the Port Charlotte Adventist School K-2 class for their support of Captain April Pontz. Blake Beerbower, right, holds a U.S. flag flown in combat over Iraq.

to say, "We love you." The response came back, "I love you, too."

At Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's, the children created personal greeting cards and told Pontz she was in their prayers every day.

A high point of the friendly exchanges came

just before Christmas when Captain Pontz called the classroom from Iraq and sounded close enough to be next door. "We told her how thankful we were for the sacrifice she is making," says Jennings.

In late January, Pontz returned safely to her base in Idaho. With family in

Charlotte County, Fla., she hopes to come home soon where she also anticipates meeting the little friends who were such an inspiration to her while in Iraq. "It's beyond my wildest imagination how much it helped me to have their support," she told Jennings.

—BY LYNN HUFF



Prayer Place Dedicated

A peaceful setting for prayer and meditation was recently completed at Camp Kulaqua in High Springs, Fla. Women's ministries participants raised funds for five years to construct the Prayer Place. Its grand opening

and dedication was held February 3 during the first of four women's ministries weekend retreats.

Located near the nature center, the Prayer Place is available for all who visit Camp Kulaqua.

—BY LEE BENNETT



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Atlanta Choir Ministers to Young Detainees

In July of 2006, the Atlanta Southside church in Georgia conducted its first youth evangelistic seminar under the guidance of their new pastor, Chris Montrose. The young people were to spearhead this seminar. Stephanie Clark was asked to work with the praise team, and this is how it all began. A few more young people agreed to join the praise team for the duration of the seminar, and then decided to stay with the group after the seminar was over.

After the first participation during the divine worship service following the seminar, a few more people joined the group. By September, they were too many to be called a praise team, so they decided on the name Atlanta Southside Gospel Choir (ASGC), and they also decided to keep the praise team (with a few more members) as a group separate from the choir. To date, the choir is 32 strong.

They are truly a gospel choir and, because of a few more mature members, not just a youth group.

Shortly after ASGC was formed, Keith Nelson, personal ministries leader, asked them to visit the Youth Detention Center in Lovejoy, Ga., with him. They agreed, and the members who were 15 years old and above were allowed to go and minister to the young people at the center. They sang their hearts out, and soon the audience grew from eight young boys to a room so full of young girls and boys that there were not enough seats. Many uninterested detainees at the center later remarked that they heard the singing while in their quarters and just had to come see what was going on.

From then ASGC decided to minister to those young people twice each month. Each time the choir goes to the detention center,

they are embraced by the young inmates, who often sing along with the group and participate in spiritually uplifting discussions.

Even the guards began to participate. There have also been occasions when the visiting time has ended, and a few young people linger afterward just to be able to have one-on-one prayer and mentoring time with individual members of the choir.

ASGC received special permission from the authorities of the detention center to allow its members under age 15 to visit. This arrangement gave them the unique opportunity to present a mini concert with the full choir on December 16, 2006.

The interactions be-



The Atlanta Southside Gospel Choir is reaching out to young people at a local youth detention center.

tween the ASGC and the young people of the Youth Detention Center have been a blessing to both groups. This group of youth has learned to put aside apprehensions and comforts in order to serve "the least of these."

The Atlanta Southside Gospel Choir praise and thank God for bringing them to this point in such a short period of time, and they know He will continue to bless them in their music ministry.

—BY STEPHANIE CLARK
AND CHRIS MONTROSE

Matyases Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

On Sunday, February 18, the celebration of Mike and Vernell Matyas' 50th wedding



Mike and Vernell Matyas

anniversary was held. The event was hosted by their six children: Michael Matyas, Cathy Winland, Mitchell Matyas, Lisa Pilcher, Marcia Logan, and Emily Moran. The Matyases also

have 23 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. The decorations were beautiful in white and gold, with American sweet-

heart roses on each table and balloons everywhere. The food was plentiful, and the children and grandchildren presented a program of music and tributes to their parents and grandparents.

Mike and Vernell met at "The Mecca" in Columbus, Ga., where Vernell was a waitress and Mike was in the army, stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga. Later they moved to Cataula, Ga., on Highway 27 to put down roots. Now their home is in Pine Mountain Valley, Ga., where Vernell is a member of the Pine Mountain Valley Church.

Vernell is very active in the church, and she holds

many positions, one of which is community services leader. Every month, she leads the church in packing and distributing more than 100 bags of food to the elderly and shut-ins all over Harris County, Ga. Mike assists her in this endeavor. The Pine Mountain Valley church members wishes them many more years of married bliss.

—BY DOTTIE WAITE

Church Members Give Input to Conference's Vision

During January and February, 2007, constituency delegates from around the Conference met in preparation for the constituency session to be held at Georgia-Cumberland Academy on April 22. These five pre-session meetings were held in different geographical areas of the Conference.

According to Steve Haley, vice president for administration/secretariat, one of the important functions of each pre-session meeting is for delegates to decide who will serve on the Con-

ference nominating committee. Each of the six districts selects two lay people and two Conference employees to serve on this committee, which elects the officials who serve the Conference.

At each of the pre-session meetings, church members had the chance to speak with Conference administrators about the progress in the Conference. They also gave input into the vision for the next five years by placing colored dots on themed signboards with the topics they felt the

Conference should focus on.

Lavinia Radulea of the Atlanta Romanian church liked this part in particular. "I think it's great that we can actually share what we think about the future of the Conference," she said.

Ed Wright, Conference president, found the pre-session meetings helpful in gaining a better understanding of Conference-wide needs. "If we don't have opportunities to get input like this, we never really know," he said. "These meetings engage people at a personal level, rather than us just talking and giving reports. It's important for us to listen and to help them realize they can shape the direction of this Conference in the future."

Ray Scarlett of the Augusta, Ga., First church, has served as a delegate three times and shared his thoughts on the meeting he attended in Macon, Ga.,

saying, "I think it's a process that shows the Church at work—from the laity to the administrative aspect of the Church...I always believe that if we ask the Holy Spirit to lead out, then certainly the results will be divinely blessed, and we can move forward toward great things within our Conference."

—BY BRIAN YOUNG

Founder of Heritage Academy Passes Away

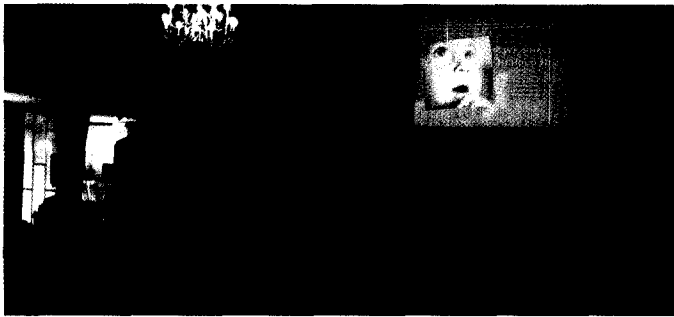


Leland Straw

Leland Straw passed away on February 5, at his home, surrounded by his family in Knoxville, Tenn. Leland, or "Prof" as many knew him, was the founder of Little Creek School and Sanitarium, which is now the self-supporting school called Heritage Academy in Monterrey, Tenn.

Straw lived to be 95-years-old, and was a blessing to others throughout that time. His students learned many practical and biblical insights, and now circle the globe sharing the message of God's love and the Second Advent.

—BY RICK GREVE



Ed Wright, Conference president, listens as delegates share questions and comments during the town hall segment of the pre-session meeting at the Atlanta Belvedere church.

Greeneville Hosts Fifth CHIP

The Greeneville, Tenn., church completed its fifth annual CHIP (Coronary Health Improvement Project) program in February, with 46 participants completing the program this year. This made a total of 267 alumni from the five programs that have been held in Greeneville.

Lynda Nelson is the director, with Peggy West as her assistant. More than half of the volunteers this year were from the community—

evidence that the program is helping to make many new friends.

This year, the program presented George Guthrie, M.D., who has been featured on 3ABN, as the graduation speaker. He also provided a number of seminars during the weekend.

Dena Guthrie, the secretary and treasurer of the Adventist CHIP Association, reported that there are now CHIP programs in the United States, Canada,

Africa, and Australia. There will soon be a program in England. The health message is being carried far and wide—making friends for God's kingdom.

—BY PEGGY WEST



A CHIP training session for the Conference will be held July 26-29, at the Ooltewab, Tenn., church.

Volunteers Get Hands Wet for Jesus



Nineteen members, ranging in age from four to 85, participated in the free car wash.

This past fall the DeFuniak Springs church wanted to express the love of Jesus to its community in a tangible, no-strings-attached way. They decided to start small and get each member involved. They wanted everyone to discover that "evangelism" is not difficult, and in fact is a lot of fun.

They decided to do a free community car wash. Cards explaining the pur-

pose of the free car wash were printed and handed to each driver. Martin Fancher, pastor, explains, "Just as Jesus loves us with NO STRINGS ATTACHED, we wanted to wash our neighbors' cars with no strings attached."

Each car wash recipient was given a copy of *Steps to Christ*. No donations were accepted. Many expressed appreciation, and

opportunities to pray with the recipients occurred. One family was on the way to the hospital to visit a relative who was dying, and when asked if they'd like to have prayer, they tearfully nodded and the volunteers surrounded them and prayed.

Astonished drivers found it hard to believe that someone would go to all that trouble and accept nothing in return. Numerous spectators parked nearby and watched the volunteers interact with the drivers of the cars they were washing. Some members wandered over to the spectators to explain what was happening and offered to wash their cars.

"Some watched us turn away money, pray with people, and wash their cars, but many went away saying that this was too good to be true. It helped us under-

stand that many people will lose out on salvation, believing that it is too good to be true," says Fancher.

Nineteen members, ranging from four-years-old to 85, participated in the free car wash. The Auto Zone in Defuniak Springs allowed the church to use its water and hose free, which they do for non-profit organizations. When the manager was invited to send his customers out for a free wash, he gave items for the volunteers to use: soap, sponges, buckets, tire cleaner, etc.

"Many of our members were surprised at the impact they had on these people by simply washing a car, talking, and sometimes praying for them," adds Fancher. "They are anxious for the weather to warm, and we can get our 'hands wet' for Jesus again."

—BY REBECCA GRICE

Hattiesburg Hispanic Church Organized

An overflow crowd attended the Hattiesburg Hispanic church on January 13, for its official organization as a church. A groundbreaking ceremony was held in the afternoon for a new church building which will accommodate the rapidly growing congregation.

Two years ago the members started raising money to purchase land and build a church. During this time the members raised

\$59,000, but still needed \$100,000 to begin the first phase of the construction.

A special meeting was called to rally the members. Troy Peoples, Conference treasurer, came with a check for \$9,000. The rally began and \$1,000 and \$2,000 donations poured in. They surpassed their goal and reached \$104,000, ensuring they could begin construction on their church.



Nilton Garcia (left), pastor; Tui Pitman, Hispanic coordinator; Melvin Eisele, president; Troy Peoples, treasurer; and Silvino Bravo, head deacon, participate in the ground breaking ceremony.

“It Was Like Sending in the Marines”

Three and a half years ago when Philip Smyly came forward to request baptism during an evangelistic meeting, he knew he would have problems at work. He was employed as a welding supervisor at a major tractor equipment manufacturing company where he had worked for 17 years. His job required that he work on Saturdays.

Smyly had been regularly attending the Selma church with his wife Darlene, and their sons. Then as soon as church was over he'd go to his job on the



second shift. He explains, “I needed my job. My family depended on me, but I knew I couldn't put off any longer doing what God wanted me to do.”

Clay Grice, pastor, and Smyly contacted the Southern Union religious liberty department. “It was like sending in the Marines. They were there for me,” says Smyly. He adds, “I feel I made one mistake. I signed a paper which the company gave me before I talked to anyone.” Smyly has been able to continue to work, but he lost his supervisory

position, which meant a dramatic drop in pay.

“It's been tough at times, but God has provided,” he says. To supplement his decrease in salary, he started a lawn care business. He also picks up and repairs washing machines, dryers, and refrigerators. Last year he earned, with his extra jobs, as much as he did before he lost his position.

Many of his fellow workers can't understand why he gave up his supervisory position—he now works on the line with many of the men he trained. But, Smyly uses these opportunities to share what God has done for him.

One day he noticed all of the men looking at him when he went to check the

new schedule. A new supervisor had scheduled him to work on Sabbath. “What are you going to do?,” one man asked. “What I usually do—go to church and keep the Sabbath with my family,” Smyly answered. A few have complained because he gets every Saturday off. “I tell them they can get Saturdays off, too, if they want to come to church with me,” he says.

Darlene has wholeheartedly supported Philip. They both agree that through this they have grown closer to the Lord and to each other. Please pray for Phillip as he continues to witness at work and lead out in the Selma church where he now serves as the head elder.

—BY REBECCA GRICE

Laurel Women Give Teddy Bears to Elderly

For Valentine's Day, more than 137 residents of the Comfort Care Nursing Home in Laurel, Miss., received handcrafted bears and cards especially made for them.

The bears were made by the women of the Laurel church. Children from the Adventurer club created the cards and, with the assistance of the women, helped deliver the cards and bears to the residents.

Afterwards the residents enjoyed a special program, which included a devotional, special music with the Pathfinders singing, a puppet show preformed by the Adventurer club, and clowns.

The project was a part of the church's women's ministries program. Two meetings were held to plan and implement the project. During the first meeting the women decided on a pattern to use for the construction of the bears, and then made a few samples. During the second meeting the women brought the bears they had started. One member brought 40 completed bears, and another member brought 90 bears that needed to be stuffed and painted.

The project warmed the hearts of the recipients, and those who gave of their time and talents were blessed.

—BY HELEN RYAN



Two-year-old Ruth Ann Nicholson gives a hand-made card to a resident.

Coming Soon: A New Sanctuary

After 10 years of holding worship services in a multi-purpose room, the Memphis First church broke ground for a new sanctuary on January 28.

The Memphis First Son Seekers Pathfinder Color Guard opened the program with the Pledge of Allegiance. Don Ritterskamp, pastor, welcomed Richard Hallock, Conference president, who gave the keynote address.

Groundbreaking was performed by Fred Fields, contractor; Richard Hallock, Taylor Dunn, a Pathfinder



Rolf Onjukka (left); Ina McFarland; Ettienn van Zyl; Don Ritterskamp, pastor; Don Taylor, building committee chairman; Corrine Young; David Duffield; and Mark Fraprie

representing the youth and future of the church, Don Ritterskamp, Corrine Young, building committee member and representative of the women of the church; John van Zyl, Conference ministerial director; Don Taylor,

building committee chair; and Terry Branch, contractor.

Light refreshments were provided following the ceremony in the lobby of the existing building. Representatives from the Bartlett mayor's office and the Germantown Police Department attended.

The Memphis First church moved to its current location on Cordova Road from its former location at Poplar and East Parkway in January, 1997.

With a view to good stewardship, the church decided that the original mortgage should be paid off, and an anticipated monthly church budget should be received regularly before proceeding with building the new sanctuary. The original mortgage was paid off in three years.

In 2005 all of the goals were reached, and a prayerful search was begun for a contractor. The Lord led the church to select Strategic Visions Corporation, who will be the general contractor for the project. The construction project is expected to take seven months.

—BY SHIRLEY TURNER

Toy Drive Yields Miraculous Results

"Have you counted all of the toys for the hospital yet? I hope we break our school's record for the amount of toys we bring in this year."

This was the conversation at Memphis Junior Academy (MJA) just days before the delivery date for the annual Lebonheur Children's Hospital toy drive. During the past three years, the annual student association of MJA toy drive has received more than 1,500 toys for children who were hospitalized. The students enjoy the idea that they are making a difference in the lives of others. But, this year something changed.

Ina McFarland ("Mrs. Mac"), assistant principal

at MJA, received a phone call from her sister in Olive Branch, Miss., on Monday, December 18, 2006. A woman she works with had four grandchildren dropped off at her house and watched the mother drive away. These children, ranging in age from six-15-years-old, were abandoned one week before Christmas. The grandmother was unable to provide gifts for her grandchildren and it weighed heavy on her heart. The question was raised about possibly giving some of the toys from the toy drive to this family.

A special assembly was called the next day, and the student body was presented with this dilemma. It was

decided that the school needed to adopt this family for the holiday.

The students went to work. During the next two days, a total of six gifts per child, a trunk-full of food, a tree, and \$285 in cash and gift cards were received. When the officers from the student association loaded "Mac's" car, the trunk and the back seat were full. The family was so surprised they cried when all the items were delivered. The grandmother told "Mac" that she could not believe this happened. "The students didn't know them, so why would they do this?" "Mac's" answer was very simple, "This is what Christmas is about."

The toy drive was also a success. More than 400 toys, games, and stuffed animals were delivered to Lebonheur Children's Hospital—enough to fill all three luggage bays on the coach bus.

Two miracles, one school, one purpose, numerous children. The students at MJA helped touch families they will never know.

—BY BRIAN ALLISON

Correction: The author of the article, "It's My Very Own," March *Southern Tidings*, page 7, was Jodi Dodson rather than Julie Vega.

Adventist Literature Goes to Zimbabwe

Maxwell Hammond (Ndhlovu) is a member of the South Louisville church and is from the country of Zimbabwe, Africa.

Late last year his sister, Lorraine, informed him that in 2002, she had rejoined the Church. She excitedly told him of the great evangelism opportunities in their homeland. Lorraine related the story of a recent visit to a hospital, where she found church-member



Maxwell Hammond is standing in the church lobby by one of the collection boxes.

patients sharing one copy of *Adventist World* and were requesting to read more. She also informed

him they were really in need of printed material to distribute to the many new members and those attending the crusades.

Hammond shared the need with the members of the South Louisville church. He began collecting Bibles, books, periodicals, such as *Signs*, *Adventist Review*, etc., and suitable materials to send in response to his

sister's request.

The church overwhelmingly responded to his appeal for printed material. The church helped him with preparation of the materials for mailing and paid shipping costs. To date, 115 pounds of printed materials have been shipped to his sister in the town of Givanda, in Zimbabwe.

—BY E. J. HIGGINBOTHAM

McNulty is new Assistant Treasurer



Aaron McNulty is the new Conference assistant treasurer and auditor.

McNulty is from Portland, Tenn., and is a graduate of Highland Academy. He graduated from Southern Adventist University in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

Prior to accepting this position, he worked as a business intern at the ABC for the Gulf States Conference.

Lombard Joins Pastoral Team



Marc Lombard is the new pastor of the Raleigh-Covington district in Tennessee. He and his family came from the Texas Conference.

Lombard received his undergraduate training at Southwestern Adventist University where he earned his bachelor's degree in theology, and minored in biblical languages. After graduation, he pastored for a couple of years in Texas before attending the seminary at Andrews University to receive his master of divinity degree.

When Lombard returned to Texas in 2000, he was assigned to

the Elkhart-Rusk district where he served until his move to the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. During those years, he and his wife, Lisa, were busy, not only nurturing these congregations, but conducting Revelation seminars, Bible worker training programs (some of which they developed themselves), marriage enrichment seminars, writing Bible studies, holding evangelistic meetings, and planting new congregations.

The Lombards are truly partners in ministry. Together they have written vacation Bible school programs. Lisa is currently working on a book of children and youth programs that can be used in conjunction with evangelistic meetings.

They have two sons: Josef, 12, and Nikolaus, 10.

Whiteville School Celebrates Grand Opening

Words of praise and thanksgiving could be heard in the city of Whiteville on Sabbath, December 16, 2006, as the police-escorted motorcade of members and supporters of Praise Tabernacle and Carolina Adventist

During the past 10 years, the location of the school changed four times. Today Carolina Adventist Academy includes grades K-10 and is partnering with Forest Lake Academy's AE21 Internet program with curriculum offerings for grades 11 and 12.

On Sabbath morning, church members and supporters met under the portico of the permanent Carolina Adventist Academy building and participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony that included several dignitaries from the community and abroad. The master

of ceremonies was Leon Verrett, III, head elder of Praise Tabernacle, and he also served as the building committee chairperson.

Congratulatory speeches were given by Senator R.C. Soles; N.C. State Representative Dewey Hill; Andy Anderson, former Whiteville

Councilman; Pennie Lister-Smith; Vanard Mendinghall, Conference president; Manlius Neil, II, contractor; Ronald Sparks, engineer; Everton A. Ennis, pastor of the Council, Lumberton, and Whiteville district; Richard Berry, school board chairman; Etta High of Philadelphia church in Council; Rena Burney of Macedonia New Life Center in Lumberton; Robin Young, principal; David H. Hughes, retired pastor; DeMaria LaForte, youth representative for Praise Tabernacle; and Bettye Mills. Shirley Johnson, Conference associate superintendent of schools, was present and participated in the weekend services. Ken Lee, pastor, and the Whiteville church congregation of the Carolina Conference were also present for this occasion. They had graciously hosted the Praise Tabernacle congregation for four years in their church facility.

The ribbon cutting ceremony was followed by the divine worship ser-



Pathfinder Stephen Wing awaits the cutting of the ribbon.

vice, which was streamed live via the Internet. Praise Tabernacle's services can be accessed on its Web site at: www.whitevillepraise.org

"The Battle Is the Lord's" was the inspirational sermon presented by Vanard Mendinghall. Musical praise enhanced the theme of the weekend, "We've Come This Far By Faith." Musical selections included songs led by Praise Tabernacle's praise team; "Somebody's Sons"; "Sweet Covenant"; Praise Tabernacle's youth, adult, and mass choirs. Soloists included Dianne Chunn, former principal-teacher; Leon Verrett; Gene Freeman, former principal-teacher; and Janice Phillips, one of the newest members of Praise Tabernacle who moved from South Carolina so that her grandchildren could attend the school. Because of the commitment to Adventist Christian education, the members wanted the school, built first and they plan to build a sanctuary later.

—BY CHARLOTTE VERRETT



Robin Young, principal, make remarks as Vanard Mendinghall (left), Leon Verrett, and Everton Ennis look on.

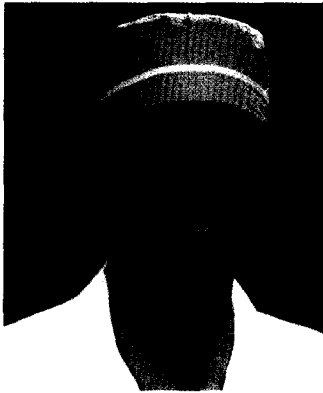
Academy (CAA) made their way to the grand opening and dedication of their new worship center and education facility. Four years earlier, a "Parade for Jesus" by the core group of the new church plant and members of Philadelphia church launched the new church in Whiteville, and publicized the "Dimensions of Praise" revival conducted by church planter Everton A. Ennis, pastor.

The two-day event began Friday evening, with a consecration service in the new facility, which featured Carolina Adventist Academy students presenting a Christmas program, entitled "Calling All Angels." The consecration speaker was Pennie Lister-Smith, Ed.D., Conference vice-president for education.



Pictured are Ronald Sparks (left), Representative Dewey Hill, Senator R.C. Soles, Richard Berry, Pennie Lister-Smith, Vanard Mendinghall, Everton Ennis, Robin Young, Shirley Johnson, Manlius Neal, Andy Anderson, and Leon Verrett.

Berean Honors Community Members



Christopher Leggett, M.D.

In conjunction with Black History month, the Berean church in Atlanta, Ga., honored four African Americans who have made significant contributions not only locally, but nationally and internationally.



Pictured are Bridget Mack (left), a member of Berean, and Christine King-Farris.

Three of the honorees were from the Atlanta community, and one is a member of Berean, Christopher Leggett, M.D. Leggett is a clinical academic interventional cardiologist at Saint Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta. A graduate of Princeton University and Case Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio, he completed his internship and residency at

Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md. His cardiology fellowship training was at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta. He completed interventional cardiology training at the University of Alabama. He is board certified in internal medicine, cardiology, and invasive cardiology.

Leggett was recently appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services to serve a four-year term on the National Practicing Physicians Advisory Council in Washington, D.C. He is involved locally and nationally in numerous civic activities, professional societies, and organizations. He is principal investigator of the Cardiovascular Learning Partnership, a community-based initiative aimed at educating, increasing awareness, and improving access to quality care for African American diabetics with cardiovascular disease. He is a member of the Center for Disease Control Centers Board of Visitors, Johns Hopkins Medical and Surgical Society, American Medical Association, National Medical Association, and Association of Black Cardiologists, and is a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology. He has served as the president of the American Heart Association, southeast affiliate. He currently serves nationally on the Professional Education Committee, and as a member of the National Board of Directors of the American Heart Association.

As one of the leading interventional cardiologists in the country, Leggett serves as a consultant to the top interventional technology companies in the world, and participates as a clinical co-investigator in clinical trials involving new cardiovascular and peripheral interventions. He was recently recognized as one of America's Leading Physicians by *Black Enterprise* magazine.

Leggett has partnered with God in saving the lives of many patients nationwide, as well as members and pastors of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

He has been privileged to enjoy 20 years of marriage to his wife, Denise Cleveland-Leggett, a successful attorney and entrepreneur. Denise Leggett is the daughter of Harold L. Cleveland, retired former pastor of Berean. They are the proud parents of Alexandria Nichol and Christopher James, II.

Also honored were Christine King-Farris, the sister of Martin Luther King, Jr.; C.T. Vivian, pastor, who played and intricate role in the Civil Rights struggle; and Shirley Franklin, mayor of Atlanta.



Carlton Byrd, pastor of Berean church, presents the awards to the honorees.

Mayor Franklin has the distinction of being the first female mayor of Atlanta and the first African American woman to serve as mayor of a major southern city. Her leadership in the city has been so significant that she is considered one of the top five mayors in the country.

Tony Gomez, a member of Berean, and employee of the city of Atlanta, has been instrumental in keeping Franklin connected with the Adventist community, and facilitated the mayor's invitation as the commencement speaker at Oakwood College in May, 2006.

—BY JAMES K. LAMB



Alexandria Leggett (left), Denise Cleveland-Leggett, Mayor Shirley Franklin, Christopher Leggett, M.D., and Christopher James, II

Church Officers are Anchored in the Lord



Benjamin P. Browne, Conference president

South Central Conference church officers' conventions convened in Montgomery, Ala., Jackson, Miss., and Nashville, Tenn., on three consecutive weekends in January. The record attendance and overwhelming commitment affirmed this year's theme "Anchored in the Lord."

Benjamin Browne,



Barry Black, chaplain U.S. Senate, signs scores of books in Jackson, Miss.



Delbert Baker, Oakwood College president

Conference president, shared his desire with the attendees at each event: "My prayer is that the Lord will be the leader of the South Central Conference, and I will be His servant. Let us worship together, pray together, study together, and fellowship together."

Each convention began at 9:30 a.m., on Sabbath and ended on Sunday at 12:30 p.m., providing one and a half days of leadership and officer training.

Nelson Stokes, pastor of the New Life church in Chattanooga, Tenn., was the keynote speaker in Montgomery at the Lee High School Auditorium.

Barry Black, chaplain of the U.S. Senate, was the keynote speaker in Jackson, at the Rose McCoy Auditorium at Jackson State University.

Delbert Baker, Oakwood College president, was the keynote speaker in Nashville, at the National Baptist Convention Center, Inc.

Hundreds were inspired by the word of God preached by these awe-



Stan L. Mims, superintendent of Birmingham Schools

inspiring men of God. The attendees were encouraged to live for Jesus on this Earth. The choirs, ensembles, quartets, duets, solos, and musicians were all superb. Those present were challenged to become and remain "Anchored in the Lord."

Individuals took their stand for baptism, many responded for recommitment to Christ, and the officers accepted the charge to be dedicated and serve faithfully in 2007.

On Saturday evening, a fellowship reception included remarkable events of the designated locations.

Stan L. Mims, superintendent of the Birmingham City School System, who is an Adventist, delivered an electrifying address Saturday evening in both Montgomery and Nashville. His passion for educating children and strong



Nelson Stokes, pastor, presents an appeal to worshippers in Montgomery.

desire to work in the community was evident in his discourse. His challenge is, "Dare to be Remarkable." Listeners were inspired



Hundreds attended the fellowship receptions at all three venues.

to pursue excellence in Christ.

In Jackson, at the evening fellowship reception, Barry Black challenged the attendees once more, as he did so eloquently during divine worship. This event included a book signing for his current work, *From the Hood to the Hill*. Many patiently waited in long lines for his autograph.

Browne's vision for this year, "Anchored in the Lord," surpassed all expectations at each convention venue.

Conference ABC and Nutrition Center Sponsors Book Signing

Ron Dickerson, South Central's ABC manager hosted Walter L. Wright, D.Div., who participated in a book-signing event held in the Conference office lobby, January 23. His new book is titled, *My Daddy Told Me So*.

Wright is an ordained minister in the Seventh-day Adventist Church where he has served for more than 35 years as a pastor/evangelist in the Allegheny West Conference, Columbus, Ohio; director of church ministries and vice president for the Southwestern Union Conference, Burlison, Tex.; and executive secretary, ministerial director, ASI, family ministries director, and currently as president of the Lake Union Conference. In February, 2005, Wright was elected chairman of the board of Adventist Health System. He

has conducted evangelism and family seminars on four continents.

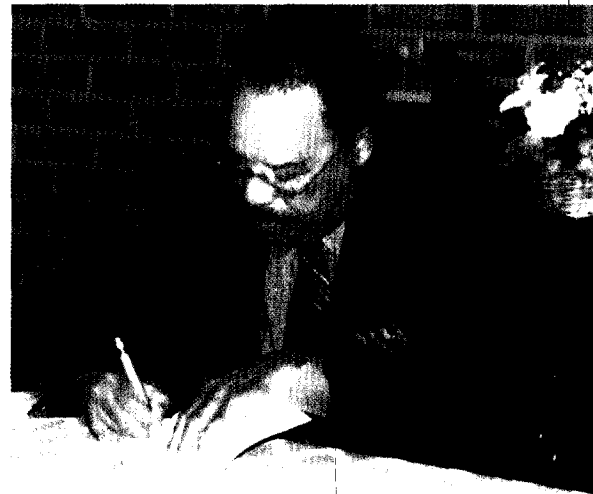
Frank W. Hale, Jr., Ph.D., vice provost and professor emeritus at The Ohio State University commented: "This magnificent book is the story behind a personal odyssey of a boy who became a real man by listening and imbibing what his father had to say. Elder Wright reflects warmly on the lifelong love affair that his father had with his mother, his family, and with God. He shares the challenging times of poverty, the untimely losses of two of his siblings, and so much of the days of joy and gladness that made his family complete.

It is a powerful assembly of the most passionate, down-to-earth, complex, joyful, complicated, comforting, and enabling

experiences that gave him the courage to be the man that he has become. It is a story from the inside out that should be required reading for fathers, sons, and daughters. Deeper

yet are the enormously compelling spiritual lessons underscored, which are the vital connection and support that people, young and old, need to navigate the troubling social pressures of today."

Kay Kuzma, Ed.D., president, *Family Matters*



Walter L. Wright, D.Div., president of the Lake Union Conference, autographs his new book *My Daddy Told Me So* for recipients.

Ministry, LaFollette, Tenn., shared: "I've always admired the Wright family. Now I know why. This heart-warming story of how one man led his family and inspired them to be everything

God wants them to be, can be an encouragement to fathers today. And for those who are older—it will be a pleasant fun-read that will likely walk them down memory lane as they are reminded of their own father's words and how they shaped their lives."

Richard W. O'Fill, minister, author and associate director of The Empowered Church stated: "*My Daddy Told Me So* is a breath of fresh air that honors the memory of our dads and reminds me of what someone said, 'Any man can be a father. It takes someone special to be a dad.'"

—BY MICHAEL HARPE



Ron Dickerson (left), nephew to Walter Wright and South Central's ABC manager, presents a gift to Z. Kathy Cameron, executive assistant to the president at Lake Union Conference; as Walter Wright looks on.

Concert Benefits Youth at Tabernacle

The walls of the north Miami Beach Performing Arts Center rang with the celestial sounds of gospel artists during a concert on February 18. The concert was organized to raise money for the third annual Pure Reality retreat—a global campaign designed specifically for children, teens and young adults to foster understanding of the nature of true love, and to reinforce a foundation

for a healthy and chaste lifestyle, while encouraging a deep and abiding relationship with Jesus Christ. The retreat will be at Camp Kulaqua March 30-April 1.

Recording artists Anthony “Toosie” Whigham, Michael and Regina Winans, and Lisa Page-Brooks delighted the audience with various performances.

Marina Clunie of Miami, the Ordained Praise of Orlando, and C&S of Miami

also elevated the audience to spiritual heights.

The Tabernacle praise team provided uplifting praise and worship sessions, as well as backup vocals. The Tabernacle band, led by guest guitarist Dana Reed, provided rousing accompaniment for the artists.

For more information regarding the ministry, please visit the website at www.purereality4u.org.

—BY DOMINIQUE DIAMBOIS



Michael and Regina Winans perform to benefit Pure Reality.

Money Matters Seminar a Success

The stewardship department of the Tabernacle church, under the leadership of Frances Ryan and David L. Peay, Sr., pastor, sponsored a weekend of financial literacy workshops, February 22-25.

The idea was dreamed up by two young people who grew up in the church, Baldwin English, II, and Stacey Antoine, and are now practicing attorneys.

Topics covered a broad range of financial areas, including personal finance,

estate planning with an emphasis on wills and trust, insurance, and taxes.

Recently elected state representative Ronald Brise, M.B.A., conducted a session on getting started in business.

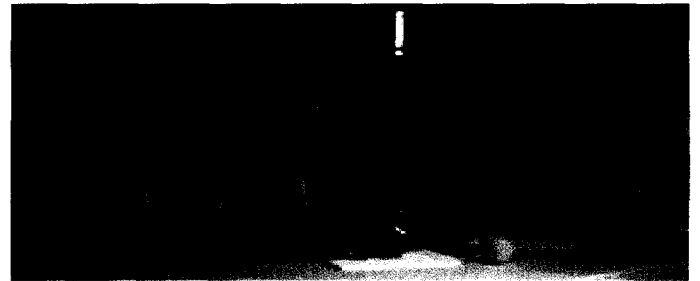
On Friday night, Angela Forde discussed essential principles to become God's entrepreneurs.

Sabbath afternoon featured a panel discussion hosted by Kester Nedd on identifying and developing talents and abilities.

On Sunday Wayne Hamilton, esquire; Andrew Holness, esquire; and Enette Henderson, a State Farm insurance agent, conducted

practical workshops and an informative question-and-answer session.

—BY SELWYN CARRINGTON, M.D.



Presenters Wayne Hamilton (left), Enette Henderson, Baldwin English, II, and Ronald Brise participate in the panel discussion.

Miami Bethany Honors Urban League CEO

The Bethany church in Miami, Fla., pastored by W. C. Byrd, recently honored T. Willard Fair, CEO of Greater Miami Urban League (GMUL), for his contributions to Bethany's annual Harvest Ingathering Project for Black History in the month of February.

Fair is chairman of

the board of education for the state of Florida and is constantly involved in the community, and he continues to make a remarkable difference in the community with housing and education.

Bethany has served as host for the GMUL's annual educational program in the greater Miami area for the

past two years.

Sharon Henley serves as director of this program which recognizes the outstanding academic achievements of the youth of the greater Miami metropolitan area, by awarding them with grants and scholarships.

Carol Byrd is involved in taping resources from

GMUL education department to assist Southeastern's students and expose them to various programs available.

Pastors W. C. Byrd and David Peay serve as representatives for the Miami Adventist churches on the GMUL board of directors.

—BY CAROL BYRD

Reach "Invisible" Populations via the Web

Is your church's website accessible to the blind and visually impaired?

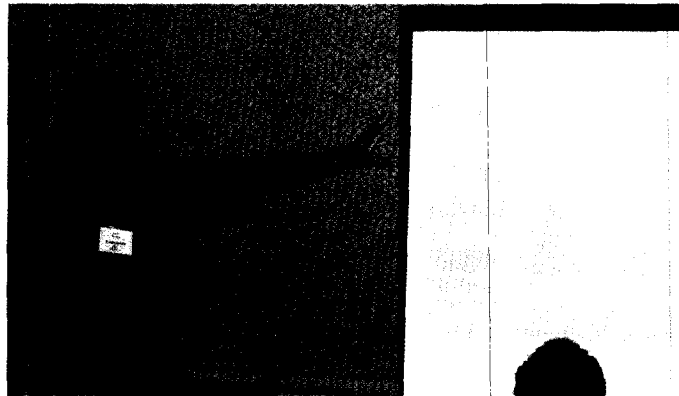
Participants at the leadership summit in December, 2006, hosted by the Conference at the Rosen Center Hotel, learned the importance of technology accessibility from Aaron Rogge, information services director at Christian Record Services.

During the seminar, Rogge focused on the growing population of blind and visually impaired individuals in North America, and provided examples of various software and hardware tools they commonly use. Participants were able to handle Braille plates, a large-print magazine, and

several other resources in Braille. Rogge also gave tips for Web design, PowerPoint® presentations, and print publications.

The group discussed the impact of making Web sites accessible to screen readers and screen modification programs, and learned that through their ministry as communication officers, they too can reach out to the blind community and show them the path to Jesus.

To conclude the presentation, Rogge shared information about the new personal ministries program hosted by Christian Record: the MOB (Missionaries Of the Blind).



Christian Record Services, the Seventh-day Adventist Church's ministry to the blind, provided the materials for the seminar.

To learn more about the services Christian Record Services provides to the blind, to receive information about becoming

a member of the MOB, or to support the ministry with a financial gift, please visit www.christianrecord.org or call 402-488-0981.

—BY JERI LYN ROGGE

Watch Out Girl Scouts!

"Y'all ain't a real club until ya' selling cookies in front of Winn Dixie," was the challenge issued to Gloria Blake, Pathfinder director for the Breath of Life church in Jacksonville Fla., by her brother, James Florence.

The club went into the

cookie business on the first of January.

Louis Daley, owner of the Sunrise Caribbean Gourmet Restaurant in Jacksonville, not only offered free use of his kitchen, but also donated some of the ingredients.

The club spent an entire afternoon and part of an evening preparing and baking more than 200 cookies. With the help of friends and family, the cookies were sold in local stores, restaurants, offices, and even on a local college campus. The cookies sold out

in one week, and people were asking for more.

Coconut-pecan sugar, chocolate-chip, and oatmeal raisin were the three types of cookies made. Of the three, oatmeal raisin was favored.

High demand, the opportunity to witness to the community, and raise funds for the Pathfinder club are the reasons why the Breath of Life Ambassadors for Christ Pathfinders will continue the cookie business—a sweet treat with an even sweeter message of Jesus Christ.

If you are interested in purchasing cookies to support the Pathfinder club, please call 904-534-5533.

—BY CHEVETTE WILLIAMS

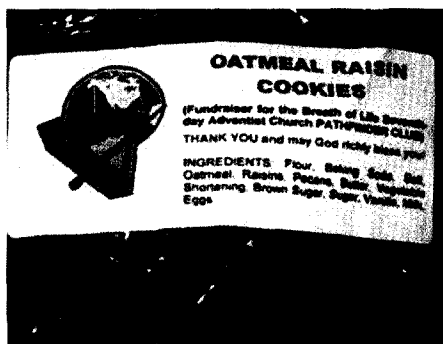
Fire Destroys Campground Cafeteria

The cafeteria at the Southeastern Conference Campground in Hawthorne, Fla., was recently destroyed by fire. The cause of the fire has not been determined; an investigation is still under way.

The cafeteria has served the Conference's camping needs for more than 40 years. "Many wonderful memories went up in flames; this is regrettable," stated Willie L. Taylor, Conference president.

When asked about camp meeting 2007, he said, "Yes! We still plan to have camp meeting this June as scheduled." Pictures are available at www.secsda.org.

—BY ROBERT HENLEY



The cookie labels were provided by Flo-Glo Productions, a private service company owned by Gloria Blake.

Southern Sends Furniture to Africa

Office furniture that has been gathering dust in Southern Adventist University's storage is being put to use by schools in Tanzania and Kenya.

In the past, Southern's service department has contacted area non-profit organizations and offered them the University's outmoded furniture. This year, the department staff

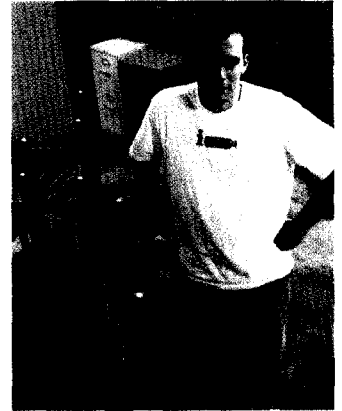
met Dan Meehan of the Meehan Foundation who knew of needy schools in Africa that could use the furniture.

Meehan, who is retired from the freight shipping business, has thus far paid the cost for shipping two containers—each filled with between 15,000 and 20,000 pounds of Southern's furniture—to Africa.

"This was a blessing to be able to have done this," says Donald Lighthall, assistant director of the service department. "Since no one here wanted the stuff, it was going to a landfill. Now it is going where it can be used."

—BY ANH PHAM

Donald Lighthall stands with equipment similar to the furniture sent to Africa.



Professor Interviewed for *National Geographic*

Michael Hasel, director of the Institute of Archaeology and professor of Near Eastern studies at Southern Adventist University was one of six scholars interviewed for a *National Geographic* documentary

on engineering in ancient Egypt.

One of the world's experts on ancient Egyptian military tactics, Hasel flew to London in February for an interview about Egyptian warfare technolo-

gies and how these helped keep the civilization alive for 3,000 years.

"It's always neat to be able to break down the things we often discuss on a scholarly level for the public to see its impor-

ance," says Hasel.

The documentary, *Engineering Ancient Egypt*, is expected to air on the *National Geographic* channel in the fall of 2007.

—BY NATALIA LOPEZ-THISMON

Graduate Counseling Students "Master" Materials

Students of Southern Adventist University's graduate counseling program are distinguishing themselves. Not only do graduates meet or exceed national standard scores on the board exam for professional counselors, but school counseling students recently achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the school counselor exam. Students are also often offered full-time employment at their internship site.

Penny Webster, coordinator of the professional counseling division of the program, says this success is because of the way the program is structured. "It's

due to small class sizes, a Christian environment, evening scheduling, and a lot of one-on-one time with professors," she says.

Debra Alguire is one of these successful students. The 2003 graduate is employed as a school counselor at a local elementary school. After completing her internship at the school, Alguire was offered a position.

Alguire saw Southern's program as the perfect fit. "I needed somewhere I could take evening classes, and a Christian environment is important to me," she says.

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a master's degree in counseling from Southern, call the graduate studies office

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—BY KATIE MINNER



As part of her counseling duties, graduate Debra Alguire teaches students about future career options.

God Finds a New Home for an Organ

BY SHIRLEY NIELSON AND DIANE THURBER

Shirley Nielson lives in Indiana and has been a church organist for 50 years. "I really enjoy playing the organ for church, but the organ we currently had was giving me a lot of grief lately. I was beginning to dread playing it each week at church," she said.

Nielson decided to go to a piano and organ store to obtain the name of another organ repairman. When she entered the store, two salesmen were sitting there, and one asked if he could help her. Nielson told him she was a church organist, and she was having trouble with the organ she had been playing for three years. His reply was, "Are you wanting another organ?"

Nielson said, "Well, that would be great, except our church really doesn't have a lot of money to purchase another organ."

He asked her, "Do you know what tomorrow is?"

She said, "No."

He continued, "This store is closing [tomorrow], and if you came on Thursday, February 1, we would be closed for good. The owner is ill, and they are closing the store. I'm losing my job after eight years."

The salesman offered, "I have an organ in my house. I've already decided I'm going to donate it to a church, and I'll give it to your church."

He didn't ask Nielson what church she went to; he just said he'd give it to her church. She asked what kind of organ it was, and he told her it was an Allen organ—much newer than the one she played—and she could have it.

Nielson said, "I was so surprised,

and knowing me, I'm surprised I didn't cry."

Nielson explained that she'd have to contact her organ repairman to move the organ when the salesman interrupted, "Here he comes right through my store."

Later, the salesman explained that Nielson was an answer to his prayer. He had only possessed the organ four weeks. Two people were interested in purchasing it; however, both men decided not to buy it. One said he had too many organs already, and the other man didn't have the money. So, the salesman's wife suggested he donate the organ to a church, but he wasn't sure he wanted to do that.

The Tuesday Nielson went to the organ store, he had prayed that if God wanted him to donate his organ to a church He would have to bring that person to him. When Nielson walked into the store and told him she was having big problems with her church's organ, he knew it was God's will that her church should have the organ.

Another incredible part of this story is that Nielson discovered an envelope in the organ bench with contents showing the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists had been a previous owner of the organ in 2004. Nielson said, "It's amazing how God used an organ that wasn't working right to find us a better one. It's also amazing that the new organ is back in another Seventh-day Adventist church." She later learned the organ had been from an Adventist church in Georgia that had



put it up for sale on eBay. A man from Indiana purchased it, restored it, and kept it for approximately two years before giving it to his good friend, the salesman Nielson met.

Nielson said, "God is so good. We don't know what the outcome will be with this story." She has invited the salesman, his wife, and his family of eight children to visit her church. Although they are Christians of another denomination, she's hopeful they will visit sometime and see how their gift is being used.

"I'm so excited," Nielson exclaimed, "I can't tell you how happy I am." Nielson visited the salesman later and gave him a copy of the colorful paperback books *The Desire of Ages* and *The Great Controversy* to express appreciation. Her prayer is that God will bless this wonderful Christian family brought into her life by answered prayers.

"This was one of the most exciting things that ever happened to me, and I'm so happy that I listened to the still small voice that said, 'Just go there today.'"

An Aunt, a Book, and the Sabbath

BY REBECCA GRICE

Linda Goken, a member of the Tupelo, Mississippi, church, was surprised when she answered her telephone and was asked, "Are you a Seventh-day Adventist?" When Linda acknowledged that she was an Adventist, a barrage of questions poured from the caller, who identified herself as Pastor Hope Drummond.

Though they grew up keeping the Sabbath, neither Hope, the pastor of the Sinai Temple church in Mendenhall, Mississippi, nor her sister, Charity, the assistant pastor, had ever heard of Seventh-day Adventists until they searched the Internet for Sabbath keepers.



The late Jeremiah Drummond was dismissed from three churches because of his belief in the Sabbath, but he never quit following God's Word.

Jeremiah's aunts, Jeremiah, who was a Baptist minister, loved to study the Bible, and when Aunt Carrie kept talking about the Sabbath, Jeremiah started studying and praying. "It took a while for us to decide what was right," explains Ann. Finally, one night they received a phone call from Aunt Carrie, and as they prayed together, Jeremiah and Ann felt God calling them to obey all of

His commandments.

During this time, Jeremiah purchased some religious books from a salesperson. "The book he loved and studied the most was the *Bible Readings for the Home*. He studied that book all the time and began using it to get information for his sermons," explains Ann.

Ann felt Jeremiah needed to start his own church, but she didn't push her husband; she prayed, and waited for God to work.

Two years went by, and then Jeremiah came home with a light in his eyes—he'd found a building that would make a good place to start a church. The congregation grew to about 35 or 40 people, and Jeremiah asked his twin daughters, who were both living in Jackson, to come back home and help. Not too long after this, Jeremiah had a massive heart attack and died at the age of 54. Then Hope and Charity took on the responsibilities of the church.

One day, Hope began wondering if there were other people who kept the Sabbath. She and Charity began searching the Internet.

The first group of Sabbath keepers they found was a disappointment. "I knew they weren't teaching the Bible," Hope says. She and Charity decided to search once more and to be careful about who they contacted. That's when Hope found the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Web site. "I read the Fundamental Beliefs, and I kept thinking, that's right. That's what our Daddy taught us. I knew I had to contact the Adventists," explains Hope. She found a list of Church leaders and began calling all who



Members and others involved gathered around Hope (seated, left) and Charity Drummond; their mother, Ann, stands between them.

had Mississippi area codes until she reached Linda Goken, whose husband is an elder. Linda called her pastor, Ray Elsberry. After talking to Hope, Elsberry called Mel Eisele, Gulf States Conference president. Eisele visited the group, and after several hours of study, he realized they were eager to learn more and become a part of the Church. After praying for God's guidance, the group decided to become a part of the sisterhood of churches in the Gulf States Conference.

Joel DeWild, the pastor of the College Drive church near Jackson, Mississippi, began studying with them. On February 3, Ann, Hope, and Charity, with 12 other family and church members were baptized at the College Drive church. "It's a joyous day for us to be baptized again, and this time on the Sabbath," Hope said to the congregation. Ann Drummond's thoughts were of her husband. "When Jesus comes and Jeremiah sees how God has led us, he will be so pleased."

Land has been purchased, and plans are to build a new church in Mendenhall. Evangelistic meetings are scheduled for this summer.

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Just Claim It

NAD Youth Ministries Department Hosts First World Prayer Conference

BY KRISTINA PASCUAL

Thousands of young people. Passion. Potential. Prayer. These are a few words to describe the first World Youth Prayer Conference that was held at the Dallas Convention Center in Texas, February 28-March 3. Approximately 5,200 delegates registered for the Just Claim It (JCI) Conference, and on Sabbath the crowd grew to 12,000.

Some eager souls made their way to Dallas a few days before the conference to participate in the Just Make Overs home improvement projects. Footprints Youth and Family Resource Center, a local Dallas faith-based nonprofit organization, played an integral part in connecting World Vision and the Seventh-day Adventist Church for this project. Led out by Diana Tyler, executive director and founder, Footprints partners with other organizations in Dallas to perform community service-based projects. "We are very excited to help the Seventh-day Adventist

Church with this project," said Phyllis Freeman, director of the World Vision Dallas.

"If you are a good person, you should stand up for your fellow

Delegates Brooke Wade, Cassi Summerville, Cory Maracle, Esther Steinkrans, and Leydy Reyes of His Hands Creative Ministries, Mount Pisgah Academy

man. That is what a Christ-like character is all about—helping one another," said Joseph Adante of the Filipino church in Alberta, Canada. Kimberley Newberry of the Quill Lake church in Saskatchewan, Canada, agrees. "Even with our busy schedules in our daily lives, these acts of community service help people and show them about God's love," she said.

"The volunteers were always working. They took turns taking breaks and replacing each other on their own, without us directing them," said Dave Miller, sponsor from the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference.

When the conference officially began, teens and young adults from all over the nation and 42 countries made their way to the Dallas Convention Center. The delegates picked up their JCI backpacks at registration. Inside they found a JCI t-shirt, notepad, and program presenting them with many options of workshops for the coming days. Also inside their back-

pack was the book *Hey Youth! Preach the Word* by James Black, Sr., youth ministries director for the North American Division and conference director. This was one of the first tools placed in their hands upon arriving at the conference. The book is a guide for young people to prepare themselves for preaching. Opening up to them the world of homiletics, the book includes counsel on Bible study, preparation, and public speaking.

RICH HERARD

After registration, the delegates made their way to the main hall for the first evening worship meeting. Each evening after the praise band, youth speakers delivered the evening spiritual vitamins. The service concluded with an adult guest who affirmed the faith of the youth and challenged with the ministry. The evening would culminate with a drama by Mimic Ministries of Columbia, Maryland, who gathered talent from all over the country, including Southwestern Adventist University gymnastics team, SWAT.

Delegates took advantage of the more than 225 workshops. Options included everything from puppet and clown ministries to youth ministries development, family issues, and relationships. Many of the hands-on workshops spent the morning in training and preparation. The afternoon afforded delegates to put their "faith into action." Clown ministries for example, spent the morning learning how to apply make-up and working on a program. Later that day,



CHRIS DRAKE

Bruno Romer, from Melbourne, Florida, speaks with Raza during Door-to-Door ministry.



Youth directors from around the world assemble for a group photo at a local downtown park.

they visited the Martin Luther King Jr. Headstart Program Center and performed their first show, consisting of songs, skits, and moral lessons. The puppet team communicated lessons about making the right decision, being patient, demonstrating kindness, and the importance of perseverance to the enthused three to five-year-old children. "It breaks down barriers and allows people to open up and share," said Brenda Overstreet of Amarillo, Texas, of the puppet ministry.

Another group took advantage of the morning sessions to learn more about homelessness in communities. Darriel Hoy, pastor of the Baltimore Adventist Community Services, led the morning sessions. The delegates prepared hygiene care packages for the shelter residents. In the afternoon, the delegates visited the Dallas Downtown Union Gospel Mission homeless shelter, and volunteered their time in clearing out much needed space. "There is true enthusiasm in doing God's work by helping the community," remarked Daniel Stoppelmoor, from the Tampa First church in Florida.

On Sabbath, youth directors from all over the world were recognized as the Seventh-day Adventist Church celebrated 100 years of youth ministries. "As we celebrate 100 years, we've seen how the Lord has led in this department in preparing young people to meet Jesus Christ, in nurturing young people, disciplining them so

they can become strong Christians, and providing opportunities for them to participate in the mission of the church," said Baraka Muganda, youth ministries director for the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Also during the Sabbath service, the Bible Reading Marathon concluded with the reading of Revelation 22. Marcus Johnson, from Ypsilanti, Michigan, volunteered his reading services during the conference. When asked why he offered to read in his spare time, Marcus said, "I felt like I

needed to do something. I'm going to be going to the meetings, but during my free time I might as well do something and get a blessing from it."

A Sabbath afternoon parade featured, from Genesis to Revelation, floats designed by Pathfinder clubs and academies. A bicycle carried every float. Floats included the book of Mark represented by a fisherman's boat on a bicycle by the Ephesus church in

Covington, Louisiana, and a float of seven dragonheads representing the book of Revelation, created by the Garland Spanish church in Texas. The marching bands of West Bank United church in New Orleans, Louisiana, and the south Nashville church from Tennessee set the pace.

The closing scenes of the conference included a video re-cap of the warm memories of all that had transpired. Musical performances punctuated the program, and sev-

eral youth testified of how God had moved in their lives and used them to reach others in the community for Jesus Christ.

The program climaxed with a dramatization of three young people who chose to give up the world and serve God.

"It's not just about drama," said James Black in his closing remarks. "It's about trying to get youth to understand and see what's happening in the great controversy over [their] souls." He admonished the young people to "get connected to the Master" and to make prayer and salvation a priority in their lives. He also challenged them to continue their good works when they return home.

"There will be no closing prayer, because JCI does not end here," Black said. "We will pronounce God's blessing, but this is just the beginning for what will take place in your city, your school, and your home."

Kristina Pascual is the assistant communication director at Texas Conference.

- Melody Argueta, George Johnson, Jr., Roxie Graham-Marski, Patricia Humphrey, and Diane Thurber contributed to this article.



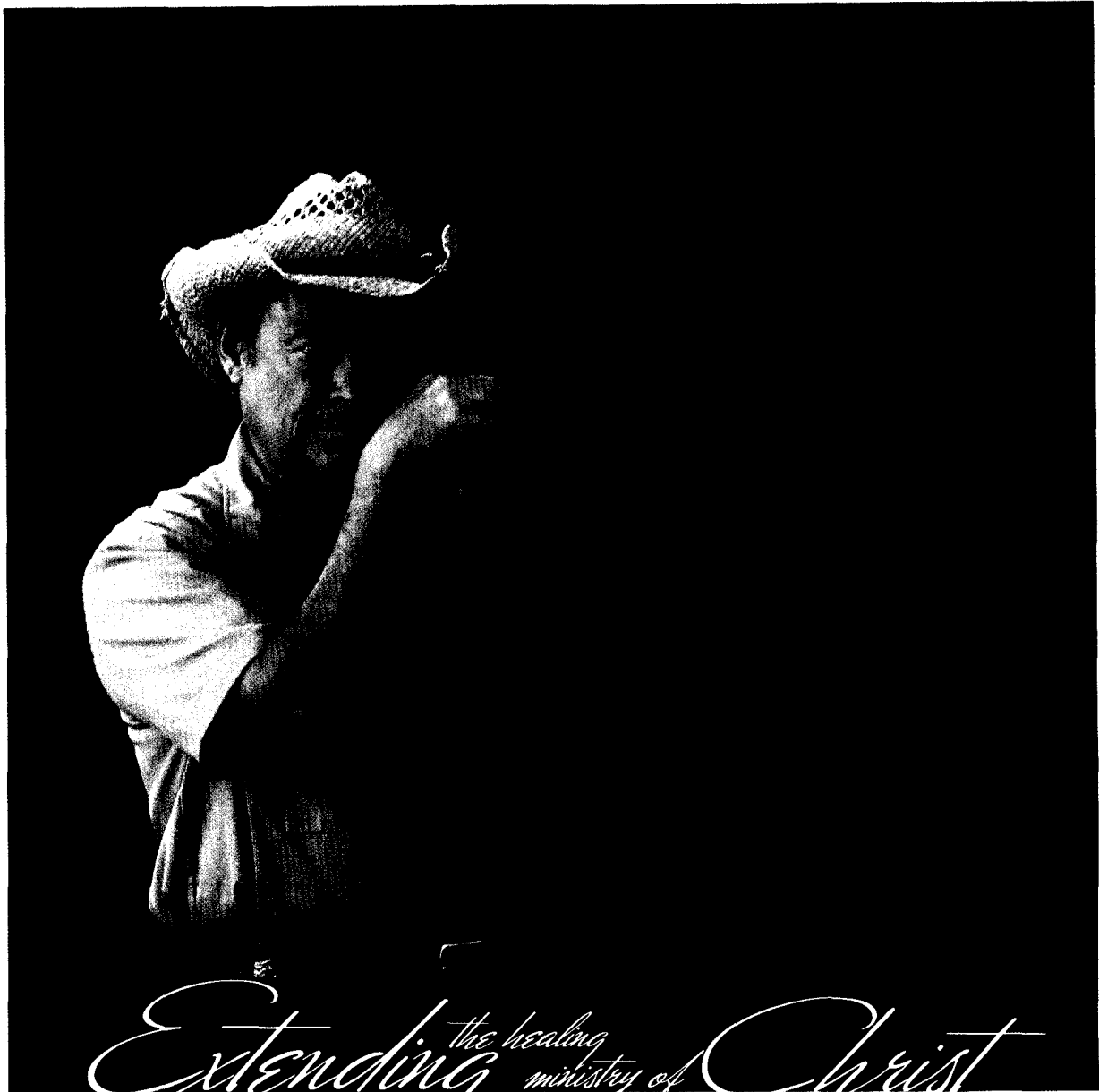
Riley Kirkpatrick, a student at Southern Adventist University, spoke to the delegates.

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Faith Peters from the Carolina Conference takes in a seminar on creative ministry.



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The site now has the names and areas of practice for about 1,000 Adventist lawyers all over the world, but Kyte anticipates much more to come because lawyers can now submit their information anytime. The Web site will also have articles, news releases, case updates, and a roster for law students to register included on the site. [ANN Staff]

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Singles Retreat – April 20-22. Gatlinburg.
MPA Alumni Weekend – April 20-22. Nosoca.
Hispanic Camp Meeting – April 20-22. Nosoca.
Pathfinder Council – April 27,28. Charlotte.
Elder's Retreat – April 27,28. Nosoca.
ShareHim Evangelism Council – April 30-May 4. Oregon.
Hispanic Young Adult Retreat – May 4-6. Nosoca.
ShareHim Lay-Evangelism Training – May 17-20. Collegedale.
 Visit www.sharehim.org to register.
Hispanic Pre-Teen Retreat – May 18-20. Nosoca.

Florida

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 May 12. Jacksonville Southpoint.
 May 13. Orange Cove, St. Augustine, Palatka, New Smyrna Beach. (Southeastern Conference: Jacksonville Ephesus.)
Estate Services Clinics and Seminars
 April 21-22. Miami Temple.
 April 28. Melbourne.

May. 5. DeBary.
 May. 19. Orange Cove.
 Aug. 26. Northwest Dade.
Conquering the Sin Within Men's Seminar—May 19-20. Jacksonville First Church. Details: 407-644-5000 x136.
Children's Ministries Fall Convention—Sept. 14-16. Pine Lake Retreat, Groveland. Theme: Preparing Our Children For Heaven. Presenters: Jerry Thomas, Elaine Kennedy, Oz and Wilde children's ministries comedy duo. Details: rhoda.burrill@floridaconference.com or 407-644-5000 x136.

Georgia-Cumberland

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Health Rally – April 7. Monteagle, TN.
Festival of the Family – April 7.
Personal Ministries Rally – April 14. Cumberland Heights Church. Coalmont, TN.
CA Academy Day – April 17. Collegedale, TN.
Pathfinder Camporee - April 19-22.
Kings Heralds Quartet in Concert
 April 21. Atlanta Metropolitan (morning).
 April 21. Atlanta Belvedere (evening).
Conference Constituency Session – April 22. GCA.
Northeast Tennessee Church Retreat – April 27-29.
Homeland Lay Evangelism Training – May 4-6.
Festival of the Family – May 5. Lakeland, GA.
Frank Fouthall Recognition – May 5. Valdosta, GA.
Living Free Training (Health) – May 11-12. Vicki Griffin.

AAA Graduation – May 18,19. Atlanta, GA.
GCA Graduation – May 18,19. Calhoun, GA.
Korean Camp Meeting – May 18-20. Cohutta Springs.
Personal Ministries Rally – May 26. Coalmont, TN.
CA Graduation – May 27. Collegedale, TN.
Heritage Academy Graduation – May 27. Monterrey, TN.
Laurelbrook Academy Graduation – May 27. Dayton, TN.

Cohutta Springs Youth Camp Staff Training – May 31-June 10.

Gulf States

Conference Executive Committee – April 3. Montgomery.
Sabbath School Training Workshop – April 13-15. Camp Alamisco.
Outdoor School – April 16-19. Camp Alamisco.
Adventurer Fun Weekend – April 20-22. Camp Alamisco.
Bass Academy Finance Committee – April 23.
Bass Academy Board – April 24.
Conference Board of Education – April 24. Bass Academy.

Kentucky-Tennessee

Highland Academy Alumni Weekend - April 6-7.
Elders' Retreat - April 20-22. Indian Creek Camp.
Quadrennial Session - April 29. Madison Campus Church.
Highland and Madison Academy Boards - May 10.
Conference Association Board
 May 15. July 24. Sept. 18. Nov. 27.
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Southern Adventist University

PreView Southern 106 – April 5-7.
SonRise Resurrection Pageant – April 7.
SAU Graduation – May 6. Chattanooga, TN.

Announcements

Atholton Church 50th Anniversary Celebration – April 27-29. Columbia, MD. Details: 410-997-8093; or www.atholton.org

Tri-City Junior Academy 50th Anniversary – April 27-29. We are inviting all TCA attendees to join us for a Homecoming/ Alumni Weekend. Details: www.tricityjunioracademy.org; 336-665-9822; 8000 Clinard Farms Road, High Point, NC 27265.

Glendale Adventist Academy Centennial Celebration – May 4-6. Details: 818-244-8671; GAAalumni@gmail.com

La Mesa Adventist Community Church 50th Anniversary – May 5. La Mesa, CA. A full orchestra and choir presentation, "I Can Only Imagine." Details: 619 461-5703 for service and free seating information; reservations are required.

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	Sunset					
	Apr. 6	Apr. 13	Apr. 20	Apr. 27	May 4	May 11
Atlanta, GA	8:05	8:10	8:15	8:21	8:26	8:32
Charleston, SC	7:46	7:51	7:56	8:01	8:06	8:12
Charlotte, NC	7:52	7:57	8:03	8:09	8:14	8:21
Collegedale, TN	8:08	8:14	8:20	8:25	8:31	8:37
Huntsville, AL	7:14	7:20	7:25	7:30	7:36	7:43
Jackson, MS	7:27	7:31	7:36	7:41	7:46	7:52
Louisville, KY	8:14	8:21	8:27	8:34	8:40	8:47
Memphis, TN	7:28	7:34	7:39	7:45	7:51	7:57
Miami, FL	7:42	7:45	7:48	7:52	7:55	8:00
Montgomery, AL	7:11	7:16	7:21	7:26	7:31	7:37
Nashville, TN	7:16	7:22	7:28	7:34	7:40	7:47
Orlando, FL	7:48	7:52	7:56	8:00	8:05	8:09
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Camp Meeting 2007 Schedule

CAROLINA

May 27-June 2 Lake Junaluska, NC
Theme: We Shall Behold HIM
 Speakers: Shawn Boonstra, LeClare Litchfield, Ed Reid, and Steve Wohlberg
Hispanic Camp Meeting I
 April 20-22 Nosoca Pines Ranch
Hispanic Camp Meeting II
 Aug. 17-19 Nosoca Pines Ranch
Korean Camp Meeting
 Sept. 21-23 Nosoca Pines Ranch
Eastern Carolina Camp Meeting
 Sept. 21-23 Oak Island, NC

FLORIDA

Florida Keys Camp Meeting
 April 6, 7 Camp Sawyer, Big Pine Key
Theme: What Time Is It? Speaker: Bill Knott
 May 25-28 Forest Lake Academy, Apopka, FL
Theme: Loving the Lost
 Portions broadcast live via satellite on the Hope Channel.
 Details: www.floridaconference.com/campmeeting
 Speakers: Barry Black, Shawn Boonstra, Mike Cauley, and James Nix
Hispanic Camp Meetings
Theme: Amando a los
 June 8-10 Forest Lake Academy, Apopka, FL
 June 22, 23 Miami Fair Expo Center, Miami, FL
 June 24 Greater Miami Academy

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

May 30-June 2 Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, TN
Theme: Harvest Time Sabbath Speaker: Derek Morris
Northeast Tennessee Church Retreat
 April 27-29 The Oaks, near Greeneville, TN
Korean Camp Meeting
 May 18-20 Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA
Hispanic Camp Meeting
 June 8-10 Georgia Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, GA
Ole Time Camp Meeting
 June 28-30 Deer Lodge, TN
Southern Deaf Fellowship Camp Meeting
 Aug. 18 Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA
Sabbath in the Smokies
 Sept. 14-16 Caves Cove Campground, Smoky Mountain National Park

GULF STATES

May 25, 26 Montgomery First Church, Montgomery, AL
Theme: Sabbath Speaker First Weekend: Lonnie Melashenko

May 27-31

Early morning devotion—Kurt Johnson; Mid-morning service—M. Lloyd Erickson; Evening—Philip Samaan
 June 1, 2 Country Place Church, Pearl, MS
 Sabbath Speaker Second Weekend: Mike Tucker

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

May 25-June 2 Highland Academy, Portland, TN
Theme: Connecting, Growing, Serving
 Speakers: David Asscherick, Maurice Bascom, Hans Diehl, Michael Hasel, Roscoe Howard, Oliver McKinney, and Kenneth Mulzac
 Seminar Presenters: Maurice Bascom, Hans Diehl, and Oliver McKinney
 Hispanic Camp Meeting
 June 8, 9 Highland Academy, Portland, TN

SOUTH ATLANTIC

June 8-17 River Oaks Campground, Orangeburg, SC
Theme: Good News... With Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning
 Sabbath Speaker First Weekend: Emil Peeler
 Sabbath Speaker Second Weekend: Barry Black
 Youth Speaker First Weekend: James Black
 Youth Speaker Second Weekend: Rupert Bushner
 Shepherdess Speaker: Karla Nesmith

SOUTH CENTRAL

June 8-16 Oakwood College, Huntsville, AL
Theme: Getting Ready for Eternity
 Friday Night Speaker: John Nixon
 Sabbath Speaker First Weekend: Ron Smith
 Wednesday Night Speaker: Carlton Byrd
 Sabbath Speaker Second Weekend: Wintley Phipps, World of Praise
 Ordination Service Second Weekend: Dennis Ross
 Youth Speakers: TBA
 Women's Ministries Speaker: Christine Sinclair
Hispanic Camp Meeting
 May 24-27 Oakwood College, Huntsville, AL
Pathfinder Camporee
 June 8-10 Oakwood College, Huntsville, AL

SOUTHEASTERN

June 14-23
 [Details: SEC Web site] Hawthorne, FL
Theme: Speakers: Youth Speakers:
 Women's Ministries Speaker:
Hispanic Camp Meeting
 [Details: SEC Web site] Hawthorne, FL

Summer Camp 2007 Schedule

CAROLINA

Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, SC
 [Details: www.nosoca.org]
 Junior Camp I (ages 10-12) June 10-17
 Junior Camp II (ages 10-12) June 17-24
 Adventurer Camp (ages 7-10) June 24-July 1
 Tween Camp (ages 12-14) July 1-8
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16) July 8-15
 SIT (Staff in Training) (ages 16-17) June 3-17
 Horsemanship I (ages 11-16) June 10-17
 Sports Camp (ages 13-16) June 17-24
 Wheels Camp (ages 13-16) June 10-17
 Horsemanship II (ages 11-16) June 17-24
 Basketball Camp (ages 11-16) June 10-17
 Water Sports Camp (ages 13-16) June 24-July 1
 Horsemanship III (ages 11-16) June 24-July 1
 Teen Extreme Adventurer
 Horse Camping Trip (ages 14-17) July 1-8

GULF STATES

Camp Alamisco, Dadeville, AL
 Adventure Camp (ages 7-10)
 Junior Camp I (ages 10-13)
 Teen Extreme Camp (ages 14-17)
 Junior Camp II
 Hispanic Youth Camp
 Family Camp (all ages)

SOUTH ATLANTIC

River Oaks Campground, Orangeburg, SC
 Junior Camp (ages 8-17) June 17-24
 Sports Camp (ages 8-17) June 24-July 1

FLORIDA

Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, FL
 [Details: <http://registration.campkulaqua.com/>]
 Basketball Camp (ages 11-15) June 10-17
 Cub Camp (ages 8-10) June 10-17
 Extreme Cowboy Adventure (ages 13-16) July 15-22
 Extreme Teen Adventure (ages 13-16) June 24-July 1
 Extreme Water Sports Camp (ages 13-16) July 8-13
 Horsemanship Camp I (ages 11-13) May 28-June 3
 Horsemanship Camp II (ages 13-16) June 3-10
 Horsemanship Camp III (ages 11-13) June 10-17
 Horsemanship Camp IV (ages 13-16) June 17-24
 Junior Camp I (ages 10-12) May 28-June 3
 Junior Camp II (ages 10-12) June 3-10
 Tween Camp (ages 12-14) June 17-24
 Wheels Camp (ages 11-15) May 28-June 3

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Indian Creek Camp, Liberty, TN
 Blind Camp (all ages) June 10-17
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9) June 17-24
 Junior Camp I (ages 10-12) June 24-July 1
 Family Camp I (all ages) July 3-8
 Tween Camp (ages 12-14) July 8-15
 Teen Camp (ages 14-17) July 15-22
 Family Camp II (all ages) July 22-29

SOUTH CENTRAL

Booker T. Washington State Park, Chattanooga, TN
 Latino Camp (ages 7-17) June 28-July 3
 Fun-in-the-Sun Camp (ages 6-17) July 1-7
 Friendship Camp (ages 7-16) July 8-13
 Music Camp (ages 7-17) July 15-21
 Super Sports Camp (ages 7-17) July 22-28
 Sports Camp (ages 7-17)

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Cohutta Springs Adventist Center, Crandall, GA
 Junior Camp I (ages 10-12) June 10-17
 Junior Camp II (ages 10-12) June 17-24
 Adventure Camp (ages 7-9) June 24-29
 Tween/PF Honors Camp (ages 12-13) July 1-8
 Teen Camp I (ages 13-17) July 8-15
 Teen Camp II (ages 13-17) July 15-22
 Family Camp (all ages) July 24-29
 Golf Camp I (ages 13-17) June 10-17
 Mountain Bike Trip (ages 13-17) June 10-17
 Cycle Tour (ages 13-17) June 17-24
 Skateboard Camp (ages 13-17) June 17-24
 S.I.T. (Staff in Training) (ages 15+) June 17-24
 Wakeboard Camp I (ages 13-17) June 24-July 1
 Whitewater/Kayak Camp I (ages 13-17) June 24-July 1
 Horse Pack Trip (ages 13-17) June 24-July 1
 C.I.T. (Ages 15+) June 24-July 1
 Gym-Masters Camp I (ages 13-17) July 1-8
 Ultimate RAD Camp (ages 13-17) July 1-8
 Wakeboard Camp II (ages 13-17) July 1-8
 Basketball Camp (ages 13-17) July 8-15
 Whitewater/Kayak Camp II (ages 13-17) July 8-15
 Golf Camp II (ages 13-17) July 15-22
 Gym-Masters Camp II (ages 13-17) July 15-22
 Wakeboard Camp III (ages 13-17) July 15-22
 Surf Camp (ages 13-17) July 15-22
 Ultimate RAD Camp West (ages 13-17) July 29-Aug. 7
 W.I.T. (Wrangler in Training) (ages 15+) Every week

SOUTHEASTERN

Southeastern Conference Campground, Hawthorne, FL
 Pee Wee Camp (ages 5-8)
 Summer Camp (ages 8-18)



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