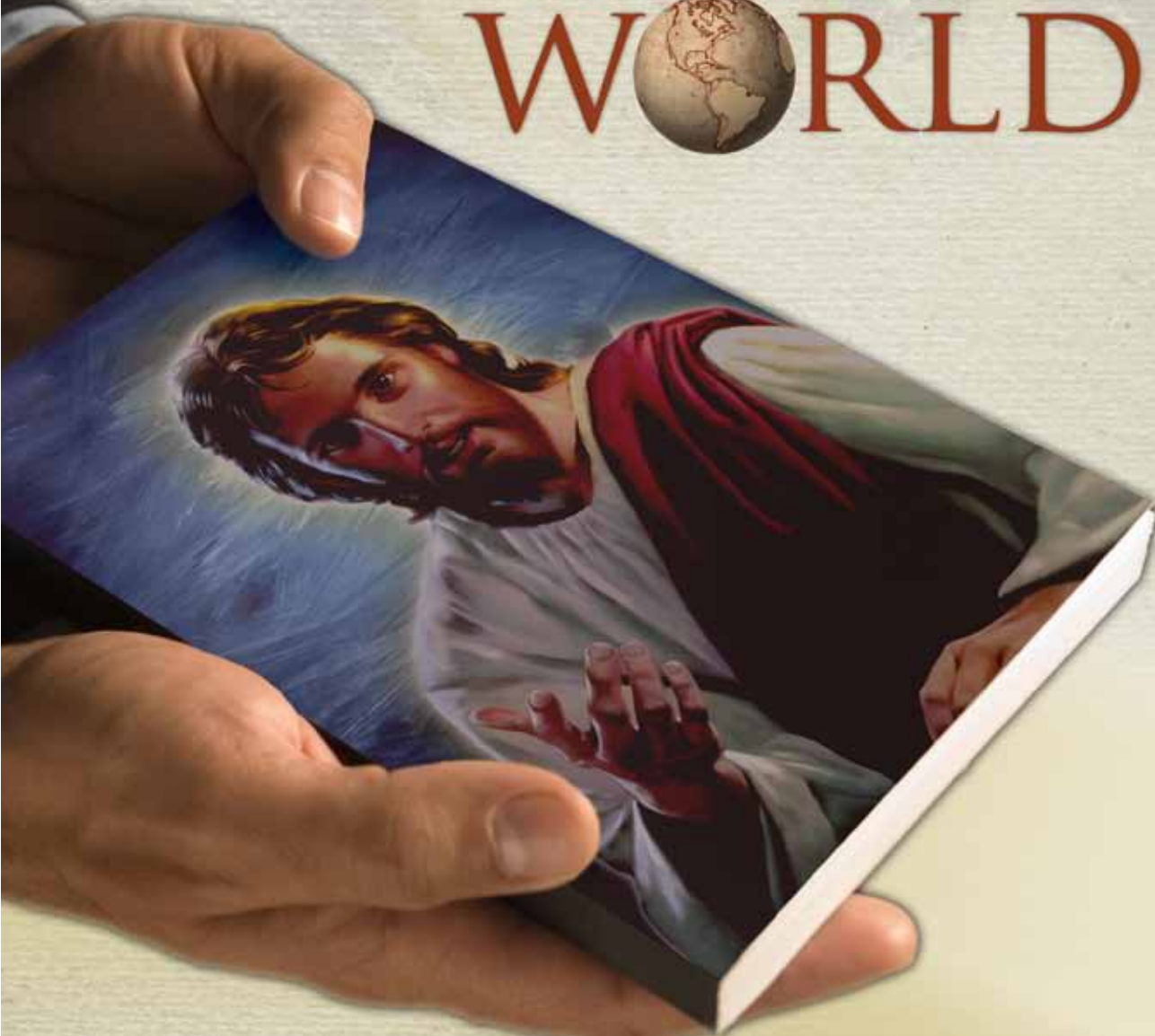


# TSOUTHERN TIDINGS

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# God at the Junction

Dennis Ross, ministerial director for the Southern Union, recently shared an incredible experience that took place during one of his evangelistic meetings in 2009. Prior to the meetings several young adults were knocking on doors, inviting people to the prophecy meetings. As two young people approached the sidewalk to the next home, out came a young woman who seemed very distraught and consequently unaware of the two missionaries. She nearly rushed past them.

Being faithful Adventist youth, they stopped her for a moment and gave her a handbill inviting her to Elder Ross's meeting. Just a simple invitation, and the two witnesses were on to the next house. Well, the young lady came to the meetings. During one of the calls she asked God to help her begin a new life. And, she was thrilled to be invited to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She was baptized just a few months ago at the conclusion of the meetings.

But the story had a dramatic prequel. The young lady came out of her house that day having decided to end it all by jumping in front of traffic. She had nothing to live for. It was over. At that very moment God showed up at her junction in the form of two young Adventist witnesses, and her life took a turn away from disaster toward eternal life. Praise God!

About the same time I also heard a story of another young lady. You see, just a few weeks ago, a committed and talented student from Southern Adventist University, Kirsten Wolcott, was apparently murdered on the island of Yap, in Micronesia. She was only 20. She was teaching in the little Adventist school, serving her Jesus and her Church as a student missionary. While jogging on an early muggy morning, her young life was snuffed out on the side of the road near the school. Is it not appropriate to ask — Where was God at that junction? Here is a faithful young missionary giving all she had to teach young students about God, and it seems that God didn't show up at her junction that morning.

It may appear to human questioners that God didn't show up at John the Baptist's junction during Herod's party. He seems to be present at Daniel's junction in the lion's den, but not at Abel's junction in the field. I certainly don't have answers to such questions except to say, "We have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, which we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" Hebrews 4:15-16. Good and evil will war until Jesus makes all things new.

The most important point for me is that God sent Jesus "in the fullness of time" to the junction of sin and humanity, and because Jesus came to that junction, I have eternal life, no matter what circumstances God allows in my life. Given that good news, I want to be available to God when he desires to show up at someone's junction through a human witness. Is that your desire?



**Gordon Retzer**  
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# THE POWER OF THE WORD

BY BILL BECKWORTH



*Connie and Bill Beckworth were honored with tributes and a presentation. Bill is retiring after 41 years in the literature ministries at the end of March.*



Literature evangelists, publishing leaders, and conference administrators from Carolina, Florida, Georgia-Cumberland, Gulf States, and Kentucky-Tennessee conferences met January 1-3 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, for the year-end convention. Stirring testimonies of God's leading this past year were highlighted. The guest speaker was Philip Samaan, D.Min., who brought encouragement. Our commitment was renewed.

The year 2009 was truly a Year of Evangelism! Both leaders and literature evangelists conducted and supported "ShareHim" meetings. Bible workers continue to follow up these contacts. We thank God for each of our faithful literature evangelists and publishing leaders in every conference. Several conferences had good gains in sales and baptisms.

Tim Leffew, Georgia-Cumberland Conference publishing direc-

tor, set a new sales record, again, for a single conference with more than 1.7 million in sales. Growth in the Spanish work in both Georgia-Cumberland and Florida conferences made a significant impact also.

Highest in sales and souls in 2009 were both career literature evangelists. Patti Morris, Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, was highest in sales, and Louise Venables, Carolina Conference, had the most baptisms.

The student MagaBook program is the largest MagaBook ministry of any union in the North American Division. In the summer, we have an average of 200 students who work through Home

Health Education Service, all over the Southern Union, in groups of 15 to 20 youth. In addition to books delivered, thousands of Bible studies are signed up. Also, there are fall,

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*"It is not enough to show how much needs to be done and to urge the youth to act a part. They must be taught how to labor for the Master. They must be trained, disciplined, drilled, in the best methods of winning souls to Christ,"*  
*Gospel Workers, page 210.*

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winter, and spring break groups from various schools that work three to four weeks. Student programs are active during the school year at Southern Adventist University and several academies. Total stu-



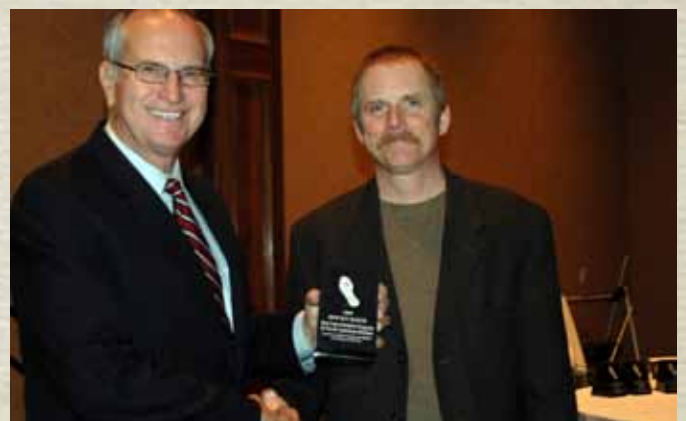
*Tim Leffew (right), Georgia-Cumberland Conference publishing director, accepts highest in sales award from Bill Beckworth, Southern Union publishing director.*



*Patti Morris, Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, receives award for top literature evangelist in sales.*



*Louise Venables receives an award for having the most baptisms.*



*Rocky W. Davis (right) receives an award for having the top student program in the North American Division.*



dent deliveries for the year were \$1,140,000. More than \$800,000 was paid in scholarships. There is also an ongoing student program at



*Tim Leffew (right) interviews a family who was baptized from a contact made by Reyna Perez, student literature evangelist with the Light America Program.*

Oakwood University.

William S. Smith, Southern Union, associate publishing director, states, "We praise the Lord for the great things He did through our literature evangelists, members, students, and publishing leaders in 2009 in all of our conferences. Whenever God's people work together in circulating truth-filled literature, marvelous are the results! With this same group working and praying together in 2010, we are expecting to distribute 500,000 books in the Southern Union. Contact your local conference to learn how you can participate in one of these great out reaches."

The combined sales of all eight conferences are \$3,722,808, with a gain of 15 percent. Please continue to pray for the publishing ministries. ✨



D. J. Haskins, who canvassed this past summer, said, "It was 4:00 p.m. and the sun was blazing! I had only five books given out. My goal was 11 before our 4:30 lunch break. I sat down and prayed, 'God, I don't know how You are going to do it, but I need six more books.' I continued canvassing. I went to a gas station but found no interests. As I was leaving, something impressed me to go back. As I turned around, I saw a man coming out of the store. He was in a hurry so I gave him a quick canvass. He began to slow down and really listen. He said he didn't think he was interested but he wanted to help me with a donation. He pulled out eight \$20 bills and handed them to me! Then he decided to give me another \$20. He told me that he felt the Lord had led me to him and that it wasn't just a coincidence. His brother-in-law had just died, and he was really in need of peace. He ended up getting nine books. I couldn't believe it! The Lord had not only answered my prayer, but had exceeded my expectations. I couldn't help but drop to my knees in the middle of the gas station and praise God for what He had done."



Katherine Morua worked as a student literature evangelist for two summers and as a student leader three summers. She attended Southern Adventist University and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and has a degree in electrical engineering. She is now working toward a Ph.D. in bio-medical engineering at Johns Hopkins University. She says, "The LE work was more than a financial help. It nurtured my spiritual growth and leadership, which I will carry throughout my life. Thanks for giving me the opportunity."

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# Southern Adventist University

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## **Adventist Robotics League, Southern Challenge, March 4**

*Iles P.E. Center*

Middle school students from across the Southern Union demonstrate robots they built from LEGO® bricks.

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## **Symphony Orchestra Concert, March 21 at 7:30 p.m.**

*Collegedale Church*

Southern's 75-member orchestra performs standard pieces from the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries.

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## **Gym-Masters Home Show, March 27 at 9 p.m. and March 28 at 2:30 p.m.**

*Iles P.E. Center*

Southern's acrobatic team performs shows that promote positive lifestyle choices.

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## **Wind Symphony Spring Concert, April 11 at 7:30 p.m.**

*Collegedale Church*

Southern's 65-member concert ensemble of woodwind, brass, and percussion players perform works from a variety of stylistic periods.

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## **SonRise Resurrection Pageant, April 3**

*Begins at Collegedale Church*

An interactive trip through Christ's final days leading to His death and resurrection.

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# LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST

CREATION Health:  
Imagine Living to a Healthy 100

BY LYNELL LAMOUNTAIN

## A Startling Statistic

The Florida Hospital seminar presenter asked the class that had gathered to learn about successfully launching health ministry teams in their local churches, “What’s the leading cause of death among males 65 years old or older in Florida?”

“Heart attack — heart disease,” the class quickly answered. Easy. But then the presenter asked, “What’s the second leading cause of death?”

“Stroke, diabetes, hypertension, cancer,” the students answered. Good guesses, but wrong. The correct answer was suicide. *Suicide*. For many of these men, taking their own life is the only real *choice* they feel they have to end their pain. But there is another option: CREATION Health.

## The Eight Principles of the CREATION Health Lifestyle

CREATION Health is a lifestyle that God designed around eight principles, given at creation, that are a catalyst for experiencing whole person wellness and living to a healthy 100. What this means is that when you practice the principle of **C**hoice you take charge of your life and are in control. Through **R**est, you replace chaos with calm and

are restored in mind, body, and soul. With **E**nvironment, you create a soothing Eden-like oasis that nurtures you. Through **A**ctivity, you maintain your quality of life and stay youthful. With **T**rust, your faith makes you fearless and confident because of your loving relationship with a caring Heavenly Father. With **I**nterpersonal Relationships, you enjoy a happier and more meaningful life. By practicing the principle of **O**utlook, you have greater success and a brighter future because of the power of positive expectation. And through **N**utrition, you have energy and peak performance. God gave you these eight principles of CREATION Health to live life to the fullest.

## Healthy 100

Seventh-day Adventists produce more centenarians than any other group. This has gotten the attention of the mainstream media and is attracting people to our church because they want to know more about our longevity secrets. Gordon Retzer, Southern Union president, recently remarked to the conference presidents and their executive teams: “God has opened a window of opportunity — this is our time.”

## THE EIGHT PRINCIPLES OF CREATION HEALTH

C

Choice

R

Rest

E

Environment

A

Activity

T

Trust

I

Interpersonal  
RELATIONSHIPS

O

Outlook

N

Nutrition



## A New Southern Union Health Initiative

The Southern Union is committed to our churches, hospitals, and schools being centers of healing and hope where people find sanctuary from a harsh world. There are many ways to do this. The Southern Union at its annual Council meetings last November voted to adopt CREATION Health because it accomplishes this aim by ministering to the whole person.

## The CREATION Health Difference

Many health and wellness programs and ministries focus on diet and exercise, which are essential to optimum health. CREATION Health covers those, too, but also addresses choice, rest, environment, trust in God, interpersonal relationships, and

outlook; because these areas are connected to the root causes that drive unhealthy behavior. Instead of treating symptoms, CREATION Health treats causes.

The eight underlying root causes of the leading causes of death are low self-esteem or self-worth, economic disparity, hopelessness and emotional despair, lack of information or education, meaningless existence, and external and internal stress. These issues result in unhealthy behaviors that ultimately create a self-destructive lifestyle.

Someone who is contemplating suicide, for instance, might need to become more physically active and eat better, but he certainly needs help with the spiritual and emotional issues that he is wrestling with. As a total person health and wellness pro-

gram and lifestyle, CREATION Health makes a difference in people's lives at the root level.

God got it right the first time around and has prepared His people for such a time as this. We welcome the opportunity to share our longevity "secrets" with our members and communities to help them improve their lives and change their destinies from hopelessness and pain to hopefulness and peace ... and lead them into experiencing the life that God intended and that Jesus freely offers through His abundant grace. ✨

## That's CREATION Health!

*Lynell LaMountain is CREATION Health representative.*



## The CREATION Health Outreach Seminar

Florida Hospital has packaged these principles into an eight-week seminar. The CREATION Health seminar kit comes with eight DVD's, eight PowerPoint presentations, a 300-plus page personal study guide, leader's notes, and small group learning activities.

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*The need for medical treatment in Haiti is severe. Schnell treats a patient in the streets during a visit to Haiti.*

## **Saving Lives in Haiti - In More than One Way**

BY TINA CHUDINA

How does a Jewish boy raised in Miami end up as a Christian man serving in Haiti?

For Martin Schnell, M.D., the answer is simple: “God first called me to Him, then to Haiti.”

Schnell, medical director at Takoma Regional Hospital in Greeneville, Tennessee, has visited Haiti many times since he began his medical ministry to this Creole- and French-speaking Carib-

bean country in 1988.

“Our primary goal is to impart God’s love to those the world has forgotten and rejected,” Schnell explained. “Medicine is our vehicle and our secondary mission. The medicine gets us close to people so they can see God’s love. The fruit of our work is seeing lost souls come to know the redemptive power of salvation in Jesus Christ.”



This objective ties in directly with Takoma Regional's mission to be an extension of the healing ministry of Christ.

"When you go to a place like Haiti and practice health care, you are forced to rely on your faith," Schnell said. "We have so little to offer them, so you must rely on your faith and prayer."

Schnell, who has worked with Adventist Health System since 1995 in both Central Florida and Greenville, recalled his journey to Haiti, noting that it started when he accepted Christ as a 31-year-old intern.

"I was really struggling with all the stress of the internship," he said. "I was depressed, and someone invited me to church."

Within eight months he was on an airplane.

"My church at the time was going to Haiti on a mission trip, so I went along," Schnell said. "I just fell in love with the people and felt God's calling on me. I've gone back ever since, too many times to count."

Schnell served as a medical missionary for eight years before he and his wife Marilyn, a social worker, formed Dunamis Medical Missions as a non-profit corporation.

"Dunamis is Greek for 'power,'" he explained. "The New Testament talks about miraculous healings or power of the Holy Spirit 123 times. We call on the Holy Spirit's power every time we go, expecting God to move."

Mission trips to Haiti now center on the village of La Souse on the island of La Gonave, off the coast of Haiti.

"It is well off the beaten path — even for Haiti," Schnell said. "The peasants live in mud huts with dirt floors, with no running water or electricity or sewer."

The national religion is Catholi-

cism, but many practice voodoo or satanic worship.

"When I began in Haiti 20 years ago, voodoo was the predominant religion in the peasant villages," Schnell said. "Over the years, we have seen it diminish in favor of Christianity. Nonetheless, it still exists, is quite prevalent, and reveals itself on almost every trip."

Most mission trips to Haiti last about a week, and are open to clinical and non-clinical volunteers. "Where we go there is no access to healthcare — zero," Schnell said. "We do basic care such as treating parasitic infections, infectious diseases; perform surgeries; monitor blood pressure; and provide nutrition through feeding programs. We also dispense vitamins to nearly everyone we see. And, we do it all while expressing God's great



*Schnell is developing a leprosy program to address the epidemic biting the people of Haiti.*

love for them."

In early 2010, Schnell plans to start a leprosy program.

"Leprosy is supposed to be eradicated worldwide, but there is an epidemic there," he said. "I would say at least 400 people have leprosy on the island where we work, and we plan to treat them one by one."

Cost to treat a leprosy patient is around \$500. "It takes about a year of treatment with drugs," Schnell said. "The average income there is \$250 a year, so they can't pay for this type of healthcare."

"This is a way to reach these people for eternity," Schnell said, "and you can't put a price tag on that."

Schnell's work and future plans to help the people of Haiti demonstrate how, through medicine, we can touch the lives of others in more than one way, truly extending Christ's healing ministry.

For more information on the leprosy program or Dunamis medical mission trips, please contact Martin Schnell at 772-201-5292 or email him at [dunamismed@aol.com](mailto:dunamismed@aol.com).

*Tina Chudina is media relations coordinator at Takoma Adventist Hospital.*



*Martin Schnell, M.D., loves the people of Haiti and has travelled to the country countless times to help provide medical treatment to those in need.*



# Scenes of Bethlehem

BY CARL ANDERSON, JOEL BARRIOS, AND MARK PIOTROWSKI

During the Christmas season, a number of churches hosted drive-thru displays, interactive nativities, and other events for the community.

## Road to Bethlehem

“I do not consider myself to be a religious person, not even a little bit. But, I have to tell you that I was quite moved by the entire experience,” wrote the owner of a neighboring business who attended *Camina a Belen* (Road to Bethlehem), hosted by Atlanta First Hispanic Church as a Christmas outreach to the community.

“As complete outsiders of your church, my wife, myself, and a friend were welcomed as though we were part of your family,” he continued in a letter to Joel Barrios, church pastor, following the event. “Not being Hispanic, I had a unique opportunity to observe your culture firsthand. What I found truly amazed me. Such a warm, gentle, easy-to-smile, and gracious people that you are. What’s interesting is that for some reason I felt a need to attend this event, almost as if I were drawn by something outside myself. As I stated earlier, I am not a religious person, and when I asked my wife and friend if they would like to join me, they were both floored that I would even want to go to an

event of this nature. I am so glad that I did. You are an incredible group of people. I feel honored to be allowed into your world and hope to get a further opportunity to learn more about the Seventh-day Adventist faith.”

More than 2,000 community guests (not counting children) visited *Camina a Belen*, December 11 and 12, 2009. During the event, names, addresses, and phone numbers were collected to facilitate invitations to the next event. The whole church was involved, with 99 percent of Atlanta First Hispanic members helping with greeting, guiding tours, translating, acting, working as extras, operating sound/video, communication, parking, security, food, and literature. A prayer room where 200 individuals came for personal prayer and spiritual counseling was also available. This year they are already planning to add one more evening to the schedule.

## A Bethlehem Night

The Savannah First Church in Georgia held a live Christmas drive-thru, *A Bethlehem Night*, on the evening of December 16. The drive-thru featured a recorded, narrated story with music that cars could tune into and listen on their car radios as they drove through the displays. Members

were all dressed in Biblical costumes and rehearsed their different roles. There was a field with animals, a market place, a bakery and, of course, a manger with smaller children singing as angels. Mark Piotrowski, church pastor, shares that despite limited advertising and the weather only permitting it to be able to held one night, more than 80 cars drove through in 90 minutes. Many people parked and walked around the different displays after driving through as well. At the end of the drive-thru, each car received an abridged *Desire of Ages* and a pamphlet with information about Savannah Adventist Christian School.

## Bethlehem Live

The second annual Bethlehem Live drive-thru was held at the Georgia-Cumberland Academy Church in Calhoun, Georgia, December 4 and 5. There were more than 190 cars filled with enthusiastic visitors interacting with the merchants, citizens, shepherds, and tax collectors of the city. Directed by church member Judy Cusick, more than 150 church members and children were involved with the presentation. An inspirational CD was provided for each car as the visitors left Bethlehem Live, along with an invitation to visit the church’s website. ❖



# Not Just Tea for Two

BY MICHELE SOLOMON

It certainly was not “tea for two, and two for tea” when more than 50 guests showed up last November at the First Ladies Tea, co-hosted by Oakwood University and the North Alabama United Negro College Fund (UNCF) Joint Campaign Committee. The event took place on Sunday, November 15, 2009, marking America’s 24th National Philanthropy Day.

A special invitation went out from the co-hosts to all the first ladies of the Huntsville area churches to join hands in celebrating the joys and spiritual rewards of giving back to one’s community.

The women, including Eula Battle, wife of Huntsville mayor Tommie Battle, attended the First Ladies Tea atop the beautiful Ledges Country Club of Huntsville, Alabama. The wives — and some husbands — representing churches from all over the north Alabama area, including St. John’s AME, Trinity United Methodist, First Missionary Baptist, and Oakwood University Seventh-day Adventist churches, were greeted with corsages and escorted into the ballroom, amidst the melodic sounds of harpist Shushanna Smith, assistant professor in the Department of Math and Computer Sciences at Oakwood University. The menu included clotted cream, cucumber tea sandwiches, and scores of scrumptious



Josephine Scruggs (left), first lady of the First Missionary Baptist Church in Huntsville, Alabama, and Eula Battle, wife of Huntsville’s mayor, Tommy Battle, pause for a hat photo.

teatime pastries.

Josephine Scruggs, wife of the newly-elected president of the National Baptist Convention, USA, and Oakwood University Church’s first lady, Janis Newborn, had a chance to exchange experiences over a cup of Russian spice tea. All the ladies were asked to bring a family-tale-related teacup and don their favorite hat for the occasion, which made for an interesting swapping of stories. First Ladies Tea chair Rosa Kilpatrick, UNCF area director Walvid King, Community Foundation executive director Lynne

Berry, and UNCF scholarship recipient Jeremy Jordan shared their remarks.

The high tea, proposed as an annual event, was the North Alabama UNCF Joint Campaign Committee’s way of saying “thank you” to the community’s first ladies for investing time and energy in the various community-based ministries that touch countless lives in one way or another, and help to make the Huntsville community one of the nationally-rated best places to live and raise a family.

In keeping with the “Building Bridges to Opportunity” theme for the campaign, the tea was an effort to cultivate partnerships with the faith community, and to create opportunities for more people to earn a college degree. As always, an annual

UNCF Gala highlights the campaign drive, and kicks off Oakwood University’s Alumni Weekend. This year, the gala will be held on Thursday, April 1, at the Von Braun Center in historic downtown Huntsville. NASA administrator Charles F. Bolden Jr. will be the keynote speaker.

Oakwood is one of 39 historically black colleges and universities (HBCU’s) qualified through regional accreditation to receive UNCF student scholarships, based on the school’s private status and consequent non-receipt of state funds. As such, it is north Alabama’s only UNCF member institution.

For more information on how you can help, contact campaign manager Cheri Wilson at Oakwood University, 256-726-7584, or email cwilson@oakwood.edu.

*Cheri Wilson, associate director of advancement and development at Oakwood University, and campaign manager for the UNCF Joint Campaign of North Alabama, contributed to this article.*



Carvice King (left), wife of Walvid King, UNCF area director, and Lynne Berry, Community Foundation executive director, were the guest speakers for the First Ladies Tea.

## Vision Possible Ministries Brings Hope to Charlotte



Sheila Reynolds, Robert Forquer, and Paul Fisher stand in front of the Free Store.

“A lawyer and an ordained minister were meeting together and had an idea. “

No, this is not the beginning of a joke; it is a true story of two men determined to create a hands-on, relationship-driven ministry in Charlotte, N.C.

Robert Forquer and his brother-in-law, Paul Fisher, started Vision Possible, a non-profit organization focused on helping the homeless discover a creative, God-given vision for life. Their goal is to help vulnerable people move from survival to stability and beyond.



What is Vision Possible? It's a consulting company that works with churches who want to discover God's vision for their lives. It's the Free Store, a place to bring what you want to give and take what you need to live. They have adult and children's clothing, shoes, books, toys, etc. Vision Possible also sponsors The Free Furniture Warehouse, The Free Yard Sale, and "The Edge," a unique forum which brings a diverse group of people together to share their spiritual journey and focus on

biblical text.

Forquer, a member of the Charlotte Sharon

Church, volunteers with their "Room in the Inn" program, a partnership with the City of Charlotte to house homeless women in the church one night a week for four months.

A divine encounter rescued Sheila Reynolds from homelessness when she met Forquer one Friday evening during her stay. Now Sheila and her husband run the Free Store as

office managers, not only giving them work to do but also a place to live.

This is just one of countless testimonies of newly-found hope that find their way to Vision Possible Ministry. Forquer and Fisher have had to change their definition of success. Some measure the effectiveness of a ministry by how many Bible studies they give or how many people are baptized into the Church. But for these two, they give a homeless person a cup of coffee and some clothing, and pray with them, and know they may never see them again. Was that success? They certainly hope so. The rest is up to the Lord, and what better hands could it be in?

The Free Store is located in Area 15 at the intersection of N. Davidson and 15th Street in Charlotte. You can find them on Facebook at [apps.facebook.com/causes/320019](https://www.facebook.com/apps.facebook.com/causes/320019) or on the web at [www.visionpossibleconsultants.com](http://www.visionpossibleconsultants.com).

—BY JACQUIE PINDER



George Hunt (left) and Billy Joe Shaver talk with Sheila Reynolds.



## Mt. Carmel Company on a Mission for Jesus

Members and friends of the Mt. Carmel Mission gathered on January 9, 2010, for the happy occasion of organizing their group into an official company in the Carolina Conference.

Just a few short years ago, Mt. Carmel Mission began with a word of instruction spoken to husband and wife team, Je-

rome and Beverly Washington. It was while they were living in Huntsville, Ala., that God inspired them to begin a new church effort in the Charleston, S.C., area. They returned to South Carolina in 2002 with this goal in mind.

The couple met with the Charleston Church pastor, Eli Rojas, on January 1, 2007, about the church plant idea. He and the church board voted enthusiastically to proceed, and only a couple of weeks later, on January 13, they had their first Sabbath worship at the Mt. Carmel Mission, with 20 people in attendance. They now have a regular attendance of around



Patricia Williams and Destiny Washington



Destiny Washington (left); Willie Williams III, church elder; Jerome and Beverly Washington, church planters; and Gary Moyer, Conference secretary

50 each week.

The last three years have been filled with victory after victory for the Lord's work in Charleston. The members of the new Mt. Carmel Mission Com-

pany have grown closer together as a church family as they continue to strive to grow closer to the Lord. Church planting is hard work, but God has never failed at one yet!

## Asheville North Church Retires Mortgage



Harold Schutte, head administrative elder, is shown with Arlene Wilson, treasurer, burning the note in the company of many of the original charter members.

Eight years after celebrating the first worship service in their newly constructed facility, the Asheville North Church congregation has paid off its mortgage on the first phase.

After three years of searching and negotiating on nine separate parcels of property, the project finally fell into place. In September of 2001, the congregation began worshipping in their new church. An enthusiastic and dedicated church body has now successfully retired the debt before the 2009 year end. The current

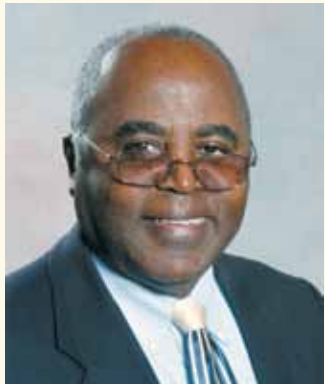
church facility will become the fellowship hall when the sanctuary, now in the planning stage, is eventually completed.

The charter membership initially forming the new church has almost tripled to 140 current members. Their greatest joy is in knowing that they are where the Lord wants them to be, and that He has a great work for them in north Asheville.

Asheville North members praise God for the blessings!

—BY FLORIE ROGERS

## Retired Pastor Receives Key to City



LEE BENNETT

Michel Porcena

The City of North Miami presented a Key to the City to Michel Porcena,

pastor, at a retirement party given in his honor. Recognizing his contributions to the community, proclamations were made by the Miami-Dade County Office of Mayor, the Board of County Commissioners, and Miami-Dade County School Board. His wife, Marie Angelique, was also honored for her years of service as a nurse.

In December 2008, Porcena retired as pastor of the Eden Church in Miami, where he had served since

1991. During his tenure, he baptized more than 700 people, opened two new congregations — Shekinah in North Miami and Sarepta in Boca Raton — and began a church extension project at Eden that will double its seating capacity. Marie Angelique served as the church's women's ministries director.

Porcena graduated from Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich., with two post-graduate degrees: an M.A. in guidance and counseling, and an Ed.D. in educational administration and supervision. He actively promoted education and inspired his members to seek college degrees. With only two college graduates in the congregation when

he began his ministry at Eden in 1991, the number soared to more than 60 in his district.

His life work included pastorates in Haiti, Martinique, and the United States. He served in the educational field as an academic dean and, then, president at Université Adventiste d' Haiti. He was also a Bible teacher in Martinique, a principal in New York, and a public high school guidance counselor in Broward County, Fla.

Porcena has plans to write a book and perhaps start a family ministry together with his wife. "I'm a retired minister," he says, "but the ministry continues."

—BY MARC MATHIEU

### Retirees Honored

Florida Conference recognizes the following employees for their years of faithful service:

| Retiree           | Years of Service | Retirement |
|-------------------|------------------|------------|
| Adan Alcalá       | 38               | 7/1/2009   |
| Gerald Bond       | 42½              | 1/1/2010   |
| Beth Bursey       | 29               | 7/1/2009   |
| Jack Carey        | 41½              | 7/1/2009   |
| Sheila Clinite    | 34½              | 7/1/2009   |
| Carmen Garcia     | 12½              | 1/7/2009   |
| Meredith Genton   | 32               | 7/1/2009   |
| Wayne McNutt      | 43               | 9/1/2009   |
| Hershel Mercer    | 38               | 2/1/2009   |
| Fred Neigel       | 45½              | 12/15/2009 |
| Raquel Santillana | 9                | 1/1/2010   |



LEE BENNETT

The Adventist Book Center honored Gerald Bond (left) and Fred Neigel in December 2009 for a combined 88 years of service. Also pictured are Sue Bond and Gladys Neigel.

### Pastors in Transition

- **Paul Campoli** – Venice-Nokomis/Sarasota
- **Sidney Champagne** – Temple Deerfield Beach Company/Gethsemane Company
- **Fidel Falcon** – Kendall Spanish/West Dade Spanish
- **Rex Frost** – Brandon
- **Cecil Norman Harding** – North Miami/North Miami Beach
- **Ronald Hoffecker** – Lakeland
- **Humberto Horruintiner** – Ebenezer Spanish/North West Spanish
- **Gervon Marsh** – Maranatha associate
- **Ken Norton** – Apopka
- **Andrew Nugent** – Lauderdale associate
- **Jonathan Peinado** – Bushnell/Inverness
- **Isaac Suarez** – Melbourne Spanish/Vero Beach Spanish
- **Rickard Szilagyi** – Avon Park associate
- **Oscar Tavera** – Pinellas Spanish/Clearwater Spanish Company
- **Marco Valenca** – Northwest Dade/Miami Central Brazilian
- **Alex Vaz** – Brazilian Temple associate/Miami Central Brazilian associate



# Six Florida Conference Workers Ordained in 2009

**ORLANDO HERNANDEZ** — August 29



*Isaac, Sonia, Orlando, Isabel, Orlando III*  
**Walker Memorial Academy Chaplain/  
 Bible Teacher, Avon Park**

With his rebellious teenage years and high school graduation behind him, Hernandez pursued a career in electrical engineering. He then felt the Lord calling him to become a pastor, and that he would lead many people to God. After conferring with his father and pastor uncles, he believed this was a call straight from God that he needed to obey.

In the past three years, he has served Walker Memorial Academy with great humility and awe as he has seen the Lord work among students and their families.

**BILLY LEVEILLE** — June 13



*Gelissa, Billy, Ricardo, Princesse, Karen*  
**Bethel L'Eglise des Adventiste,  
 Orlando/Tampa Haitian Churches**

As a young man, Leveille found many excuses not to follow in his pastor father's footsteps. After graduating with a computer information systems degree, he served 10 years in the Army with tours in Germany, Panama, Haiti, and Kuwait.

While in the Middle East, a "burning bush" experience helped him realize he could not continue to resist God's calling. After graduating from Southern Adventist University and conducting two successful evangelistic campaigns, he accepted a call to serve in Florida Conference.

**ALLAN MACHADO** — August 22



*Alan, Allan, Erich, Elsa*  
**Hialeah Spanish Church**

At a young age, Machado felt the call to preach; yet, he ignored it for many years. He finished his schooling and became a successful business person. Finally, the time came when he heard the voice of God and determined to follow the call.

He believes the highest privilege a human can have is to be called by God to proclaim the good tidings of salvation as set by the Apostle Paul's example in I Corinthians 9:16. With this Bible passage running in his mind each day, and with the conviction that God called him, he preaches the gospel.

**RODLIE ORTIZ** — July 18



*Iveth, Rodlie, Jonathan  
 (Baby Daniel, not pictured)*  
**Carrollwood/Riverview Churches**

Although Ortiz came from a family of pastors, he never planned to be a minister. As a sophomore biology student at Southern Adventist University, Rodlie felt God calling him into ministry.

His favorite thought is from *Ministry of Healing*, p. 143: "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me.'"

**NOEL ROSE** — September 19



*Nassor, Christine, nephew Zia, Noel*  
**Palm Springs/Margate Churches**

During his senior year in a Jamaican high school, Rose felt the call from God to serve. It became validated when he was asked to bring God's word to His people with the Holy Spirit's leading. Prior to moving to the States, he conducted a number of crusades, revivals, and weeks of prayer during his pastorates.

"Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" is his mantra as he advances the Kingdom of God and looks for "...the blessed hope, and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ." — *Titus 2:13 (NKJV)*

**STEPHEN STEWART** — July 25



*Stephen, Stephen Jr., Rosalyn,  
 Sherwin, Shawn*  
**Covenant Church, Pembroke Pines**

Stewart spent more than 10 years working as a mechanical design engineer and holds 30 patents that bear his name. As he served his local church in many capacities, including first elder for more than six years, the Lord's work found a special place in his heart.

While leading the newly formed 80-member Amazing Grace Mission Group in New York City, the desire to serve the Lord in a pastoral role grew within him. He desires to be a faithful servant and a living witness for Jesus.

## Choral Fest Brings Students Together to Sing



BRIAN YOUNG

Elementary grade students gather at Georgia-Cumberland Academy for the annual Choral Festival.

Georgia-Cumberland Academy (GCA) hosted the Georgia-Cumberland Conference (GCC) Choral Festival, November 12 and 13, under the direction of clinician Candace Nesmith, vocal director for GCA.

"The GCC Choral Festival 2009 was another spectacular event," says Dawn Lemaitre, GCA event coordinator. With 160 students from eight different GCC elementary schools, the stage of the GCA church was packed. "We are thankful for all of the hard work the choral directors and students had put into learning the songs, and for the tireless practicing they did with Candace over Thursday evening and all day Friday in preparation for the

performance. We are very blessed to host the annual GCC Choral Fest, and we are praise God for the beautiful gift of music."

"I had no voice when I started singing, and I prayed because I really wanted to sing. It was my first time here," said Joshua Wolcott, a student at Greeneville Adventist Academy in Tenn. "When I went up to perform I had no trouble with my voice, and then when I came down I could not sing again. Most of all I came to share Jesus with other people."

Holly Greer, A.W. Spalding Carolers director of Collegedale, Tenn., shares, "I like for my students to be under someone else's directorship. That is really good

for them because they are going to learn things from that person that they might not get from me."

"I think it makes the kids realize that the Adventist Church is a big family instead of just our Carmen School," says Steve Wilson, principal of Carmen Adventist School in Marietta, Ga.

Kyra Collins, a student at John L. Coble Elementary School in Calhoun, Ga., said, "This was my first time singing up front in Bel Canto, and it was really fun."

The festival students performed nine songs, with a special music feature presented by Bel Canto of John L. Coble Elementary School.

—BY TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER

## 50th Anniversary Milestone



Elsie and Ralph LaFave

Ralph and Elsie (Olsen) LaFave, members of the Chattanooga First Church in Chattanooga, Tenn., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May while enjoying a cruise and land tour in Alaska.

The two met when they were students at Pacific Union College in Angwin, Calif., and were married June 22, 1959, in a double wedding ceremony in Orlando, Fla., by K.R. Davis.

Ralph was drafted during the Korean War and served two years in the Signal Corp in Erlangen, Germany. He graduated from Andrews University with a master's degree and served in ministry for the Florida Conference for 23 years and the Georgia-Cumberland Conference for 22 years. After serving as a pastor for the Chattanooga First Church for 11 years, Ralph retired from the ministry in 2002.

Elsie is a registered nurse who retired in 2008 after a nursing career of 53 years.

The LaFave family includes daughter Christie Jennings, sons Phillip and Danny, and seven grandchildren.



## The Well Hosts Open House in Chattanooga

More than 200 people toured The Well's worship space on December 5, 2009, as part of Southside Chattanooga's third annual Main x 24 holiday celebration. In an attempt to be intentional in regard to what the guests experienced, members of the new Southside church plant decided to emphasize the concept of global, local, and family community by creating an interactive "reflections" room.

"You might say that it's something between a prayer room and an exhibit," said Tommy Diller, one of the creators of the reflection room experience. "We

simply wanted to welcome people into our worship space and help them think outside themselves."

The 4,000-square-foot facility housed a "streetscape" emphasizing global community, a stage display highlighting significant city ministries such as the Chattanooga Food Bank and the Community Kitchen, and a "living room" where intercessory prayers could be handwritten on small cards and hung on three small "prayer trees." Each tree was labeled "Self," "World," and "Loved Ones," respectively. The foyer area was turned into a temporary

coffee shop as guests were able, throughout the day, to come in out of the cold and enjoy free hot coffee, hot cider, hot chocolate, and an array of delicious finger foods that filled the tables throughout the day.

"We were extremely pleased with the way this endeavor opened doors that

allowed us to connect with our community," said Mike Fulbright, pastor.

—BY MIKE FULBRIGHT



MIKE FULBRIGHT

Guests arrive at The Well's worship space, December 5, 2009, for the Southside Chattanooga's third annual Main x 24 holiday celebration.

## Organic House Church Dedicated

An historic event occurred in Columbus, Ga., on Sabbath, December 12, 2009. A growing group of dedicated and commit-



JAN LEVIN

Members of the Columbus, Ga., First Church pray in dedication for an officially commissioned organic house church called Green Haven. Their ministry is making a difference with the homeless.

ted members of Columbus First Church believe they are called to take the good news of Jesus to the poor and homeless in troubled areas of Columbus and bring church to them.

On December 12, this group was officially commissioned as an organic house church by Jerry Johns, senior pastor of the Columbus First Church, and Bill Levin, Georgia-Cumberland Conference church planting director. Johns led the commissioning

service, which began with Levin talking about Jesus' mission statement, found in Luke 4:16-19. Those verses share Jesus' mission to preach Good News to the poor, set captives free,

and give sight to the blind, which is the same mission statement of this new house church, called Green Haven. Levin spoke about the church described in early Acts, and how Adventism began as a lay-led house church movement.

Johns called the Green Haven group to the front for corporate prayer and asked all those in the congregation who support this ministry to stand. As the Green Haven group knelt, Johns and Levin led in commissioning prayer.

Currently, Green Haven is heavily involved in hands-on community outreach. Lay leader Sheryl Shears has taken the Breathe-Free stop-smoking program to the homeless, and has been given a room at a rescue mission to hold

the program right in the center of the homeless area. The Green Haven members take turns teaching and encouraging the homeless people who attend the class to stop smoking. Green Haven has also been used by God to enable a homeless couple to get off the streets and move into a real home of their own. This couple is also using the Breathe-Free methods to stop smoking, and they have asked for Bible studies.

Strong trust is being built between Green Haven members and the homeless people, who say no one has ever helped them before without having a "hidden agenda." God is working mightily, and life transformation is happening every day.

—BY JAN LEVIN

## Couples Make New Beginnings at Marriage Seminar



*The seminars were designed to focus on the theme of the weekend, "To Have and to Hold Each Other Dear."*

The weekend of October 23-25, 2009, saw more than a dozen married couples coming together at the Embassy Suites Hotel in downtown Montgomery, Ala., for the annual marriage enrichment seminar. Mel Eisele, Conference president, started the proceedings at sundown on Friday.

Keynote speaker Joel Kibble, highly regarded motivational speaker on marriage and family life, riveted the attention of the group at the Sabbath sessions, effectively guiding his audience to a vivid grasp of the power of childhood experiences

that influenced the quality of marital relationships later in life. Kibble, a pastor on a mission to save ailing couples, masterfully involved the spouses in discussions and brainstorming that led to discoveries and commitments to changes in relationships and life directions.

Anita Pemberton, Ph.D., Conference family ministries director, managed the weekend proceedings in a fashion that kept everyone attuned to the seminar theme, "To Have and to Hold Each Other Dear." In preparation for the seminar, spouses made scrapbooks that re-

quired them to collaborate, reflect, and recall their journey together from their first meeting to the present.

Many left with resources calculated to help them enrich their marital relationships and to aid them in caring for their children. One couple, Ken and Marie Moser, of the Community Church in Meridian, Miss., won the coveted prize — lodging accommodations for eight days and seven nights at a location of their choice from a list of 3,500 resorts. The winning couple earned highest points in a scavenger hunt (scrapbook mak-

ing contest) and a lovers' newlywed-style game.

Amy and Bernell Mapp, Conference prayer coordinators, demonstrated the role of prayer in nurturing family relationships for happiness here and in preparation for Heaven. Reflecting on the seminar, one couple said, "Special thanks to the Conference for this ministry to our families." Another declared, "We believe that we were led by the Holy Spirit to attend this retreat. We were having struggles, but because of this retreat, we made a recommitment to our marriage."

"The prayer seminar with the Mapps was an inspiration for my husband and me," said another. "Begin planning for next year's seminar," says Pemberton. "It will again have a contest for another great prize and will also be held in Montgomery."

—BY NATHAN MOORE

## School is Winner in Community Canned Food Drive



*These students and staff averaged collecting more than 50 cans per students.*

Community Christian School was one of the winners of the Canned Food Drive in Meridian, Miss. The students and staff collected 1,808 cans, which averaged more than 50 cans per student.

The school was presented with a \$500 check (sponsored by Pop Eye's and Little Caesar's), and the students were given certificates for pizza and chicken

from the two restaurants. The students were excited that their hard work paid off. The canned food helps to provide food for the holiday season for those less fortunate in the community.

The Canned Food Drive is an annual event. Students from a number of private and public schools in the area compete to collect the most canned goods.

—BY REBECCA GRICE



## “Gold 1,000” Convention Baptizes 70



R. STEVEN NORMAN III

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*Attendees crowded forward when the speaker invited those desiring baptism to come forward.*

Seventy people were baptized at the Montgomery, Ala., Convention Center on the weekend of December 11 and 12, 2009, during the “Gold 1,000” convention, and many more decisions for baptism were made.

Three hundred fifty members from the Hispanic churches in the Gulf States Conference brought 900 guests for this time of reaping and witnessing,

resulting in a total attendance of 1,250.

The “Gold 1,000” campaign was launched in September 2009, during the Conference’s annual Hispanic camp meeting. The purpose was to work toward a goal of getting everyone involved in winning souls, and to have a time of reaping during December. This would be accomplished by organizing those who wanted to commit to the

challenge of winning souls for Jesus into small group leaders.

The theme for October was “Toward the Gold.” Each church district held a day of training, motivation, and commitment for the group leaders. On October 31 the members went house to house with a survey to find individuals who were interested in taking Bible studies.

“Overtime for Jesus”

began in November with each member committed to giving one Bible study a day for 20 days.

December was the time for reaping, and by the end of the month, 100 individuals were baptized. The “Gold 1,000” convention and campaign were organized by Nilton Garcia, Conference Hispanic ministries coordinator.

—BY REBECCA GRICE



R. STEVEN NORMAN III



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*Seventy people were baptized during the convention.*

## Construction Begins on New Auditorium

Construction began in November on a new meeting facility at Indian Creek Camp (ICC). The first step in the construction was the removal of the A-frame chapel which had served the camp since the early 1960's. However, with the expansion of the dining room and cabins since 1999, the size of many groups has been limited because the chapel could not accommodate the larger numbers of people wishing to attend some



*Architect's rendering of the completed auditorium.*

events at ICC.

The new facility will accommodate up to 525

individuals in a theater-style seating arrangement — more than twice as many

as the chapel. The building can also be divided for multiple groups or breakout sessions using folding partitions, and will be equipped with video and sound technology.

Construction is scheduled to be completed in time for summer camps in 2010. The new auditorium is the final phase of camp reconstruction voted by the members of the Conference in 1999.

—BY MARVIN LOWMAN

## Bowling Green Church Blessed by New Members

An Amazing Facts series with Jason Morgan, evangelist, was held last fall in Bowling Green, Ky. At the conclusion, 10 individuals were either baptized or re-baptized.

Several fascinating stories evolved that showed God's amazing leading from the very beginning. On opening night, the pastor and evangelist arrived at the meeting hall about an hour early. To their surprise, the first guest, Johnny Logan, had already arrived and was seated in the back row. That was to become a familiar pattern. When they met with him toward the end of the meetings, they were presented with four pages of questions. One after another the questions were answered, and Johnny made his stand for Jesus as the meetings concluded.

Doug and Dorothy Kitchen were so determined to hear about Bible proph-



*Terry Carmichael (foreground), pastor, introduces the candidates before their baptism.*

ecy that they walked almost two miles the first night, and intended to do so the rest of the series. Upon learning of their commitment to hear God's Word, church member Marilyn Carter offered to pick them up each evening. Night after night they came, drinking in what was being said. They didn't miss a single night. On Friday night they were married in a very simple ceremony performed by Terry Carmichael, pastor. A small reception was provided by some of the church women. The next morning

they were baptized. Doug Kitchen spoke briefly after the service, expressing how they had been looking for a church, and how grateful they were to have been welcomed so warmly.

Joel Wilkerson had been a Christian since childhood and recognized the truth presented. He commented, "I've been waiting my whole life to hear this message."

The meetings ended the Sabbath before Thanksgiving. Bob and Pat Collier were sitting in the congregation that morning. They

had been out of town the last week of the series. They had heard the topic of the Sabbath presented prior to their departure, and immediately recognized the impact it could have on their lives. Copies of the presentations to be made while they were gone were given to them to listen to before they left town. Two weeks later, they had informed their pastor and church family that they would not be back. They made a trip to visit family, friends, and former pastor and church, and shared with them what they had learned. Having had significant health issues, Bob Collier commented that he felt God had kept him alive so that he could learn the things they had been studying.

—BY TERESA CARMICHAEL



## Smyrna Hispanic Holds Health Fair

The Smyrna Hispanic Company held its first Community Health Fair in September 2009, at the Smyrna Town Center shopping plaza in Smyrna, Tenn. The event focused mainly on the Latino community of Smyrna and had 11 stations where the at-

tendees could learn about a wide range of health principles and practices that the Seventh-day Adventist Church promotes, along with some local services.

The stations included weight and height (BMI); blood pressure; cholesterol; exercise; dental hygiene;



*Ralph Ruckle, an Adventist physician from Portland, Tenn., talks to attendees about cancer prevention.*



*Attendees were instructed about good oral hygiene.*

H1N1 influenza; cancer prevention; local fire department; spiritual counseling by the pastor, Carlos Pinto, and his wife; and a children's story corner. The final station was a Bible studies station where the attendees were offered free Bible studies, and the op-

portunity to pray for their health and families.

More than 300 individuals attended. The Smyrna Hispanic Company was organized December 2007, and plans to be organized as a church in the near future.

—BY JULIO BARREDA

## Conference Assists The Next Door

The staff at the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference raises money each year during the Christmas season to benefit a local project. In 2009, Lona Schlisner, treasury administrative assistant, learned about The Next Door through a church member at the Madison Campus Church.

The Next Door is a six-month transitional living program located in downtown Nashville that provides recovery support for women with an addiction to alcohol and drugs. The program receives applicants by referral from local jails and prisons, inpatient

alcohol and drug treatment facilities, community mental health agencies, homeless shelters, and some other agencies.

Cash contributions by the Conference staff provided enough funds to put together four baskets containing needed items for residents at The Next Door. The baskets contained a complete set of bedding, towel sets, and various personal care items. Bibles were donated by the Adventist Book Center, and the publishing department donated *Steps to Christ* and *Healthful Living* books. Marilyn Michalen-

ko and Bonnie Grundy decorated the baskets.

Larry and Carol Boughman delivered the baskets.

While at The Next Door, residents are assisted with recovery support services for their addiction, job placement, relapse prevention planning, mentoring services, and individual counseling if needed. After completion of The Next Door program, women will have the opportunity to receive support through The Next Door's continuous recovery management program.

—BY MARVIN LOWMAN



*Larry Boughman (left) stands with two of the 42 residents at The Next Door.*

## Ministry Bus to Team with Atlanta Berean

The Hope on the Move Ministry Bus may soon be appearing in a neighborhood near you, thanks to an award received from the North American Division. The Atlanta Berean Sabbath School department, along with a worthy project in Florida, was chosen as a recipient for the Southern Union 2010 Sabbath School Investment Project.

This initiative awarded funds from the 2010 Investment offerings to noteworthy outreach projects of the local Sabbath School department. The Atlanta Berean Sabbath School department successfully proposed a self-contained mobile missionary

unit that is specifically designed to do remote on-site outreach projects throughout the region.

This vehicle will be able to go on location to community events and selected neighborhoods, and provide unique presentation services tailored for a wide range of audiences. Using the dedicated resources of the local church, the Hope on the Move Ministry Bus will be able to provide health lectures, family counseling, Revelation Seminars, and other community services that will make an impact on the lives of those they can reach in this unique way.

According to Curtis Hall,

general superintendent, the funding provided by the Division will enable the local Sabbath School department to greatly accelerate its usefulness to the greater church body. "Already serving 400-plus youth and adults during the weekly Sabbath School programs, we can now provide a fresh avenue of outreach that is greatly needed in the greater Atlanta area."

"Because our local Sabbath School department operates inside of the fastest growing congregation in North America, we are very sensitive to the needs of the non-churched community. We as a department are al-

ways seeking to provide better ministry by viewing what we do through the eyes of visitors, and in particular non-Adventist visitors, and newly baptized members. We want the Sabbath School department to be a valuable resource for everyone who frequents our church, not just the long-time members."

The Atlanta Berean Sabbath School department has long served as a role model for excellence. Using the added services of the Hope on the Move Ministry Bus, Berean is planning ahead to continue that tradition of excellence in service.

## "Women of Fire" Plant Seeds in Nine North Carolina Cities

An appeal was made for women of South Atlantic to become involved in the evangelism initiative of the Conference. As a result, women's ministries leaders from nine churches in North Carolina accepted the call. And thus, the "Women of Fire" crusade began.

After the women who were to speak were chosen, the date September 20-26, 2009, was selected for the different meetings to take place simultaneously. Calvin Watkins Sr., Conference personal ministries director, met with the group and conducted workshops to prepare the participants for the upcoming evangelistic meetings.

They were taught many techniques in soul-winning, especially the art of having

confidence in one's self. It was with this confidence these "women of fire" went forth with holy boldness in telling others the "Good News" of Jesus Christ.

Each meeting's goal was to have an experience as the Day of Pentecost, and so the meetings had many similarities. The seven sermons prepared by Watkins

were given to each speaker with instructions of which sermon to preach each day. This meant that each woman would be preaching the same sermon each day. It was also planned that the meetings had the same start and ending time, and the same congregational songs.

The speakers Viola Williams (Asheville); Wilhel-

menia Wilcox (Charlotte); Lisa Marshall (Fayetteville); Gloria Lee-Gaskins, Doris Mendes, Janette Leawade, and Ann Mason (New Bern); Jane Hawkins (Raleigh); Canine Clark, Etta High, Annie Buie, Eunice Hughes, Rena Burney, Patricia Williamson, and Eastly Thrope (Ridgeland); Shirley James (Snow Hill); Geneva Home, Eleanor Best, and Mary Cannon (Washington); and Wilma Boyd (Winston-Salem), experienced the power of the Holy Spirit in a mighty way.

Because they were willing to be used by God, the lives of many in the nine cities will never be the same. These "women of fire" were faithful in planting the seed.

—BY JOYCE HAIRSTON



Calvin Watkins Sr. (left), Conference personal ministries director; and Sylvia Wilson, Conference women's ministries director (front row, kneeling, center), with the North Carolina women's ministries leaders and supporters



## West End Church has Vibrant Prison Ministries Program

West End Church, Atlanta, Ga., prison ministries continues to witness to others the love of Jesus, by meeting the needs of its people. This ministry has completed two Bible studies in two transitional centers, where it was requested that the Adventist message be presented.

During the last six months, the prison ministries band has distributed more than 350 pieces of literature and 20 Bibles. They also donated 600 personal hygiene items

to the Pulaski Women's State Prison, and 100 items to the Phillips Men's Prison. Once a month, the prison ministries team travel more than 600 miles to Hancock, Mc Evers, Johnson, Pulaski, Phillips, Federal Penitentiary, and the Winway Drug and Alcohol Center.

In August 2009, the men from the Atlanta Transitional Center visited West End Church. They ministered through inspirational songs and a drama presentation. The play demonstrated how life



After the program, the West End Church members provided a fellowship meal for the men from the Atlanta Transitional Center.



The men (first row, seated) from the Atlanta Transitional Center met with the West End prison ministries team.

surrounded by negative peer-pressure can influence a person in the wrong direction. Their drama presentation was a strong reminder to the youth.

Charles Tolbert, state prison resource coordinator chaplain, asked Harold

Davis, West End prison ministries leader, to start a mentoring program. This program will consist of qualified West End men to visit institutions and mentor the young men about various issues, and assist them in their transitional phase back into society. They will be coached with strategies to deal with their families after being released and finding a place to live.

—BY HAROLD DAVIS

## Baptism in Smithfield

Four members of the Blockett family were baptized in Smithfield, N.C. Fred Blockett, the father, was baptized on November 28, 2009. His wife, Tiffany, and two oldest daughters, Alonah and Laniya, were baptized two weeks later. Fred Blockett accepted the Sabbath

message while a licensed minister in the Baptist Church. The family studied with local elder Lawrence Davis, while attending a local outreach ministry in downtown Smithfield, which is operated by two church members.



Michael Hickman (left), pastor; Fred and Tiffany Blockett and children Alonah, Victoria, and Laniya; and William Morris, elder

## Rogers, Wright Wedding Held at Oakwood



*About 35 individuals: children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and friends make up the wedding party.*

Not every day, week, month, year, decade, or a score of years do individuals marry in their 90's — maybe a few or more in a century. When it happens it's newsworthy. When it happens to Seventh-day Adventist Christians, it is a testimony of the sanctity of love based in Christ, holy matrimony, and the Adventist message.

The wedding of the century happened in Huntsville, Ala., where nonagenarian love-birds, retired educators, shared a lesson about the essence of true love. The testimony of their wedding ceremony illustrates that even in one's 90's, a love relationship between a man and a woman is still a sought-after gift.

Kelli C. Dulan shared details relating to the event. She states, "With joy in their hearts, Ernest E. Rogers, Ph.D., 93, and Annell M. Wright, 91, united in marriage at

the Oakwood University Church, Saturday, December 26, 2009. The groom is a retired Adventist minister and professor of biblical languages at Oakwood University. He is the father of three: Jeannette Rogers Dulan, Eugene Rogers, and Sherman Rogers; grandfather of four; and great-grandfather of three. The bride is a retired Madison County elementary school teacher. She is the mother of four: Belvia Wright Matthews, Ph.D., Brenda Wright Hughes, Herman Wright, and Clara Wright White; grandmother of seven; and great-grandmother of eight. The couple resides in Huntsville, Ala. In conjunction with this, the following article appeared in *The Huntsville Times* on December 27, 2009, on page A3.

"No strangers in this crowd," by Steve Doyle, [steve.doyle@htimes.com](mailto:steve.doyle@htimes.com). "Bride, 91, groom, 93, tie

knot after life as friends, neighbors."

When Annell Wright got married the first time in 1943, a justice of the peace in Tallahassee, Fla., did the honors.

On Saturday, Wright finally got the big church wedding that every girl dreams about — at age 91.

About 1,200 well-wishers packed Oakwood University Church to see the former principal of the University's private elementary school tie the knot with Dr. Ernest E. Rogers, a 93-year-old retired Oakwood professor.

The newlyweds have been friends and neighbors since 1945, when both Rogers and Wright's late husband, H.L. Wright Sr., joined Oakwood's faculty. They even shared a bathroom in campus housing for a while.

Rogers said he began to have deeper feelings for Wright about a year ago, when he saw her at

the birthday party of a mutual friend.

"The scales fell from my eyes," he said. "Instead of seeing her as Mrs. Wright, I saw an angel of delight."

The whirlwind courtship caught the couple's children — they have seven between them — by surprise.

But Jeannette Rogers Dulan said she's thrilled her father found love again after three years as a widower (his wife of 64 years, Mildred, died in May 2006).

"He gave to my mother for all those years," Dulan said. "When you have a heart that full, it's wonderful if you can continue giving."

Even before Saturday's union, the Rogerses and the Wrights were like family. On two occasions, they were next-door neighbors on Oakwood Road. Annell Wright and Mildred Rogers carpooled





*Ernest E. Rogers, Ph.D., 93, and Annell M. Wright, 91, unite in marriage.*

to work together when both taught at West Madison Elementary School. Jeannette Rogers Dulan and Wright's daughter, Dr. Belvia Matthews, met as toddlers and were maids of honor at each

other's weddings. Ernest Rogers spoke at Wright's husband's funeral in 1997.

"We're delighted, because it's not like she's marrying a stranger," Matthews said. "We all grew

up together."

Dressed in a sparkling tiara and flowing white wedding gown, Wright was escorted down the aisle by her son H.L. Wright Jr. as camera flashes popped.

Harold Lee, D.Min., who studied Greek and Hebrew under Rogers, had the honor of marrying off his old professor. The couple was flanked by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren — about 35 in all.

"This is going to be great fun," Lee told the crowd.

Lee said it was hard knowing what to say to two nonagenarians embarking on a new life together. He chose this:

"Rejoice. Worry about nothing, but pray about everything. Share funny

stories with each other, affirm one another."

Their first kiss, broadcast on the church's giant television screens, had everyone beaming. Afterward, the crowd treated them like rock stars, crowding around to snap photos with their cell phones and digital cameras.

"We haven't made any long-term plans," the new bride said before a wedding reception at Valley Event Center in Athens. "We're just going to relax, be happy, and enjoy life.

"We think this marriage is from the Lord."

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—BY MICHAEL HARPE

## First South Central Creole-Language Adventist Mission

New Life Church, Louisville, Ky., is witness to an historic moment in South Central history. On Sabbath, October 31, 2009, New Life hosted an official Sabbath service of what is believed to be the first Creole- and French-speaking Haitian Seventh-day Adventist mission in the South Central territory. The mission is being formed under the leadership of Fred H. Moore Jr., pastor, and is the dream

and vision of Celeve Izean, who serves as an ordained local elder at New Life. It has been Izean's dream to start a Haitian Adventist congregation in Louisville ever since he and his family moved there in 1995. The mission members have chosen the name, Horeb Lre Eglise Adventiste Haitienne de Kentucky.

—BY FRED MOORE



*The New Life Church sign is seen above the French (Creole) sign in this picture advertising the inauguration of the new French-speaking church service.*

## College Hill Church Burns Mortgage, Works for Tuition-Free School

College Hill Church is involved in a three-phase vision that will lead to tuition-free education at its school. Phase one of the plan: pay off the church mortgage. Phase two: a new school building. Phase three: a tuition-free school — every parent's economic vision.

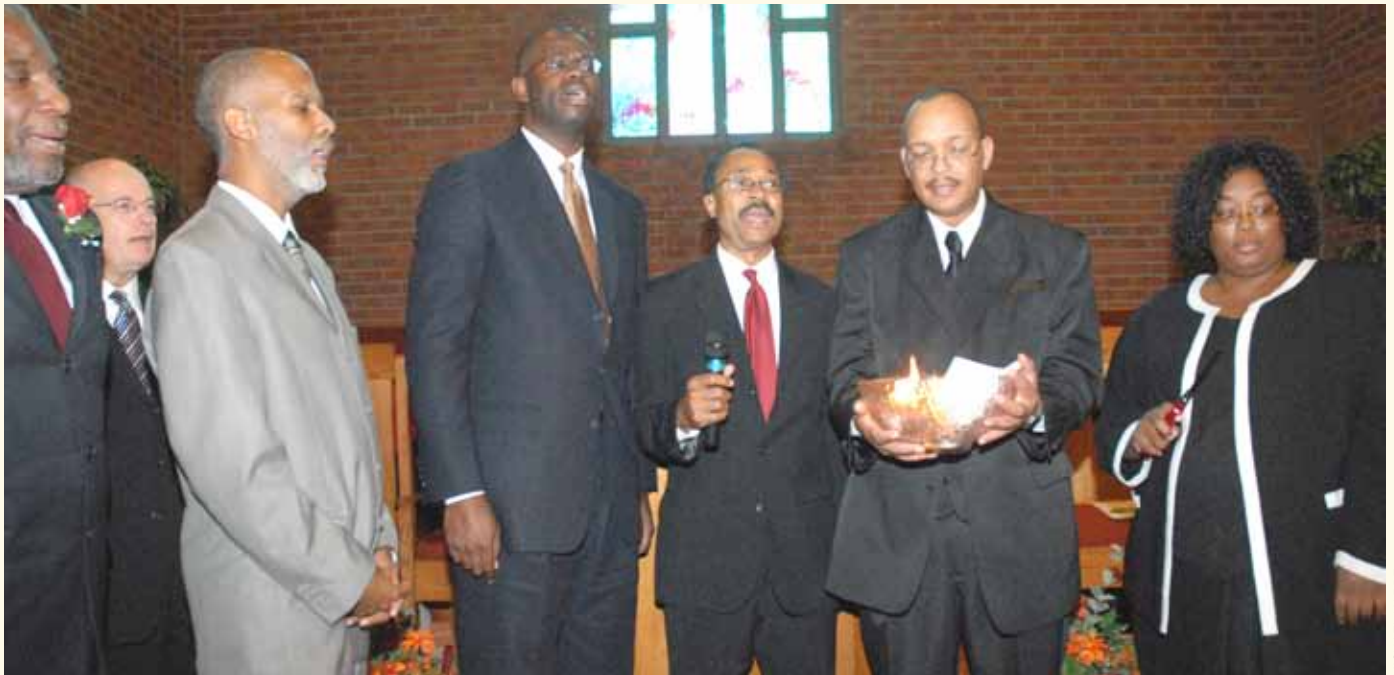
Phase one was realized October 31, 2009. College Hill celebrated by burning its mortgage. Alexander Lampkin, pastor, greeted participants and guests with these words: "As the 30th ministerial family of College Hill Church, it is our privilege to extend greetings to

our loving members and notable denominational leaders, Gordon Retzer, Southern Union Conference president; Dana Edmond, South Central Conference president; Philip Palmer, South Central treasurer; and Michael Harpe, South Central communication director. Thank you for joining us in our mortgage burning ceremony, as we celebrate this milestone of retiring our mortgage and all indebtedness. Please know your presence mean so much to us, and this day would not be the same without you. Today's achievement serves

as a connecting link to the history of countless achievements and contributions rendered by all the faithful ministers, teachers, and members of our illustrious 107-year history."

College Hill has a rich history as reported by Marshall Henley, head elder and church historian: "The College Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church, currently located at 1837 Brandau Street, Knoxville, Tenn., was first organized as the Knoxville Adventist Church Number 2. Twelve African-American members of the First Seventh-day Adventist Church of

Knoxville, Tenn., met in February 1902, under the leadership of Pastor J. D. Adkins, at a hall on Gay Street to plan the new church. Elder Smith Shark, who was instrumental in helping to manage the new congregation, opened the meeting with prayer. Twelve persons were admitted as founding members: Oscar and Perline McKinney, J.E. Clemmons, John, Frank, Maggie and Fanny Fine, Lula Jones, Frank Gran, Jane Carter, Anna Lillard, and Nancy Gommon. At the same meeting, the following individuals were elected to church offices:



Marshall Henley (left), College Hill head elder and church historian; Gordon Retzer, Southern Union president; Dana Edmond, South Central president; Philip Palmer, South Central treasurer; Alexander Lampkin, College Hill pastor; Anthony Allen, College Hill assistant treasurer and communication leader; and Lisa Richardson, College Hill treasurer, sing the theme song as the mortgage documents burn.

MICHAEL HARPE



J. E. Clemmons, local elder; Frank Fine, deacon; Anna Lillard, treasurer; Lula Jones, church librarian; Fanny Grant, church clerk; and Anna Lillard and Fanny Fine, deaconesses. In 1916, the church elected to send four delegates to camp meeting services in Chattanooga, Tenn. These were Francis Campbell, John Fine, LaVina Davis, and S. J. Thompson. The church covered all expenses for food, \$0.10 per meal, and lodging at \$3.00. During the early years, the minister from the Knoxville Adventist Church Number 1 (the Caucasian congregation), came over to help conduct services and official church meetings. Elder P.M. Boyd was one of the ministers who served in this capacity. He led in the growth and

development of the new congregation over the next several years. One of his most significant achievements was the tent effort he conducted at the corner of James and Wallace Streets. Following this evangelism effort in the early 1920's, the church moved to an east Knoxville location on Rosewell Street. Also, Elder B. W. Abney conducted a tent meeting and later became pastor of the church."

Both school and church have notable histories that should be archived in a book. It is evident by the commitment of the church membership during the years that church school is number one on its priority list. University Elementary School head teacher Gloria Adi said, "The

school is proud of the partnership with College Hill SDA in the noblest tasks assigned to man — restore man in the image of His Maker. We give all praise to God for sacrifices of ordinary people to do extraordinary things for Him. We commend pastors Robert Mann, John Brown III, Vincent White, Roy E. Gaiter, Roy L. Paterson, Michael Hayes, Martin Lister, and Alexander Lampkin, whose dedicated pastoral leadership was Church-school oriented. Hence, the school was established and continues to impact the community. We applaud the visionary and untiring efforts of educators Rohini Bathula, Tonia Jefferson, and Gloria Adi as they led students into a personal relationship with Christ, prepared them for

responsible citizenship in this life, and eternal fellowship with God."

Dana Edmond was the speaker for divine worship service, and Gordon Rezter was the afternoon speaker. Both are highly committed to Church school, as was evident in their experiences and comments. The morning and afternoon messages were both power packed. The music and fellowship were great. All in all, the whole day was a blessing and a good celebration. The theme was, "Great is God's Faithfulness." This is life's theme for Christians, and will be the sentiment when phase three is complete with free tuition for students.

—BY MICHAEL HARPE

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## Barry Bonner Honored for 25 Years of Service

October is recognized as Clergy Appreciation Month. The Town-N-Country Church of Tampa, Fla., recently honored Barry Bonner for more than 25 years of distinguished service as a pastor.

Former members and elders from various churches, along with friends and relatives, came as far as from Texas, Georgia, North and South Carolina, and throughout Florida.

Oliver J. McKinney, Southern Union stewardship and children's ministries director, and ASI Southern



*Barry Bonner shares some thoughts about the event.*

Union Chapter executive secretary/treasurer, served as the surprise guest speaker for the event. Other special guests in attendance were Milton Sterling, Conference ministerial director; Gwendolyn Parker, Conference treasurer; James Givins, senior pastor of the Mt. Olive AME Church in Tampa, Fla.

Nathaniel Brennan presented Bonner with a special plaque listing the 12 churches he has pastored. Tracy Bonner, his wife, was recognized and presented with a large bouquet of 36 assorted colored roses.

A special tribute service honoring Bonner for more than 25 years of service in the Southeastern Conference (1984-2009) was presented in the afternoon. Basil and Cheryl Campbell from Atlanta, Ga., sung several musical selections, while others shared poetry, presented cards and gifts, and



*Barry Bonner (center, front) is pictured with his family and members from the 12 churches he pastored during his 25-year career.*

expressed fond memories.

Special tributes were given by individuals representing the following categories: youth, married couples, close friends, and senior citizens.

One youth stated, "If it were not for Pastor Bonner and the part he played in my life, I would not be here today."

His son, Michael, said of his father, "You are the best, Dad." His oldest son, Brandon, stated, "Dad you are the blueprint of my success." The day ended with a "Saturday Night Live" Celebration, an evening of Caribbean food, live music,

fun, and games that went well into the night.

Following are the churches Bonner pastored in Florida:

- Macedonia SDA, Ft. Pierce
- Mitspa French, Ft. Pierce
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- Mt. Sinai, Sarasota
- Mt. Pisgah, Miami
- Hallandale Hallandale
- First Ephesus, Hollywood
- Lighthouse, Ft. Lauderdale
- Progress Village, Tampa
- Westside Community, Tampa
- Town-N-Country, Tampa
- Bethlehem, Clearwater

—BY PAULETTE BROWN-BLACK

## Lighthouse Celebrates Children's Day

Lighthouse Church in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., recently held its annual Children's Day service. Everet Scott, 11, member of the Lighthouse Pathfinder Club, was chosen to be the speaker. Scott presented the message entitled, "Don't Miss the Mission of God."

Scott affirmed that children are on God's mission, and should be empowered. Jesus scolded His disciples when He said, "Suffer the

little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the Kingdom of God" Mark 10:14.

So parents have a duty to tell their children of Jesus' love. "Let us not hold back on what we are to do, for Jesus has a place for our children too," he stated. "Read to them the Bible and teach them to pray,



and help them to make Jesus their best friend today. Eventually, our children will be teaching and preaching of Jesus' love," he added. He reminded his peers that they, too, are on a mission for God. He encouraged them to constantly be mindful of the Pathfinders' Pledge, which tells them to "keep the morning

watch, do their honest part, care for their bodies, keep a level eye, be courteous and obedient, walk softly in God's sanctuary, keep a song in their hearts, and go on God's errands."

He charged the children of Lighthouse to accept God's mission, to work for their Great Leader and Master, and to give God their hearts and follow where He leads.

—BY JULIET DUNKLEY



## Hundreds of Children Attend Crusade

They came, despite the heat. They came, despite the bugs. They came, despite the flood. A total of 324 boys and girls from the central Florida area flocked to the Truth 4 Youth Children's Crusade



*On the final day of the crusade, many of the children were baptized in the adult tent.*

from July 12 through August 8, 2009, to meet Jesus.

Sponsored by several churches from the central Florida area and the Southeastern Conference, the Truth 4 Youth Children's Crusade was the vision given to evangelist Dennis Ross and his wife, Jacquelyn, as a part of the Dawn of Hope Crusade.

While Dennis Ross conducted the Dawn of Hope Crusade for adults, Jacquelyn Ross served as Bible worker and administrator for the children's tent, which was designed to bring youth, ages 6-14, closer to the Savior.

She and her volunteers designed a program which resembled the adult tent meeting, but took into consider-

ation the minds of children during implementation.

Although the tent did not officially begin until 7:00 each night, children would arrive as early as 6:15 and wait patiently for the service to begin or to

practice the dramatic presentation for the evening. Based on the Bible story for the night, and utilizing the children under the tent, a skit or puppet show was written and directed by "Miss Jillian" or "Miss Joy" (as the children called them) each night of the meetings.

Familiar stories, such as "The Birth of Jesus" or "David and Goliath," as well as not so familiar stories such as "The Little Maid in Captain Naaman's House," came to life as the children performed.

Ruth Forde also fell into character as the tent clown who would stop by from time to time to review the message from the night before, using an object lesson.



*Jacquelyn Ross interacted with the children during story time.*

When the clown had other engagements, Betty Nugent used object lessons or games to review.

Nugent usually rendered the nightly mini-sermons, as well. "Pastor John," a visiting theology student, served as the Truth 4 Youth Game Show host during the review games and delivered the mini-sermon once each week.

During the review games children would use hand-held buzzers to answer questions about the previous day's message or to recite memory verses. Incentives for knowing your Bible, participating in daily activities, or bringing a friend included prizes that were donated by tent workers and members of the community.

In addition to taking home prizes, the children would also make and take a craft that focused on the evening's theme. Francine Long organized the nightly crafts.

The children would know that craft time was over and snack time had begun when they would hear "Pastor Abe" play the favorite song of everyone under the tent, "Be Bold!"

During the Spirit-led



*Boys and girls from the surrounding community participated in craft time. This was a highlight of the nightly meetings.*

altar calls which followed the mini-sermons, as many as 30 children would take their stand for Christ on a given night. The tent registrar, Karen Ross, would forward these names to Jacquelyn Ross for visita-



*Brenden Henley proudly displays a craft that he made during craft time.*

tion, further Bible studies, and parent permission for baptism as appropriate.

As a result of these efforts, 324 children from the central Florida area were introduced to Jesus Christ, and many of them were baptized into God's commandment-keeping Church.

—BY BETTY NUGENT

## Manchester Memorial Hospital Clothes People in Need

Manchester Memorial Hospital, Manchester, Ky., demonstrated their mission of “reflecting the healing ministry of Christ” this winter by giving to those in need. Memorial Hospital Foundation collaborated with the Clay County School’s family resource centers to collect coats for children in the local area without anything warm to wear this winter.

Memorial Hospital employees filled boxes of new or gently used coats



*Helen Wilson (left), vice president for clinical services; Rebecca Webster, associate director for Foundation; Dennis Meyers, Manchester Memorial Hospital CEO; Reecia Samples, Clay County Schools superintendent; Judy Smith, director of family resource centers for Clay County Schools; and Erika Skula, CFO at Memorial Hospital*

“I am pleased with the effort,” said Rebecca Webster, associate director of Memorial Hospital Foundation. “We hope that next year we can increase participation, and bring in many more coats for the children in our area.”

Working cooperatively with the family resource center, employees were also able to sponsor

that were then laundered by Memorial’s linens services.

29 of these school children in an Angel Tree gift



*Jack France, Manchester Memorial Hospital linens service employee, prepares to launder the donated coats.*

giving program.

In spite of the economic difficulties of 2009, Memorial employees were reminded that no matter the circumstances, it is better to give than to receive.

—BY BEKAH KLAVE

## Breakthrough Treatment for Abdominal Cancers at Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center

A 57-year-old Port Orange man, who was recently diagnosed with appendiceal cancer, was the first patient in central Florida to undergo a new treatment for abdominal cancers. Hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy (HIPEC), was performed this winter by Christopher Windham, M.D., a surgical oncologist at Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center, Daytona Beach, Fla.

“By treating complex abdominal cancers with HIPEC, we’re able to offer our patients a better opportunity for a positive outcome that improves their prognosis and quality of life,” said Windham.

Frequently heralded

as a breakthrough in cancer treatment, the innovative procedure provides a “one-two punch” to slow or prevent the recurrence of certain types of cancers.

Immediately after the removal of malignant abdominal tumors, a heated chemotherapy solution circulates through a patient’s abdomen to penetrate tissue and kill microscopic cancerous cells that may lurk behind. After 90 minutes, the solution is removed and the



*Christopher Windham, M.D. (left), surgical oncologist at Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center, with surgical team*

incision is closed.

Bathing the abdomen with heated chemotherapy immediately following surgery allows for higher doses of chemotherapy than would normally be tolerated by a patient if given intravenously, which is the traditional way chemotherapy is administered.

Heated to 42 degrees Celsius, heated chemotherapy is sterile, killing cancerous cells while not affecting normal cells. The heat also makes the killing effect of chemotherapy more powerful and softens tumor nodules so the chemotherapy’s penetration is enhanced.

Five-year data has shown that patients who undergo HIPEC live longer and have a better quality of life.

Breakthrough treatments such as HIPEC are integral to the mission of Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center to extend hope, health, and healing to the community they serve.

—BY MICHELLE LYNCH



## I Cantori Sponsors Child in Brazil

Southern's I Cantori Chamber Choir made plans to sponsor a child from Brazil after going on a mission trip last summer and seeing the need of children who wanted to attend the ADRA-sponsored Adventist school.

When the choir visited the school, they performed an impromptu concert. After the performance, the choir members listened as the children sang to them as



*Members of I Cantori were impacted by the children they met at the ADRA-sponsored Adventist school in Brazil.*

a thank you for visiting their school. Their loud, cheerful singing could be heard as they sang the words, "I am somebody, I am special, God loves me and that makes me special."

"We all sat tearfully as they sang at the top of their lungs," says Genevieve Brown-Kibble, the conductor of I Cantori.

While there, a challenge was presented to Brown-Kibble and the choir

to help the children. They responded to the challenge by agreeing to sponsor a child for a full year. They decided to sponsor a child who could not attend the school otherwise.

"The mission trip was a focal point when it came to service and why we do what we do," says Brown-Kibble. "We wanted to give hope to these children, but they gave more to us than we could ever give them."

—BY CARRIE FRANCISCO

## McKee Library Provides Digitized Versions of Campus Publications

Through a recent collaboration with a digital archiving service, McKee Library has been able to provide an online archive of digital versions of many of Southern's campus publications.

From the library website (library.southern.edu), visitors can click on "Digital Archives" to view digital versions of campus publications, including older yearbooks; *Columns* magazine and

its predecessor; and many issues of the student literary magazine, *Legacy*.

Another feature of the new digital archive is that it is searchable by date, publication, and keyword, making it an excellent

resource for those doing research on Southern or trying to find a particular article or issue.

—BY JENNIFER MEYER

## Mother and Daughter Pursue Nursing for Missions

The Mayes family's eyes were glued to the television showing a DVD about missions. After it was over, mother, daughter, and son were all moved by the call to missions. The family knelt down and promised God that they would go anywhere He asked them to.

Doreen Mayes, a stay-at-home mom, always knew that she wanted to go back to school and that it would happen one day.

Her daughter, Alex, had been on mission

trips, and the experience impacted her to want to continue working in the mission field. Nursing seemed to provide the most useful skills for her goal, and after making the decision to pursue a nursing degree, Alex enrolled at Southern.

For Doreen, the possibility of taking nursing



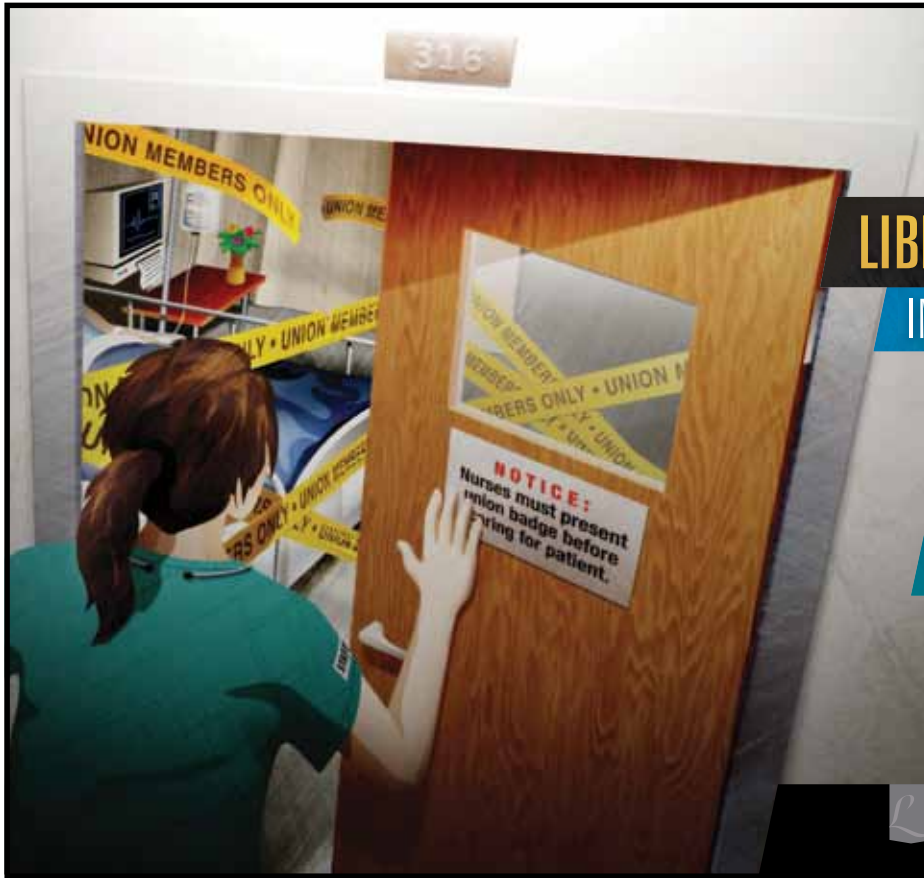
*Alex and her mother, Doreen, are both earning their nursing degrees from Southern.*

at Southern seemed like a dream, but she decided to see if attaining her education at Southern could become reality. She made an appointment

with Alex's financial counselor, who showed Doreen that through grants, scholarships, and loans, she would be able to attend Southern. With that, Doreen applied to the nursing program and began attending Southern with her daughter.

"It's actually a lot of fun to go to school with my mom," says Alex. "It really puts a different light on our relationship."

—BY MANUELA ASAFTEI



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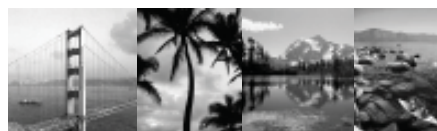


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**Lay Pastoral Training** – Feb. 5-7. NPR.  
**Romance @ the Ranch** – Feb. 12-14. NPR.  
**Lay Bible Worker Training** – March 5-7. NPR.  
**Pathfinder Workbee** – March 19-21. NPR.  
**Church Works** – March 26, 27. Blue Ridge Assembly.  
**Women's Ministries Spring Retreat** – April 2-4.  
**Adventurer Fun Day** – April 10. NPR.  
**ShareHim Lay Evangelism Festival** – April 8-10. British Columbia, Canada.  
**MPA Alumni Weekend** – April 16, 17.  
**Hispanic Camp Meeting** – April 16-18. NPR.  
**MPA Academy Days** – April 25, 26.

## Florida

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**Planned Giving Clinics and Seminars**  
 Feb. 27. St. Augustine.  
 March 6. Florida Camp Meeting, Camp Kulaqua.  
 March 13. Titusville.  
 April 4. Cocoa.  
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 Feb. 27. West Palm Beach.  
 Feb. 28. Midport, Ft. Pierce, Cocoa, Titusville. (Southeastern Conference: Port St. Lucie, Palm Bay.)  
 March 13. St. Petersburg.  
 March 14. Clearwater, New Port Richey, Spring Hill, Brooksville, East Pasco in Zephyrhills, Plant City.  
 March 20. Jacksonville Southpoint.  
 March 21. Jacksonville First, Orange Cove, St. Augustine, Palatka, Palm Coast, New Smyrna Beach. (Southeastern Conference: Jacksonville Ephesus.)  
 March 27. Port Charlotte.  
 March 28. North Port, Venice-Nokomis, Sarasota, West Coast Christian Academy in Bradenton, Brandon, Tampa First.  
**116th Annual Florida Conference Camp Meeting** – March 4-7. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Details online as information is available: <http://www.floridaconference.com/campmeeting/>  
**Campestre Hispano (Spanish-language Camp Meeting)** – April 15-18. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Details online as information is available: <http://www.floridaconference.com/campmeeting/>

## Georgia-Cumberland

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**High School Retreat** – Feb. 5-7. Cohutta Springs.  
**Young Adult – Life Group Experience** – Feb. 5-7. Cohutta Springs.  
**Prayer Conference** – Feb. 19-21. Cohutta Springs.  
**Pathfinder Teen Bible Conference** – Feb. 19-21. Cohutta Springs.  
**Leadership Training – Health/Personal Ministry** – Feb. 20 (2-6:30 p.m.). Atlanta Belvedere, GA.  
**Hispanic Couples' Retreat** – Feb. 26-28. WinShape Retreat, Rome, GA.  
**CONNECT: ACF Leadership Conference** – Feb. 26-28. Knoxville, TN.  
**Family Fun STAYcation** – Feb. 26-28. Cohutta Springs.  
**Leadership Training – Health/**

**Personal Ministry** – Feb. 27 (2-6:30 p.m.). Collegedale, TN.  
**Health Rally** – Feb. 28. Greater Atlanta.

## Gulf States

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**Elders' Training #2**  
 Feb. 19-21. Camp Alamisco.  
**Adult Sabbath School Workshop** – Feb. 5-7. Camp Alamisco.  
**Education Mission Trip** – Feb. 24-March 4.  
**Teen Backpacking Invitational** – March 5-7.

## Kentucky-Tennessee

**Conference Association Board**  
 March 16. May 4.  
**Conference Executive Committee**  
 March 16. May 4.  
**Board of Education**  
 Feb. 11. April 15.  
**West Tennessee Festival of Faith** – March 6. Memphis, TN.  
**Eastern Kentucky Camp Meeting** – March 12, 13. Prestonsburg, KY.  
**Prayer Conference** – March 19, 20. Indian Creek Camp.  
**Highland Academy Alumni Weekend** – April 2-4. Honor classes: 1960, 1985, and 2000; and '45, '55, '65, '70, '75, '80, '90, '95, and '05.  
**Camp Meeting** – May 28-June 5. Highland Academy.  
**Hispanic Camp Meeting** – June 12. Highland Academy.

## Southern Adventist University

**Mother/Daughter Weekend** – Feb. 12-14.  
**Pops Concert** – Feb. 13.  
**PreviewSouthern** – Feb. 15.

**Southern 6 Trail Race** – Feb. 21.  
**College Bowl** – Feb. 25.  
**Spring Break** – Feb. 26- March 7.

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**Union College Homecoming** – April 1-4. Honor classes: 1940, '50, '55, '60, '70, '80, '85, '90, and 2000. Details: Contact the Alumni Office at 402-486-2503 or [alumni@ucollege.edu](mailto:alumni@ucollege.edu).

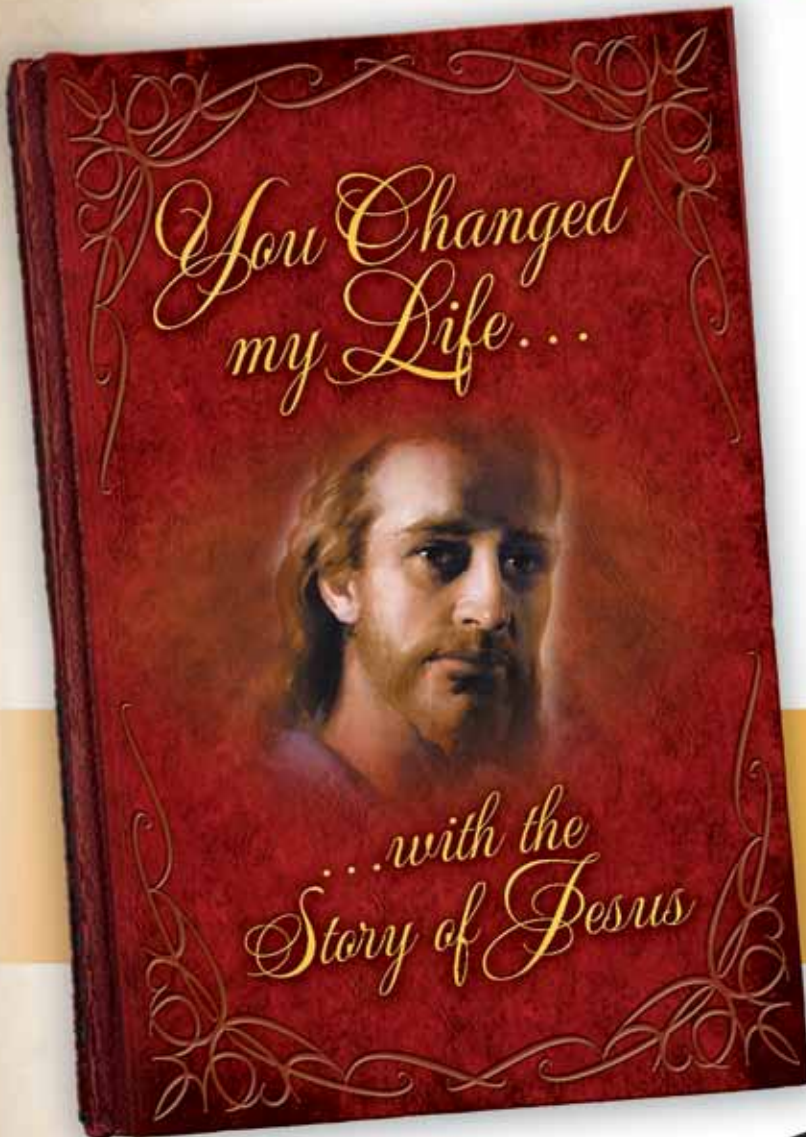
**Broadview Academy Alumni Weekend** – April 30 and May 1. North Aurora Church. All alumni are encouraged to attend. Honor classes: 1950, '60, '70, '80, '85, '90, and 2000. Details: [www.broadviewacademy.org](http://www.broadviewacademy.org).

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|                 | Feb. 5 | Feb. 12 | Feb. 19 | Feb. 26 | Mar. 5 | Mar. 12 |
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| Atlanta, GA     | 6:12   | 6:19    | 6:25    | 6:31    | 6:38   | 6:43    |
| Charleston, SC  | 5:56   | 6:02    | 6:08    | 6:14    | 6:21   | 6:26    |
| Charlotte, NC   | 5:55   | 6:02    | 6:09    | 6:16    | 6:23   | 6:29    |
| Collegedale, TN | 6:12   | 6:19    | 6:26    | 6:33    | 6:40   | 6:46    |
| Huntsville, AL  | 5:19   | 5:26    | 5:33    | 5:39    | 5:46   | 5:52    |
| Jackson, MS     | 5:37   | 5:44    | 5:50    | 5:56    | 6:02   | 6:07    |
| Louisville, KY  | 6:10   | 6:18    | 6:25    | 6:33    | 6:41   | 6:48    |
| Memphis, TN     | 5:32   | 5:39    | 5:46    | 5:52    | 5:59   | 6:05    |
| Miami, FL       | 6:07   | 6:12    | 6:16    | 6:21    | 6:25   | 6:29    |
| Montgomery, AL  | 5:22   | 5:28    | 5:34    | 5:40    | 5:46   | 5:51    |
| Nashville, TN   | 5:17   | 5:25    | 5:32    | 5:39    | 5:46   | 5:52    |
| Orlando, FL     | 6:08   | 6:13    | 6:18    | 6:23    | 6:28   | 6:33    |
| Wilmington, NC  | 5:45   | 5:52    | 5:59    | 6:05    | 6:12   | 6:17    |

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