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Medical-Dental Retreat in the Smoky Mountains

Forgiven and Forgiving

The other day while walking my four miles in our neighborhood, I almost got run over by a speeding car. I jumped out of the way and stopped to catch my breath. We live in a quiet, small, one-entrance neighborhood with the usual 25-mile-per-hour speed limit, and the signs warning us all to watch for children. The driver of the car obviously didn't see me as he came up over the rise in the road with the early morning sun in his eyes.

In a few minutes the same white Impala slowly pulled alongside as I had turned onto another street. He apologized profusely. He told me he had lectured his nurse wife not to go so fast and to watch out for the neighbors. He said it wasn't right because he knew I lived in the subdivision, and we should look out for one another. We talked for quite awhile. I learned his wife had just finished chemotherapy treatment for lymphoma, and that their children had to change schools because of what was going on in their family. He had just driven them to school and had a lot on his mind, but still he said, "It was no excuse for driving so fast that I almost ran over my neighbor." Of course, I told him it was alright and that I was impressed that he had turned around and took the time to find me and to apologize. He was forgiven.

What if I told him everything was okay between us, and as soon as he left I called the police and gave them his address and the tag number of his car. What if I said, he needs to learn a lesson. I'll turn him in so he'll have to squirm a little. That would have ruined everything and really been worse than the original infraction. Once I say the beautiful words — I forgive you — the relationship is fully repaired and the record is clear.

Gloria Gaither penned new words to the music of *Finlandia* by Jean Sibelius. The lyrics call us to higher thoughts and grand themes. The first stanza rings in my ears:

"I then shall live as one who's been forgiven;
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.
I know my name is clear before my Father,
I am His child, and I am not afraid.
So greatly pardoned, I'll forgive my brother,
The law of love I gladly will obey."

We live every day in peace when we know we are forgiven and forgiving.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:
Who forgives ALL your iniquities . . ." Psalm 103:1-3.

For the Psalmist, the primary benefit of knowing God is the assurance, He forgives ALL my sins. All I have to do is turn around and ask for forgiveness. Let's choose to live forgiven and forgiving.



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Southern Adventist University pre-med students Harrison Filler of Birmingham, Alabama, and Andrew Keys of Phoenix, Arizona, spend a few moments mentoring with Gary Edmond, D.D.S., of Calhoun, Georgia.



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Chattanooga-based physicians Joyce Mills, M.D. (left), and Robert Mills, M.D., discuss the possibilities for physicians in the Southern Union with Southern student Lisa Carrasco of Apopka, Florida.



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Michael Hasel, Ph.D., professor of Near Eastern studies and archaeology at Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, Tennessee, was the featured speaker for the convention, and he used the theme, "The Battle Over the Bible: Archaeology, History, and Faith," to present compelling evidences that the Bible is true.

No Appointment Necessary

BY ALLAN WILLIAMSON

The Southern Union Conference 23rd consecutive biennial Medical/Dental Retreat for physicians, dentists, and optometrists was held in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, October 14-17, 2010, and provided continuing education credits, spiritual enrichment, and Christian fellowship.



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Stephanie Laroche, Southern pre-med student from Mt. Dora, Florida, was mentored by Zeno L. Charles-Marcel, M.D., dean of the faculty of health sciences at Montemorelos University in Mexico.



This is an historic event because of its longevity and the family togetherness it provides for our medical/dental family.

Presenters for continuing education classes included the following:

Medical – Zeno L. Charles-Marcel, M.D., adjunct associate professor of clinical medicine, Loma University School of Medicine, and dean of the faculty of health sciences, Montemorelos University, Mexico.

Dental – Charles J. Goodacre, D.D.S., dean of Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, Loma Linda, California.

Optometry – Jim A. Williamson, O.D., staff optometrist and supervisor of residency program, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and assistant professor, Southern College of Optometry, Memphis, Tennessee.



Chelsea Campbell and her father, Dennis Campbell, D.D.S., (background) participated in the orchestra composed of medical-dental families.

Thursday evening and Friday afternoon were set aside for continuing education classes. A golf tournament was held on Friday morning. Others chose to hike in the Great Smoky Mountains or spend time sightseeing.

There were a wide-variety of

exhibitors that featured resources and ministries available to medical/dental professionals.

The National Association of Seventh-day Adventist Dentists (NASDAD) combined their annual meeting and joined with us for our retreat. They presented a powerful mission report on their dental clinics that are helping to make a difference in many parts of the world.

Friday Vespers opened the Sabbath weekend of worship and Christian fellowship. Michael Hasel, Ph.D., professor of near eastern studies and archaeology, Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, Tennessee, was the devotional speaker. The theme, “The Battle Over the Bible: Archaeology, History, and Faith,” was timely and strengthened our faith and belief in the Bible.

Childcare was provided for beginners and kindergarteners on Friday evening and Sabbath morning. A special Sabbath School and church service was planned for the primary, juniors, and youth.

Another highlight of the weekend was the attendance of eight pre-medical/pre-dental students from Southern Adventist University who attended the retreat. These students spent time interacting with medical/dental professionals, and getting mentored on a personal level. Mentors shared knowledge



Robert Addison, D.D.S., a charter member of the Southern Union Medical-Dental Association, shares some of its history as he prepares to call for the offering.

and advice on what it is like practicing as a professional, and how their faith relates to their work.

You may be interested to know that the Southern Union Conference is the only union in North America that plans a regular scheduled meeting for medical/dental professionals. I hope that if you haven't attended in the past, that you will consider joining us in 2012. A date will be announced later.

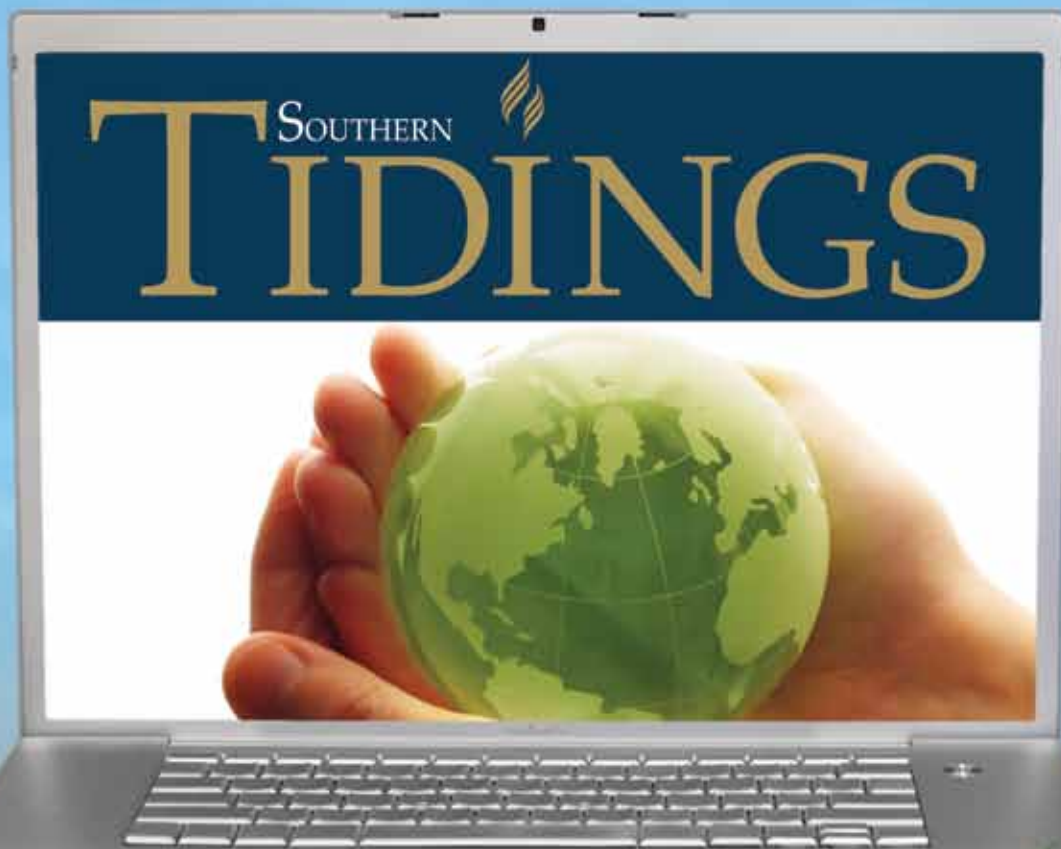
The Southern Union believes that medical/dental professionals strengthen the Union; help build stronger communities, schools, and churches; and provide excellent leadership in the local church. Thank you, medical/dental professionals, for making a difference in the Southern Union territory. Together, with our dedicated members, we reach out to share with others the good news that Jesus is coming again.



Edward Pelote, M.D., shared stories of the medical work done in Haiti by medical and health professionals from the Southern Union.

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ADVENTIST SOLDIERS — UNTOLD STORIES

BY GIANNA NORMAN SNELL

Rothacker Smith holds the shirt that he was wearing when he was injured and later captured. The hole seen is from where a piece of metal penetrated his back. Not realizing it was in his back, the two-inch shrapnel was not removed until 10 years later.

Obedying a voice from Heaven, Rothacker Smith quickly crossed the room to pick up his first aid kits. As the German army zeroed in on their position with guns and heavy artillery, he sensed that danger was near and he knew that as a medic, his expertise would soon be needed. As he knelt down, a 120mm mortar shell landed and exploded, shattering the window of the stone house where he, his sergeant, and three other U.S. Army medics were positioned in Sommocolonia, Italy, in winter of 1944. Broken bits of metal struck Smith's helmet and face, while several pieces pierced his shoulder, hips, and arm, shooting excruciating pain through his body. A piece of glass lodged under his right eye, and blood was running down his legs and arm.

At that moment, Rothacker Smith knew he was dying, yet he sensed that he was not saved, and immedi-

ately terror came over him.

"I started trying to pray," recalled Smith. "But the devil was telling me, 'You should've done this a long time ago. Who do you think is going to hear you now?' I was in the most intense despair because I knew I was lost and it would be for eternity."

Smith, still bleeding and in immense pain, kept talking to God while carrying out his medic duties, dressing the injuries of his severely-wounded sergeant.

"I could hear men screaming and bullets ricocheting off the build-



Smith's Army photo

ings," said Smith. "German soldiers set up a machine gun near our house, and I could hear them talking. Finally, I heard a voice from heaven that said, 'Your sins are forgiven.' A peace came over me even though I knew I was going to be dead. I didn't expect to live except if our troops could drive the German troops back, and that was my prayer."

By morning, Smith and the rest of soldiers knew their fate was sealed as they realized they were

too injured to fight. Smith convinced his comrades that the best plan was to surrender so that when the Germans shot them, their death would be swift and less painful. Seconds later, five German soldiers stood at the entrance to the house and told



Smith points to a picture taken in the city of Sommocolonia in his keepsake book.

Smith and the other men to come out with their hands up.

“When we got to the door, I looked into the muzzles of five guns,” recalled Smith. “I knew that they were going to put me up against the wall and shoot me, but a split second after that, Jesus would wake me up. I tried to smile at the thought of seeing Jesus, but half of my face was stiff with dry, caked blood. Chills ran up and down my spine where the bullets would soon hit me.”

As Smith and the others marched off through the city with raised arms, and loaded guns pointing towards their backs, he wondered if he was living his last moments on Earth.

Preserving the Story of Veterans

There are many other stories of Adventist soldiers like Rothacker Smith’s that remain untold and undocumented. The Veteran’s History Project (VHP) was formed to preserve and share the stories of veterans. Created by the United States Congress in 2000, VHP collects, preserves, and makes accessible the personal accounts of American war veterans and civilian workers who supported them, so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war. These collections of first-hand accounts are archived in the American Folklife Center

at the Library of Congress for use by researchers and to serve as an inspiration for generations to come. The stories of our Adventist veterans should be included among these stories.

Stories from American veterans can be relayed through personal narratives, including audio and videotaped interviews, written correspondence or diaries, and visual materials. VHP collects first-hand accounts of U.S. veterans from the following wars:

- World War I (1914-1920)
- World War II (1939-1946)
- Korean War (1950-1955)
- Vietnam War (1961-1975)
- Persian Gulf War (1990-1995)
- Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts (2001-present)

In addition, those U.S. citizen civilians who were actively involved in supporting war efforts (such as war industry workers, United Services Organization workers, flight instructors, medical volunteers, etc.) are also invited to share their valuable stories. VHP relies on volunteers throughout the nation to collect veterans’ stories on behalf of the Library of Congress. These stories are made available to researchers and the general public, both at the Library in Washington, D.C., and via the VHP website.

Veterans, interviewers, or a person that wants to donate a veteran’s collection may participate in the project. There are also several educational resources available to students and teachers who want to get involved in preserving this important part of our country’s history.

For more information on how to get involved, visit <http://www.loc.gov/vets/vets-home.html> or call 202-707-4916.

Miraculous Rescue

Once Smith and his comrade reached the outside of the door, he expected to be pushed up against the stone wall across the narrow cobblestone street and shot in the back. Instead, the men were told to walk in front of the German soldiers with their hands up. They eventually exited the city and walked about five miles to a prison camp. Because of Smith’s loss of blood, he was dehydrated, weak, and numb from the waist down, and wasn’t sure he would be able to survive the journey.

“During that night...I concentrated on walking. I know that God was with me every step I took, and I should have learned then what it means to pray without ceasing. My sole concentration was on counting five steps and then five more steps.”

Smith and the other Americans remained in prison camp for several months. On Sunday, April 29, 1945, General George Patton visited the camp and liberated the soldiers. Smith was later awarded eight medals, including the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Smith is just one of many Seventh-day Adventists who served the United States with honor. His story can be found on the VHP website. His book, *No Way Out* details his experience as a black World War II Buffalo Soldier.

For more information, contact Dr. Smith at 256-890-8553 or email him at docrock@knology.net.

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MINISTRY IN THE MILITARY

BY FYLVIA FOWLER KLINE



Life was good for Adrienne Townsend. Already a school teacher of six years, she was nearing completion of her master's degree in curriculum education. Between her job and lay ministry on the weekends, Adrienne's life was ideal; she wouldn't have changed a thing.

That was in 2001. Today Adrienne is Chaplain Townsend of the United States Navy. The journey from educator to evangelist was her response to God's calling.

It was a week before graduation. Adrienne was meeting with her professor, Robert Kennedy,

about the perfunctory details of her degree. Suddenly, he said, “You should go into the ministry.” Unexpectedly and without reason, he felt strangely compelled to make this seemingly absurd suggestion — a suggestion completely unrelated to her current career and education.

The idea was preposterous. Yet, the call to ministry plagued her every day. More than a whisper, it was a persistent push. The struggle to abandon her career in education and follow God unequivocally was too much for Adrienne to bear alone. So she fasted and prayed, asking God to strip her of self, and create in her a new heart completely surrendered to His will.

Now recommitted to God’s control, she proceeded with the application to Andrews University. However she was torn with which degree to apply for. First, she completed the application for the doctorate of religious education degree. When she came to a question asking to explain her desire to enter the ministry, Adrienne stopped. Not knowing how to answer, she simply stated, “I don’t know.” Sensing that this was not God’s will, she then completed the application for the master of divinity degree. One week later, her admittance letter arrived.

Yet even then, her doubts were not assuaged. There were moments of trepidation when nothing made sense. She longed to follow God’s leading, but felt the familiarity of her former life holding her back. Fighting this internal battle, Adrienne took a giant step of faith. She emptied her life of everything — her job, her car, her possessions — and set out for Andrews with just \$200 in her pocket and a prayer: “God, if I’m going to do this, I need to know that You are with me, that I have no other ties but You.”

The first year at the Seminary saw Adrienne simply going through the motions. She was where God wanted her, but where was she going? How was God going to use her? Pastoring? Youth ministries? School counseling? Healthcare? Despite these lingering questions,



she pushed on. In her second year, after meeting with military recruiters on campus, she signed up for their training program. Without requiring any immediate commitment, she had nothing to lose. But as she became more involved with the Navy, a passion burned within her like she had never before experienced. It was then, she knew — this was her God-ordained purpose.

In July 2008, Adrienne was commissioned as a Navy Chaplain. Being one of a few Adventist on a military base was one of her biggest fears. Life on the base was very different from the Adventist communities to which she was accustomed. In her words, “The loss of security when you step outside the Adventist circle can be a shaking and sifting of one’s faith.” Her beliefs odd and lifestyle non-traditional, she was forced to question and understand her faith with clarity. She had to develop a strong fundamental and foundational buy into her Church, her *Adventism*, with certainty and commitment

before she could live as an Adventist amongst those who were not. “Ministry is wherever you are, no matter who is around you,” Adrienne emphasizes. “I may miss being in an Adventist community, but this pluralistic environment gives me increased opportunities to live out my faith and be a witness.”

Ministry in the military requires Adrienne to be many things — pastor, grief counselor, ethical advisor, mediator. “No way can I wear all those hats without God,” she explains. “I begin every day asking God to give me what I need to keep my feet

going, to keep from being weary.” And God has not failed her. Even in the minutia of the everyday, she feels God’s presence and sees His leading. His presence was evident one morning when God urged her to reschedule her exercise routine and get to her office earlier than usual. Without understanding, she obeyed. Waiting at her office was a teary eyed Marine, who desperately needed to speak to a chaplain. The simple act of skipping her morning routine had a profound impact on that Marine’s life.

Through her amazing journey of transformation at the hands of God, Adrienne has learned much about surrender and selflessness. Her story is her challenge to fellow Christians: “Never be afraid to step outside of what is comfortable. Peace and confidence from God comes with His call. Both joys and challenges are opportunities to strengthen one’s faith.”

Building a Connection in Zambia

BY HANNAH KUNTZ

Villagers go about their morning activities next to where the group camped during their time in Zambia.

Searing sunlight penetrates the morning air. Wisps of smoke rise from cooking fires. Mothers and children mingle next to the thatched circle of huts, their bright clothes exploding in a rainbow of hopeful colors against the brown Zambian soil. A few feet away, the line of green and gray tents seems out of place.

Taking up temporary residence in these tents was a group of 11 individuals passionate about service. Their task: constructing One-Day Churches with Outpost Centers International (OCI) in Zambia.

one of OCI's ministries in Zambia, the team constructed six churches and put roofing on a seventh.

Coming Together

The sweltering sun glinted off the roof of a One-Day Church, sending beams of metallic light tumbling onto the dry grass and dirt below, and reflecting on the sweaty faces of the workers. Eager builders secured shiny

steel sheets into place; locals labored alongside members of the team. While many in the group had previously participated on mission trips, for some it was their first.

Daily life in rural Africa is a struggle. Possessions are few, yet hearts and souls are rich, overflowing with an appreciation for the simple things in life. Richard Natzke faced his own struggles as he fundraised for the

mission trip, his first time out of the U.S., yet God provided. Natzke was thankful for the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of brothers and sisters in Christ across the ocean. The locals were also gratified. Songs of praise and happiness rang out to



Caleb Knowles, Zack Barrow, and Steven Grabiner work on the roof of a church.

DOUG BARROW



Team members work alongside the locals to put up the framework of a church.

LAURA MAUPIN

Steven Grabiner, vice president of OCI, led the team of four fathers and their sons from the East Ridge Seventh-day Adventist Church in Tennessee, as well as a husband and wife from Pensacola, Florida. Working with Riverside Farm Institute,

meet the team as they arrived at the construction sites, and bonds formed as they worked alongside Natzke and the rest of the group.



One of the local children totes Steven Grabiner's water bottle.

DOUG BARROW



DOUG BARROW

Jay Anders and Amos, a local church member, pray together during a communion service on the final Sabbath.

“The experience gave me a real sense of connection with people I never knew existed on the other side of the world,” Natzke said. “I wanted to come back here to America and bring back that sense of community, that we’re all one church and we need to love one another and draw together.”

One of the biggest reasons Natzke went was to share the trip with his son, Houston, 15.

“I wanted him to be able to experience service and compare his

than the unfamiliar circumstances. But getting used to village life still took some time.

“Trying to sleep for the first few nights was difficult,” Natzke said. “The barnyard critters at 1 a.m. were hard to sleep through.”

Bucket showers, pit toilets, and penetrating dust were also new experiences. Yet despite the difficult conditions, Natzke encourages people to involve them-

selves in a similar mission trip — with prayer and a step in faith, God opens the right doors and magnifies purpose above surrounding.

Unordinary Vacation

In addition to construction, the team held evangelistic meetings at the main church in the evenings, which also included health lectures by Kevin and Laura Maupin, a doctor and nurse from Florida.

The Maupin’s chose to forgo a typical vacation this year. Instead of tourists dressed in expensive sundresses and safari hats, Kevin and Laura encountered barefoot children in torn and stained shirts. But for Kevin, this was a true vacation, away from his beeper, cell phone, and pager.

“The blessing you give is not as great as the one you receive,” Kevin said. “Jesus did not die in vain. We are all working toward the kingdom.”

Deciding to go on the trip was not easy for everyone. Jay Anders, an engineer and lay pastor of the East Ridge Church, initially questioned the value of going. Anders even considered sending money instead, but saw the trip as an opportunity to reconnect himself and his son with Christ.

“Helping people does me good, gets me out of my comfortable life,” Anders said.

Many team members

appreciated the reminder of how blessed their lives are as they experienced a few of the challenges their fellow church members face in Africa. Each person took special



DOUG BARROW

Richard Natzke receives a thank-you gift from the Bblili Main Church in Zambia on the team’s last Sabbath.

memories back with them, whether it was being greeted in heartfelt song every day, or the lasting impact of sharing Christ’s love through building churches. The trip also gave individuals a chance to connect with an OCI project and gain a better understanding of the work OCI is doing worldwide.

OCI is an umbrella organization for 80 ministries worldwide and a supporting ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. From its headquarters in Apison, Tennessee, OCI networks and nurtures member ministries and connects mission-minded individuals with opportunities in 37 countries around the world.

Hannah Kuntz is the communication specialist at Outpost Centers International.



LAURA MAUPIN

Kevin Maupin and others of the team enjoy camp meeting with the locals on their first Sabbath in Zambia.

life here, how blessed we are with material things, and that you can live without those things and still be happy.”

The happiness of the locals stood out to both Natzke and Houston, making a stronger impression



KEVIN MAUPIN

A happy group poses in front of the last church after the roof is completed.

Healing for Emotional Pain

BY PAUL CANNON

“You were very abused as a child!” So said my counselor after I told my life story in her small therapy group. I wanted to argue with her — to defend those who had cared for me when I was young. Yet I vividly remembered the abuse I experienced. I was assaulted sexually, burned with cigarettes, tied up, and left to struggle as my abuser and his friends played a card game. And that’s the short list.

Years later, after I became a pastor, youth director, and college religion teacher, the abuse I experienced as a child surfaced. It affected my adult relationships. I was depressed. I found it difficult to complete ordinary tasks at home and at work. I was 47 years old when I finally reached out for professional help.

By then, my wife and I had established The Bridge to Recovery near Bowling Green, Kentucky, to help Adventist young people who were struggling with addictions. Because we had benefitted from therapy and counseling for our own childhood trauma, we decided to incorporate trauma treatment into our program. More than 4,000 clients have attended our “Growing Beyond Codependence” workshops.

Codependence can be described as “the pain in adulthood that comes from being wounded in childhood, and leads to addictions and/or problems in close relationships.” Many victims of childhood abuse and neglect as the result of divorce or death of a parent find it difficult to relate effectively with their spouses, their fellow workers, and their peers in the Church.

Hundreds of Seventh-day Adventists have come to The Bridge seeking emotional and spiritual healing. Many have come when they could no longer function effectively

at work. Many who are facing personal or professional burnout are suffering from untreated codependency. Codependency is no respecter of persons. A dedicated pastor can become incapacitated from his childhood trauma as easily as a young drug abuser. A skilled physician can succumb as surely as the person who has never been able to hold a job. In fact, many highly educated teachers, lawyers, and businessmen and women, as well as housewives, janitors, and day laborers, have come to The Bridge in great pain. Most are able to leave a few weeks later, filled with hope because they have tools that will help them thrive in their homes, jobs, and other relationships.

Hundreds of people have entered our program at The Bridge after recognizing a huge change in loved ones who have been through our workshops. When they see the freedom and joy these individuals have found as a result of their stay at The Bridge, they want to find it too. The young adult daughter of a workaholic Church employee who found freedom from workaholicism at The Bridge stated, when *she* enrolled in a later workshop, that she came too because, as a result of her father’s stay at The Bridge, she *finally had a dad!*

Carol and I retired in 2009 after 35 years at The Bridge. We want to thank the hundreds of church members who literally built and maintained this institution during the years. Dozens of Adventist volunteers have given untold hours of labor, thousands of dollars in scholarships, and other donations to The Bridge, making it the beautiful place it is today — a safe haven for suffering people.

We extend a special thank you



Marvin Moore (right), president of The Bridge to Recovery, teams with Paul Cannon, co-founder and past president of The Bridge to Recovery, to man the ministry’s exhibit at the 59th General Conference Session in Atlanta, Georgia.

to the leadership of the Southern Union Conference, especially the Southern Union Chapter of ASI (Adventist-laymen’s Services and Industries), and the Kentucky-Tennessee Helping Hands. A great lift came from generous grants from the National ASI, which allowed us to build both the main lodge and women’s mini-dorm. Maranatha’s team of workers offered the muscle needed to complete the mini-dorm in 1989. Since then, approximately 1,500 women have found a temporary home in this structure.

The Bridge to Recovery stands as a monument to how much the members of the Adventist Church care for hurting people in general, and for the youth of the Church in particular. The executive director, John Stenzel, and the program director, Rawley Glass, invite you to contact them for additional information at 877-866-8661 or www.thebridgetorecovery.com. Counseling professionals are welcome to call and arrange a site visit.

Paul Cannon is co-founder and past president of The Bridge to Recovery.



LITTLE ACORNS GROW

BY MARILYN J. BAUER

Who can predict the power of small things? Who can measure the impact of a divinely appointed meeting on a young heart, and the amazing blessings that follow?

Hunter and Nathan Penn are the eight-year-old sons of Robert and Esther Penn, Hendersonville, N.C. The Penns are monthly supporters of Adventist Frontiers Missions (AFM) missionaries in India. Each month when *Adventist Frontiers* magazine arrived in the mail, Hunter and Nathan would search through it for their missionary family. The seeds of mission support were planted in their hearts and began to grow.

In May 2009, Esther and the boys attended the Carolina Camp Meeting. Greg and Molly Timmins, AFM missionaries to Southeast Asia, also happened to be there. Nathan and Hunter were delighted to meet the Timmins children, Hannah and Caleb, at the children's programs. Greg and Molly told mission stories to the children by day, and described mission challenges to the adults by night. The Timminses' stories greatly impressed the boys, and Hunter decided to collect money for their mission project. Nathan was his first contributor — four dollars. During the next week or so, Hunter gathered \$45 for the Timminses' work.

Esther and the boys drove north to attend the Michigan

Camp Meeting, planning to drop the donation off at AFM's headquarters in Berrien Springs. Imagine their joy when they bumped into the Timmins family again at Michigan Camp Meeting! Hunter was able to present his offering to Molly in person.

When Hunter and Nathan opened the October 2009 issue of *Adventist Frontiers*, they turned to Greg Timmins' article and read, "We were blessed to meet a young boy with a similar passion for missions who decided to visit several members of his church to raise funds for our project. The Lord blessed his efforts, enabling him to raise \$45. We wish you could have seen his beaming face as he handed over his sacred trust to Molly."

"Mom!" Hunter called, "I want to raise \$1,000 for the Timmins family!"

Hunter has some speech and muscular challenges and sees a therapist regularly. On his next visit, he told his therapist of his dream to raise \$1,000. She was impressed with his commitment and decided to help make it happen. Hunter's therapy consists of eight daily stretching exercises. They are painful, and it's hard for him to do them faithfully. His therapist made an exercise chart on which he would get a star for each exercise he did. She suggested he send out letters



Hunter (left) and Nathan Penn

inviting family, neighbors, friends, and church members to sponsor him for every star he earned in three months through January 2010. Responses flooded in, and Hunter soldiered through his exercises.

The Penn family arrived at the AFM office in Berrien Springs on March 3, 2010. During AFM's morning office worship time, John Kent, the Timminses' field director, placed an Internet call to them, and Hunter beamed as he told them how much he had raised for their mission — \$2,751.89! Greg and Molly were utterly amazed.

And that wasn't all. That morning, Hunter received another \$100 donation. Also, an anonymous donor who had heard his story, pledged to top off his total to an even \$3,000.

Just as important as the fundraising was the answer Hunter gave on a school worksheet: "When I grow up, I want to be an AFM missionary." It has been said, "Giant oaks from little acorns grow," and his story proves it to be true.

Please follow Hunter's example. Consider what you can do today to bless the ministry of missionaries to the unreached. Call AFM at 1-800-937-4236 or give online at www.afmonline.org.



Hunter Penn solicited funds for Adventist Frontiers Missions, and presented a check for \$2,751.89 to Bruce Wickwire, AFM's CFO.

Impacted by the Power of Books

BY GABRIELLA PASOS



Considering a career in literature evangelism?

David Arnold's advice is simple: "If you feel in your heart and are convinced in your mind that you are called for this work, and are not going into it for the money but to save souls, then do it!"

RONALD PASOS

"If we don't try shock treatments, I fear that your husband will soon be institutionalized with the criminally insane," the doctor told Carol Arnold. Deeply depressed for 10 months, David Arnold was admitted to the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, September 1958.

Three months into David's stay, a literature evangelist knocked at the home of Carol's parents. Carol's brother purchased two volumes of the *Bible Story* and told the colporteur about David.

Immediately, the literature evangelist sent David's name to the Voice of Prophecy for special prayer. Then, he told his pastor in Baltimore, Maryland, who visited Carol and the family, and then went to see David, leaving copies of *Steps to Christ* and *Desire of Ages* at his bedside.

Following 23 electric shock treatments, David woke up with a clear mind, saw the books that were left for him, and began reading. Little did he know how powerfully those books would impact his life. "I accepted God's forgiveness and the fact that I could get well," says David. "I knew that God would make of me what He wanted me to be."

When David was released from the hospital, a Bible worker studied with him and gave him a copy of *Colporteur Ministry* by Ellen G. White. "Sharing the Gospel with others interested me," he said. "However, I had two drawbacks, drinking and smoking, which kept me from joining the Seventh-day Adventist Church."

In 1965, David and Carol attended a Billy Graham campaign where the Holy Spirit touched their hearts, and they decided to commit their lives to Christ as their Lord and Savior. By this time, David had given up drinking, but still struggled with smoking. That's when an Adventist pastor in Colorado prayed for the Lord to take the desire away.

"I got up from that prayer and have not smoked since," says David. Shortly thereafter, he and Carol were baptized at the Arvada Seventh-day Adventist Church near Denver.

David clearly remembers the moment he felt called to be a colporteur as he listened to a sermon based on the theme, "Here I am, send me." A turning point came when David was fired from his job on New Year's Day, 1966, because his beliefs as an Adventist prevented him from working

on the Sabbath. Nine days later, he was hired by Colorado Conference as a full-time literature evangelist.

"Our faith was tested as income was slim for the first six months," says David. "However, Revelation 17:14 reminded us that with Jesus we are 'called, chosen, and faithful followers,' so God provided for our needs." In 1968, the Arnold family moved to Florida, and David started working for the Florida Conference.

Even during the testing times, David never wished that God would have given him another calling. "Every morning, as I read my Bible, the Sabbath School lesson, and Ellen G. White's *Conflict of the Ages* series, I would pray for the Lord to lead me, and break down barriers that Satan would put up against me," he says.

David's faithful wife, Carol, loved and supported him through all 53 years of their marriage before she passed away. "She was behind me 100 percent," he says. Retiring in 2003, he continues to work part time while adding to 44 incredible years of leading people to Christ.

David says, "Under the Holy Spirit's influence, I let the books do their work just as they worked on me."

A Mission Field in Eastern Kentucky

BY DAVID HARTMAN

Kristina demonstrates one of her recipes.

Meet Daniel and Kristina McFeeters. In March 2009, this newly married couple asked God to send them to a mission field in the United States, and He led them to McCreary County, a rural Appalachian community in eastern Kentucky — the second poorest county in the state.



Kristina and Daniel McFeeters

The McFeeters own a computer business called FiForms Solutions, where they do custom software development and network engineering on a contract basis. It's a busy job that requires long hours, but they have made a commitment to connect with clients who need Christ, to devote at least one day a month to some type of outreach ministry, and to make "one extra stop" while running errands in town in order to exercise friendship evangelism.

After praying and doing "cultural research," the McFeeters felt impressed that the best way to serve their community was through health ministry. Neither of them is a health professional, but Kristina enjoys cooking, and they both have an interest in healthy lifestyle, so they contacted the local health department and asked if there were any classes being offered on the use of fruits and vegetables. The health officials replied, "We've tried, but people just won't buy into the idea. If you want to try, we will support you and tell our patients about your classes." The local health coalition, Get Healthy McCreary County,

also offered the use of their name and logo to advertise the classes.

The monthly health classes (called Healthy Living Seminars), kicked off in October, 2009, with 12 participants and soon grew to 25 — most of whom came from

the "one extra stop" that Daniel and Kristina had been making. Each class features one fruit or vegetable with a meal, recipes, and health talk focused on that fruit or vegetable.

During the next few months, as word of the cooking classes spread, amazing things began to happen. In January, a health food store in Somerset contacted the McFeeters and asked if they would be willing to give the same class for them.

Around the same time, the health educator from the health department asked Daniel and Kristina to help with an eight-week weight-loss class, making food and doing a cooking demonstration. Then the diabetes nurse asked if they would be willing to take over an occasional diabetes class because she liked what they were sharing.

In March, the McFeeters were asked by local health organizations to operate health booths at three different fairs. Through these combined events, they, along with other church members, were able to pass out more than 1,500 pieces of literature and do

over 100 health-age tests.

As summer came, God continued to open doors. Get Healthy McCreary County put the McFeeters in contact with the local community college, who asked them to put together a week-long program for a Kids Cooking Kollege. The college gave them permission to teach the eight laws of health and use all plant-based recipes. Twenty-three children showed up for the five-day extravaganza of recipes, cooking, crafts, and activities. They devoured the vegetables, much to the surprise of the helpers from the community, and begged to have the same class again next year. A local county newspaper ran a story about the kids' class along with photos.

What started as a young couple's willingness to devote one day a month to outreach ministry has escalated into multiple ministry opportunities and hundreds of touched lives. The story is just beginning to unfold because God keeps opening up more doors.

To learn more about this ministry, go to www.discoveringhistroasures.com.



Grade school children enjoyed the Kids Cooking Kollege.



A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON PROGRESS

BY JULIE ZAIBACK

Progress. In health care, we measure progress by the advancement of medical technology or cutting-edge research that is continually improving. As a Christ-centered health care provider, Adventist Health System has the privilege of measuring our *progress* in another way — for the glory of God.

On September 1, 2010, Adventist Health System grew to include five more hospitals. University Community Hospital, University Community Hospital-Carrollwood, Long Term Acute Care Hospital, Pepin Heart Hospital & Dr. Kiran C. Patel Research Institute, and Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital joined our family of 44 campuses located across the United States.

“We are excited about this latest development and the pooling of resources and talents,” says John Harding, president and CEO of Adventist Health System’s Tampa Bay Region. “But most of all, we are excited by the opportunity to join with other Seventh-day Adventists in the area and share the Seventh-day Adventist health message in Florida’s Tampa Bay area.”

Whenever Adventist Health System is blessed with the privilege of bringing new members into the family, we have the unique opportunity to affirm our Christ-centered culture, and recommit ourselves to a mission of extending His healing ministry. A Seventh-day Adventist hospital is a place of hope and healing. While each hospital is as unique as the community it serves, it

is our hope and intent that they share a unifying quality — Christ-centered patient care. By defining our model of care by our mission — “Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ” — our work is not merely our responsibility, it is our sacred privilege.

Adventist Health System physicians, nurses, and staff are committed to whole-person care — body, mind, and spirit.

“Caregivers not only provide excellent care, but also emotional and spiritual support for patients and their families” says Don Jernigan, president and CEO of Adventist Health System. “Caregivers, as well as those being cared for, find an atmosphere where prayer is encouraged and is an important part of the healing process.”

We believe that in order to live a well-balanced lifestyle, spiritual nourishment needs to penetrate into *all* aspects of our daily lives — including work. Caregivers form meaningful relationships with their patients and their families. In turn, they experience intense joy, as well as moments of sorrow; frustrations, as well as fulfillment. We want to create an atmosphere that nurtures the spiritual needs of our patients and medical staff.

This is a change for our newest hospitals in the Tampa area, and it is natural for employees to have questions as they journey through a transition. Peter Bath, D.Min., has joined Adventist Health System’s Tampa Bay Region as vice president of mission,

and will play a central role in working with hospital staff to address questions and possible concerns.

“The questions of change abound as the wonderful people of the University Community hospitals seek to understand and embrace the very clear mission and operating culture of Adventist Health System,” says Bath. “Underneath it all is a sense of hope and help as we move forward in ministry to the large Tampa area population.”



Progress in any setting will always be defined by an organization’s motive for growth. As Adventist Health System joins the Seventh-day Adventist community in the Tampa Bay area, our prayer is that the Adventist health message will reach even more people, and that Christ’s healing presence is felt throughout this community. That’s how we measure *progress*.

Julie Zaiback is corporate communications specialist at Adventist Health System.

Breast Care Navigation Enhances Patient Care

Florida Hospital Fish Memorial, Orange City, Fla., and Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center, Daytona Beach, Fla., are offering something new to help breast cancer patients navigate the entire treatment process. It's called Breast Care Navigation, and while it is newly implemented at Florida Hospital Fish Memorial and Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center, it will soon be available to all six Florida Hospital campuses in the Volusia and Flagler counties.

"Without Breast Care Navigation, services can be fragmented and patients go, not only from facility to facility, but doctor to doctor," said Sara Sprague, R.N., Ed.D., administrative

director for Florida Hospital's Volusia/Flagler Cancer Collaborative. "So now we have a service where we can streamline everything, and every patient gets their own personal care navigator."

The goal of breast care navigators is to guide patients and families through the complexities of cancer treatment. These trained oncology and breast care certified nurses serve as health advisors and advocates.

"Cancer — just that word is very, very scary," said Tracy Fosnow, R.N., Florida Hospital Fish Memorial breast care navigator. "As a navigator, I'm here to make it a little bit easier for the patient, in scheduling appointments with physicians and diagnostic tests. I

serve as a point person and, as the name says, navigate the patient through the process, making it just a little bit easier for them."

Not only do the breast care navigators provide logistical support for breast cancer patients, they also provide vital emotional support.

"When I meet with a patient, the first thing we usually do is hug or cry with each other," said Charlene Brady, R.N., Florida Hos-



Nurse navigators serve as an advocate, health advisor, and friend.

pital Memorial Medical Center certified breast care navigator and breast cancer survivor. "A diagnosis of breast cancer is overwhelming, not only for the patient, but the family also. My focus is always on the patient and their family, helping them through the treatment process and into survivorship."

—BY LINDSAY REW

Pink Gloves Promote Breast Cancer Awareness

In conjunction with national "Pink Glove Day" on September 17, 2010, Takoma Regional Hospital, Greenville, Tenn., operating room and imaging staff donned pink gloves to demonstrate their commitment to increasing breast cancer awareness.

By purchasing Medline's "Generation Pink" gloves, a portion of the proceeds is donated to the National Breast Cancer Foundation to fund free mammograms for women who can't afford them.

"I have friends who are breast cancer survivors, and, as director of surgery, I see plenty of patients bat-



ting breast cancer," said Robin Roberts, director of surgery at Takoma Regional Hospital. "Our imaging department works with them, as well. We just wanted them to know that we support them in their fight."

In addition, several Takoma associates wore

pink "Takoma Fights for A Cure" T-shirts to work today.

All of the special events tie into a national campaign to promote breast cancer awareness.

"We're excited to participate in this national event," said Gwyn Southland, Takoma's American Cancer Society (ACS) team captain. "Our team raises money for the American Cancer Society all year long. And, being a breast cancer survivor for 14 years, it's a passion for me to promote the ACS because I know what important work they do."

—BY TINA CHUDINA

New Director of Education Announced

After more than 40 years of faithful service, Conrad L. Gill, Ed.D., has moved into a new phase of his career — *retirement*. He began his ministry in the South Atlantic Conference as a teacher at Berean Junior Academy (BJA), Atlanta, Ga., and has served as pastor and educator in various locations in the North American Division.



Conrad L. Gill, Ed.D.

During his tenure at BJA, Gill decided to attend the seminary at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich., where he accepted a call to be the Bible teacher at Andrews Academy, and later became the Bible methods instructor at Andrews University. He also served as associate pastor of Pioneer Memorial Church on Andrews' campus, University chaplain, and guest lecturer in the religion department and the seminary.

After leaving Andrews, he served as the youth director for the Lake Region Conference, Chicago, Ill., and in 1985 he became the headmaster of Pine Forge Academy, Pine Forge, Pa. He then returned to South

Atlantic in August 1989 as principal of Greater Atlanta Adventist Academy and Berean Elementary School. In August 1991, he became the superintendent of schools for South Atlantic. In January 1998, he became the associate director of education for the Southern Union, and in September 2002, he was appointed the director of education, where he served until his recent retirement. As director, Gill became the architect of the *Adventist EDGE Comprehensive School Improvement Initiative* which has been implemented in the Southern Union.

Gill has been married to his wife, Mildred Willis Gill, for 48 years. They have three adult children



Debra Fryson

and six grandchildren.

In early June 2010, Debra Fryson was elected the new director of education for the Southern Union. She has worked for the Seventh-day Adventist Church for more than 30 years. During that time, she has taught students from kindergarten through college, and has served as a library media specialist at the elementary, academy, and college levels. Fryson has served in a variety of administrative roles, including vice principal, principal, and associate superintendent. She has worked at Oakwood College (now Oakwood University), and in the Allegheny West, Northeastern, South Atlantic, and South Central confer-

ences. She has also served as associate director of education for the Southern Union and the North American Division.

A product of Adventist education, Fryson attended Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School, Cincinnati, Ohio; Pine Forge Academy, Pine Forge, Pa.; Oakwood University, Huntsville, Ala.; and Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich. She holds a master of science degree in library media, and a master of arts degree with an emphasis in curriculum and instruction. Her passion is for excellence in teaching, and she believes that the greatest goal of Adventist education is to prepare students "for the joy of service in this world and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come." *Education*, p. 13.

New Publishing Director Elected

Calculate the number of books sold in the Southern Union publishing ministry between 1988 and 2010 by literature evangelists, and you would arrive at a figure in the millions. Couple this with the number of baptisms, home visits, and prayer sessions offered on behalf of casual encounters, and you would get an idea of Bill Beckworth's impact as

director of publishing. He is honored to have canvassed for God's Word for 41 years in a team ministry with his wife, Connie, of almost 43 years.

The literature evangelist ministry has taken Bill and Connie to such varied places as the Caribbean islands, Russia, Africa, and Australia. His responsibilities have included assistant publishing director of the Kansas and Missouri conferences, and publishing director in Wyoming, Colorado, and Florida conferences. He also worked for six years as publishing director in the Trans-Africa Division's Southern Union.

During his tenure with the North American Division Southern Union, \$81.6



Bill Beckworth

million in books have been sold. Millions of books and literature distributions have been spread to share the Good News of Christ, baptisms have numbered in the thousands, countless prayers have been offered and answered, and hundreds of thousands of individuals have been turned around and introduced to a real God.

Beckworth retired earlier this year from the Southern Union position. He plans to continue canvassing homes, sharing "truth-filled" literature that provides hope, health messages, and encouragement.

The Southern Union Executive Committee elected William S. Smith as the new publishing director on September 16, 2010.



William Smith

Smith served as the associate publishing director since 2006. He is a graduate of Oakwood University and has worked in the publishing ministry since 1978. Before attending Oakwood, he worked as a literature evangelist (LE) in the Lake Region Conference, Chicago, Ill. While a student at Oakwood, he worked as a student LE and student LE leader under the leadership of Sandy Robinson. Out of college, he worked as an associate publishing director in the South Central Conference covering the state of Alabama.

From Alabama, he was appointed the publishing director for South Central where he served for nine years. Being a strong supporter of Adventist

education, he accepted the call to serve as the publishing director of the Literature Evangelist Training Center at Oakwood University, where thousands of students received scholarships selling truth-filled books. He was called to serve as the chaplain of Oakwood in 2005, and after serving there for one year, he accepted the invitation to serve as the associate publish-

ing director for the Southern Union Conference.

Smith has a burden to reach the masses with the special Christ-centered, end-time message, and is anxious to find ways to engage many more members in literature ministry.

Smith is married to the former Joyce Wilborn of Memphis, Tenn. She serves as the interim enrollment director for Oakwood University, and has enjoyed recruiting students for Oakwood since 1997. They have two adult children, Kellie Smith, who is a dentist in the North Carolina area, and William II, who is a graduate student at Bowling Green State University, majoring in history.

Community Health Expo in Raleigh a Sell-Out



KEN FORD

“It’s easier to find a Snickers bar, a Big Mac, or a Coke than it is to find an apple,” says John Robbins. Studies show that a good diet is the most powerful weapon we have against disease and sickness.

And Antoinette Martin, the Raleigh, N.C., Church health ministries director, answered the call to get that word out. Dr. Colin Campbell, world-renowned researcher for The China Study, answered her invitation and came to Raleigh Church on two separate weekends.

The first event was a free film screening of “Forks Over Knives” on September 19, 2010. Campbell, pictured above,



KEN FORD

had a question and answer period after the film. The kernel of the movie (coming to theaters on March

11, 2011) was that most, if not all, of the degenerative diseases that afflict us can be controlled, or even reversed, by adopting a plant-based diet and eliminating processed foods.

People came en masse to hear the “right arm” of the Three Angels’ Message. More than 500 pre-registered, forcing them to close registration due to space. They had a waiting list. Most were not Adventists, coming from around 45 cities as far as 250 miles away.

The next event was a health expo on October 3. Campbell delivered the keynote address, “Why

Nutrition Should Be Part of Mainstream Medicine.” Research shows a direct link between dietary animal-based protein and cancer. Cancer could be turned on or off, contingent on the amount of animal-based protein consumed. Consuming a plant-based, whole foods (less total protein and fat, no animal protein) diet leads to less chronic degenerative diseases.

The health expo had about 35 natural health exhibitors (most not Adventist) spread throughout the Raleigh Church community center. There were free health screenings for blood pressure and glaucoma, as well as fitness assessments — including body fat analysis and cardiovascular testing for adults. Local professional chefs from Whole Foods Market had plant-based cooking demos

and food sampling. One thousand free copies of *Vibrant Life* on becoming a vegetarian were given out. There were also numerous drawings for door prizes.

Hippocrates, the father of modern medicine, had it right more than 2,500 years ago: “Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food.” Yet what is really worth noting is when God lovingly told Adam and Eve what to eat in their beautiful new world.

“I left the event,” notes attendee Ken Ford, “with this overwhelming reality surrounding me: “I just watched the eternal God chatting about authentic health with His children through His children!”

—BY KEN FORD



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Sisters Share God's Glorious Grace



VICKIE HILLMON

“Sisters Sharing God’s Glorious Grace:” This was the theme of the 2010 Carolina Women’s Retreat at Nosoca Pines Ranch, September 24-26, 2010. A total of 260 women from around the Conference convened at the picturesque camp for a weekend of sisterhood and spiritual refreshment.

Rhonda Davis, chaplain at Florida Hospital in Orlando, was the featured speaker. “Highly motivating ... empowering ... inspiring

and positive,” were words used to describe her presentations. She illustrated her topic, “No Ministry Without Mess,” by telling a story about her son. As a small child he had declared his intention to help her do the dishes. So she got out the stool, covered the floor with plastic and rags to catch the sopping water, and set him to the task.

Later, as she was cleaning up the huge mess he made and doing the dishes

anyway, her resentful attitude was interrupted by a thought from God. “This is like your ministry.”

She realized that, like her son’s attempt to help, she was doing her best to minister to people and sometimes totally botching it. But the idea was that she was trying, and each time God was coming along behind to clean everything up and makes it a blessing. The women were thoroughly inspired by this

encouraging message.

Not only was the weekend inspiring, but it was also a time of healing. Chris Bradford of the Gastonia, N.C., Church facilitated a break-out session on “End It Now,” a campaign against violence toward women. The women who attended felt empowered to do something now, either about their own abusive situation, or to help others dealing with abuse.

When speaking about the women’s retreat, one attendee shared that it had changed her life. A visitor from another denomination stated, “If I had known this was the way Seventh-day Adventists worshipped, I would have attended their church long ago.” This is the kind of thing that happens when you have “Sisters Sharing God’s Glorious Grace.”

—BY BECKY CARPENTER

Fletcher Church Uses GPS to Show the Way

GPS is beginning its second year at the Fletcher, N.C., Church.

GPS? Yes! But in this case, it is not the gadget you use in your vehicle to guide your route. GPS stands for “Guiding People to Salvation,” and is a Wednesday night program offering a variety of activi-

ties and classes meeting the needs of both church and community.

To kick off this year’s activities, the church foyer was transformed into a mini-convention center with booths displaying the different ministries of the church, and the particular programs being offered

for the fall season. Some are ongoing, some are new, but all invite participation, and encourage growth and friendship.

The classes and seminars change and vary throughout the year. It’s a wonderful way to lift Jesus up

and love people in!

—BY PAT MOORE



Graduate Represents Christ on University Campus

With Philippians 4:13 written on his cap, Elias Alexander Rivera graduated at the top of his class this past May with a bachelor of civil engineering from University of Florida in Gainesville. More important to Rivera than 4.0 GPA academic honors is to follow God's plans and pursue a life that is a testimony of persistency, dedication, and success.

Born in Guayaquil, Ecuador, Rivera came to America with his parents, Byron and Ximena Rivera, when he was four years old. He attended Adventist elementary schools, graduated from Forest Lake Academy, Apopka, Fla., and enrolled for two years in pre-engineering classes



MARCUS MOSS

The summer of 2010 saw the Rivera family rejoicing as Elias (in cap and gown) graduated at the top of his engineering class from the University of Florida, and Byron, his father (left), received a doctor of ministry (D.Min.) from Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich. Supporting Elias and Byron in their achievements were Elias' mother, Ximena, and brother, Byron Ariel Jr.

at Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, Tenn.

Afterward, Elias dedicated another school year to serving God as a student missionary on the island

of Palau, Micronesia, as a sixth-grade teacher. This life-changing experience in 2006-2007 has him looking forward to Heaven and meeting Jesus, and all of

his students from Palau. Rivera's Christian service also includes active membership at Gainesville Spanish Church where his father is pastor. Amidst his high achievements, he remains humble and always gives credit to God.

As a result of his success at the University of Florida, Rivera was awarded a full scholarship toward pursuing a master of civil engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Va. He will begin classes this fall on campus, where he desires to live among students, faculty, and staff as a worthy example to Jesus Christ, the Solid Rock on which he stands.

—BY MARC BOURSQUOT

Apopka Mission Team Serves in Costa Rica

Building relationships is the basis of an ongoing mission outreach in Costa Rica by Apopka, Fla., Church members. They recently completed a sixth visit to the Pacific Coast community of Villa Real near Tamarindo. Through free dental care, Vacation Bible Schools, and home improvement projects, they are building friendships and nurturing a new church family.

Until a couple of years ago, Adventists living in this area either did not attend church or traveled by bus to Santa Cruz, returning home hot and tired at the end of the Sabbath. To avoid the



JANE ALLEN QUEVEDO

Dan Quevedo, D.D.S. (left), has cared for 150 patients in Villa Real, Costa Rica. Also pictured are Melissa Quevedo and Gail Shelton.

long bus ride and all-day trip, they began meeting at a member's home in Villa Real. The group has grown from three members to

more than 30. Thanks to the Apopka Church members, they now have a temporary shelter in which to meet, and a full-time Bible worker

dedicated to this area.

When the Apopka members began traveling to Villa Real six years ago, the outreach consisted primarily of painting schools and a government medical clinic. Later, they began providing personal assistance to some of the church members by making home improvements. The mission effort has expanded in the past three years with a free dental clinic by Longwood dentist Dan Quevedo, D.D.S., and members of his staff. The goal is to eventually build a church in Villa Real.

—BY JANE ALLEN QUEVEDO

Eliathah Church Celebrates Early Loan Payoff

Eliathah Church members in southeast Florida are rejoicing today over the completion of a recent exciting journey that began in 2002 under the leadership of Lenworth McLean, pastor.

At that time, the church acquired property to the south of its main facility — a purchase which increased the mortgage from \$400,000 to \$1.1 million.

“This was visionary to say the least,” says current pastor John Mills, “because it presented enormous possibilities for ministry in the city of Tamarac.”

When Mills was called to pastor Eliathah in October 2005, the mortgage stood at \$960,000, and the church held \$250,000 in savings. By 2008, savings had increased to \$400,000, when the congregation was challenged to aggressively pay down the mortgage. This was done as part of a three-dimensional goal:



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Eliathah members gathered at their debt-free church as the words of John Mills, pastor, echoed in their minds: “Eliathah, you have done well! Praise the Lord for your sacrifice and faithfulness.”

1. Eliminate the current mortgage.
2. Raise \$1.5 million.
3. Build a new, state-of-the-art facility on the property that was acquired in 2002.

Every three months, the church made a lump sum payment between \$20,000 and \$40,000. This was in addition to their regular monthly payment

of \$10,162, while also staying current with their Conference remittances. The final payment was made April 2010 — seven years before the scheduled payoff date. The highly anticipated mortgage burning celebration service was held August 28, 2010.

Recognizing the congregation’s sacrifice and faithfulness, Mills listed the lessons learned:

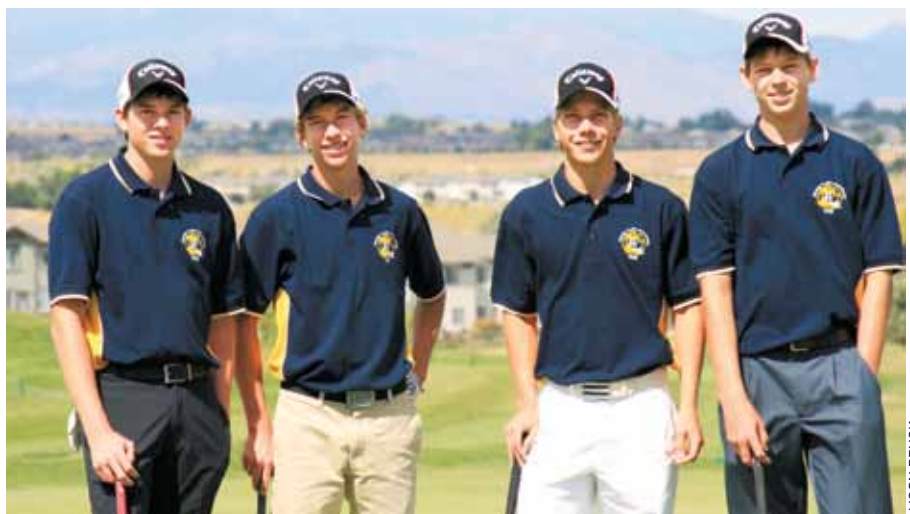
1. God is faithful.
2. With God, the word “impossible” does not exist.
3. People respond very well to vision when it is clear, crisp, and concise.
4. There is power in a praying church.

Today, the members rejoice: “Praise the Lord, great things He hath done.”

Students Win Colorado Golf Tournament

The Forest Lake Academy golf team in Apopka, Fla., was invited to participate in the Colorado Christian Cup, September 12, 2010, in Westminster, Colo. Four team members won the tournament by shooting 60 in the best ball event. Combining for the top score were Griffin Prusia (left), Jeffrey Brownlow, Matt Green, and Judson Prusia.

—BY ALISON PRUSIA



ALISON PRUSIA

Nutritionist Discovers Health Ministry

Nutritionist Ethel Kaufman, a member of the Cherokee Church, Woodstock, Ga., simply calls her ministry, "Vegetarian Cooking Classes." Her ministry is a joy — something she's been doing for two years. However, she adds, with an air of astonishment, "I'm surprised that the classes are still growing after two years."

Even more, she adds, "If you had told me seven years ago that I'd be joining the Adventist Church and teaching vegetarian cooking classes, I would have laughed at you." Kaufman notes that she never expected to be an Adventist because, "I thought I'd never measure up."

She notes, "Serious marriage problems with



Ethel Kaufman enjoys teaching vegetarian cooking classes at the Cherokee Church in Woodstock, Ga.

my husband, Scott, led me to decide to start attending church." Her mother, who had become an Adventist, like others in her family, died. Thinking that it might bond her to her deceased mother, Kaufman, with a Catholic background, says, "I thought I'd start going to the Adventist church, then try Baptist, and others to reach out to God. I told Scott about

my plan and he said, 'I'll go with you.' We started with the Adventists, joined small group Bible studies, which brought Scott and I closer together, and never left. Our marriage healed." The Kaufmans were baptized in May 2004.

Kaufman explains that the classes she teaches are held at the Cherokee Church one evening each month for one hour: "Using the book *More Choices, Eat Well, Live Well*, I teach a short nutrition lesson. Then tie that in with something biblical, including Ellen White's book *Health and Happiness* (updated version of *Ministry of Healing*), and I usually demonstrate two new foods at each class, with samples." She also distributes copies of *Amazing Health*:

8 Bible Secrets magazine. She charges a modest \$3 per class. The attendance has grown from the original 12 to 32 by both personal invitation and press releases, run in two area news journals; no current attendees are church members.

After attending the monthly classes for most of 2010, Janie Gulick, a faux finisher, says, "I consider the class members as new friends, especially Ethel. It's a fun experience."

Before taking Kaufman's classes, Elisabeth Webb says she thought that all protein came from animals, "Now I make lentil soup." She's glad that she saw the press release in *The Ledger*.

Kaufman assures, "I had no idea that I'd be doing this two years later, but I plan on continuing the classes for as long as the need is there."

—BY BETTY KOSSICK

Dalton Fifth, Sixth Graders Lead Worship Hour

Fourteen enthusiastic 5th- and 6th-grade students lined up on the platform of the Dalton, Ga., Church to lead out in praise singing Sabbath morning, September 18, 2010. Vicky Lauritzen, principal, was at the piano. Every year, students at Learning Tree Elementary School have an opportunity to plan and lead a worship service.

After the praise singing, students led the congregation in the rousing opening hymn, "We Have This Hope!" Vivian Raitz

was at the organ. The class chose the Second Coming of Christ as their theme for the service.

Philip Soldevilla offered the opening prayer, followed by Jonathon Bray calling for the tithes and offerings. Music teacher Jordan McKee sang the offertory music, "If You Search With All Your Heart." Colton Chancey introduced the children's story drama, depicting the difficult and amazing life of blind/deaf Helen Keller. Keller's experience of coming out of a world

of darkness into a world of hope was compared to Christ coming to this world of sin, bringing hope into lives.

Edward Lugo led in the kneeling prayer. For special music, the school choir (grades 5-8) sang a variation of "When He Cometh." Elizabeth Haw-



Enthusiastic 5th and 6th grade students led out in the worship service September 18, 2010, in the Dalton, Ga., Church.

thorne read Revelation 22:20 for scripture reading.

The closing song was "We Know Not the Hour."

—BY VIVIAN RAITZ

Leaders Dedicated to God



SUBMITTED BY RICHARD URDANETA

Small group leaders were presented with the symbol of the Badge of the Braves of Jehovah from their wives during a retreat for the Knoxville Hispanic district.

The Knoxville Hispanic district has been greatly blessed by the support and ministry of the Southern Union Conference and the North American Division. Robert Burneth and Fred Rogers have been willing to offer financial support and logistics for the small group ministry qualifications as a ministry of life for the church.

There was a powerful training and revival missionary week for the church, September 5-12, 2010. Burneth sent Wagner Cilio as the trainer, an inspiring man of God, with a special gift in the motivation and growth of churches. During each night, the members and visitors were made aware of the need of a spiritual reformation in their lives, and in their relationships

with their fellow beings. Furthermore, the small groups were confirmed as the main ministry of the church, and as the way of life for the members to grow and reach the lost.

The week concluded with a retreat for the leaders and associates of the small groups directed by Cilio and Richard Urdaneta. On this weekend the lives of the leaders of the Knoxville Church were committed to partake courageously as braves for Jehovah, for the care, development, and mission of their small groups. Twenty-five leaders were invested and ordained during a solemn ceremony where their wives were made participants of the commitment, presenting them with the Badge of the Braves of Jehovah.

By the grace of God; the support of the local ministry; and the efforts of emphasis, qualification, and training of the Knoxville district, 42 leaders of small groups were dedicated, and 40 small groups established as a base of Christian effort. In addition, it was made possible to equip members and leaders of the small groups of the churches with projectors, videos, books, DVD's of study, and instruction handbooks, among other things.

The small groups are the great alternative that the Lord has left to His church to stand firm against the attacks of the enemy of the souls.

—BY RICHARD URDANETA

Wentlands Together 60 Years



Roger and Eloise Wentland married on June 4, 1950. Roger was in denominational work for 22 years at the Southern Union HHS and assistant manager of the Atlanta, Ga., ABC. Eloise was head of the Real Estate Indexing Department of the Fulton County Courthouse for 28 years.

Their children include Renee and Raymond Earle and Steve and Debbie Wentland. They live in Deer Lodge, Tenn.

Heiseys Celebrate 65th Anniversary



Darwin and Della Heisey recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

They were married September 8, 1945. Darwin taught English for 24 years at Blue Mountain Academy, and after retirement at Laurelbrook Academy. Della served in secretarial positions, and worked for the General Conference insurance department. They live in Dayton Mountain, Tenn.

It Began With Ingathering



In April of 1948 it was Ingathering time on campus of what is now Washington Adventist University. The slogan was "Participate in '48." On the evening of the 22nd, they did just that. Stanley Dalton joined the singers in the back of a pickup truck, and Christine Aplin solicited. Between blocks she would jump on the running board and listen to the singers or talk to Stan. When the evening was over, the fellows in the truck drove them the few

blocks to Christine's home. While Stan was seeing her to the door, they drove off and left him! What could he do but ask her for a date and walk back to the college alone. They were married by the college president, W.H. Shepherd, on June 5, 1950, at the Takoma Park, Md., Church.

The North Bay Church in Lynn Haven, Fla., celebrated their 60th anniversary in June with a beautiful cake, lots of lovely cards, and good wishes. The family celebrated in August with a weekend at Serenbe Farms, an inn on a large, beautiful farm in north Georgia.

Stan spent most of his career as a professional engineer for the United States Air Force. Lunch-time Bible studies in his office resulted in baptisms. He served on several conference committees in the Ohio and Gulf States conferences, includ-

ing the Gulf States executive committee, and in many leadership roles in the local churches he attended.

Christine taught at the local church school in Ohio and later in Gulf States, but when the children started arriving, it was usually just when they needed someone. After they were all in school it was steady, and she had the thrill of being on the faculty when Dayton, Ohio, Junior Academy became Spring Valley Academy.

They have five children, all of whom have celebrated more than 30 anniversaries. They have 12 grandchildren. The seventh great-grandchild is due to arrive in November.

When they were married, Stan observed that their 50th would be in the year 2000, "but Jesus will come before that!"

—BY CHRISTINE DALTON

Message Spread to the World



Wes Peppers was welcomed back to his home church in Piedmont, Ala., this summer. He has been in California working with Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism (AFCOE), and traveling worldwide. Peppers is now AFCOE's global coordinator, and has recently come back from the Ukraine and Malaysia, where he and his wife, Marion, have helped set up AFCOE schools.

Piedmont Church enjoyed a picture presentation of the Peppers' trips to Ukraine and Malaysia, and the stories of people's lives changed and surrendered to Christ in baptism.

—BY LINDA FREEMAN

Hobbs is New Conference Women's Ministries Director

April Hobbs, a member of the Montgomery First Church, is the new Conference women's ministries director. Hobbs has a passion for sharing her love for Christ, and showing others how to become more like Him. Among other activities in her church, she is the director of women's ministries



and Adventurers, and registrar for home-schoolers. She has been active with women's ministries in the Conference,

both as committee member for four years and the associate director for one year. She also serves as

the Conference representative on the North American Division executive committee.

April and her husband, Norman, have been happily married for 16 years. She enjoys home-schooling their two children, Savannah 13, and Nelson, 10. In her free time, she loves to read, play the piano, draw, and spend calm, peaceful time out in nature, with "her" backyard birds and butterflies.

Staff Served by Church

The Columbia, Miss., Church prepared a meal for the staff at The Myrtles Nursing Facility in Columbia, to show their appreciation for all they do for the elderly and disabled. The table was decorated with fall leaves, colored gourds, and pumpkins, and real lemons as vases for moss and flowers. Many health booklets on subjects such as stress, prayer, and stop smoking were scattered among the decorations.

Prayer Summit 2010 is Summit of Blessings



A few of the hundred-plus people who enjoyed the prayer summit held in Birmingham

People seeking to learn about and experience the baptism of the Holy Spirit met at the Holiday Inn Airport in Birmingham, Ala., September 10-12, 2010. Dennis Smith, pastor and author of *40 Days*, was the keynote speaker.

The entire weekend was a spiritually enriching experience. Pastor Mike and Dvorah Curzon opened the Sabbath with the traditional blowing of the Shofar. Then the attendees were led

through traditional Sabbath Jewish hymns. The theme, "Come Holy Spirit," resonated through every presentation as Smith led the group through the presentations on experiencing the Holy Spirit, emotional healing, and experiencing God's love. Hearts were touched.

The music was spiritually uplifting. Musical praise was given by Terry MeHarry, Shaylia MeHarry, and Angela Palmer. Paul Corbier, M.D., and pastors

Richie Halverson and Larry Owens each brought messages that invited the Holy Spirit to come and minister through each person. Owens, assisted by numerous local elders

and pastors, had a special anointing service on Sabbath afternoon that many saw as one of the highlights of the weekend.

There were many opportunities for attendees to share their faith. Before the summit started, *85 Steps to Christ* had been stuffed with Bible study enrollment cards. Numerous support staff and members of a motorcycle club were the recipients of the books.

Birmingham First Church children's ministries planned an extraordinary program for the children. Jennie Bunton and her team kept the children engaged on Sabbath afternoon.

"Three weeks before the summit started, less than 40 people had registered. Some members of the Conference prayer team started praying daily, sometimes two or three times a day, and by the time opening remarks were given, almost 100 people had gathered to open the Sabbath. What answers to prayer!" exclaims Amy Mapp, Conference prayer ministries' coordinator.

Smith has been invited to return next year for the prayer summit, September 9-11, 2011, at Birmingham First Church.

—BY AMY MAPP

Hutchinson Joins Conference Staff

Rick Hutchinson has joined the Gulf States Conference as director of trust services and stewardship. Hutchinson, a fourth-generation Adventist, comes to Montgomery after serving



10 years as a member of the Conference executive committee. He has also served and continues to serve on several other Conference committees, and has served

on the Southern Union constitution and bylaws committee for more than six years.

Hutchinson began his legal career in 1983. He established and maintained his own private practice law office where he repre-

sented clients that suffered from the wrongful acts of business entities and individuals. He will continue to represent disabled persons (both current and new clients) in

their efforts to obtain Social Security disability benefits. Hutchinson's wife, Deborah, is an assistant treasurer for the Gulf States Conference. They have three children and five grandchildren.

His passion to help the suffering and disabled was put into action internationally when, in 2007, he volunteered as a medical missionary in Kenya, Zambia, and Tanzania. Prior and subsequent to 2007, Hutchinson, his wife, and his brother, Mike, donated weeks of their time to assist victims of Hurricanes Katrina, Wilma,

Ike, and others. Prior to the 2007 Africa mission, Rick was conducting up to 15 in-home Bible studies per week.

Hutchinson's goal is simple: Do it! His philosophy is, "to be the hands and feet of Jesus, we must act."

He wants to remind the Gulf States members that the trust services office offers at no charge, estate planning documents preparation, including a last will and testament, a power of attorney, living will, a health care surrogate form, and a trust.

Faithful Servants Honored

Special recognition was given to Andrew and Louise Wolcott on Sabbath, August 21, 2010, to honor what God has done through their lives to bless others around the world. Brian Hadley, pastor of Dickson Church, described in his sermon the dedicated service of Aquila and Priscilla, comparing their faithfulness to that of the Wolcotts.

As a retired pastor, Andrew Wolcott has never



Brian Hadley (left), pastor; Louise and Andy Wolcott; and Douglas Hilliard, Conference treasurer

stopped his ministry of serving Jesus by spreading the Gospel message. Louise, his wife of 65 years, has continued to work alongside her husband, sharing Jesus with others. Together

Wolcotts now make their home in Lyles, Tenn.

The Wolcotts' faithfulness has been evident through their dedication as teachers and advocates

they are truly an evangelistic team.

Excellence of service, both in the fields of Adventist education and pastoral ministry since the mid 1940's, has taken this couple from Michigan to California, Alaska, Canada, Japan, and Korea. The

for Adventist education, pastoral ministry, and church planting. Even in their retirement years, they continue their untiring, enthusiastic involvement in local church activities through loving connections with family, friends, and the community. Andy and Louise continue to honor God with their lives as they share and reflect Christ.

A plaque of appreciation from Dickson Church was presented, with a concluding prayer by Douglas Hilliard, treasurer of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, expressing gratitude for such a fine example of "faithful servants."

—BY DIANE D. CAPPS

Moores Celebrate 70 Years of Togetherness

On August 28, 2010, Ralph and Earlene Moore celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary at the Lebanon, Tenn., Church.

Ralph, born in 1915 in Richmond, Ind., attended Madison College in 1934 where he met Earlene Ethel Thomas. They were married August 29, 1940. "It took me that long to get up enough nerve to ask her!" says Ralph.

Ralph earned an M.S. degree in physics from Vanderbilt University. He taught physics and math at Madison College and at Vanderbilt. After graduating from Madison College, Earlene taught in Tennessee and Kentucky Adventist academies.

From 1940 to 1944 Ralph worked at WSIX radio station in Nashville, Tenn., where he designed and built all their broadcasting equipment.

In 1952, Ralph received his M.D. degree from The College of Medical Evangelists (now Loma Linda University). After completing his internship at Nashville General Hospital, he practiced in McMinnville and Woodbury, Tenn., for eight years.



Earlene and Ralph Moore

In 1960, the Moores answered the call to serve as missionaries in Botswana, Africa, for the next four years. Returning to Woodbury, Ralph practiced medicine for eight and a half more years; then volunteered at Eden Valley four more years.

After retiring in Texas and North Carolina, they moved to Lebanon in 2006 to be near their son, John, who is a nurse anesthetist at University Medical Center.

Their daughter, Arlene Moore van Rooyen, made the trip to Lebanon to co-host the celebration with her brother and his wife.

Ralph and Earlene still maintain a home and transport themselves to church and wherever else they need to go.

—BY HERMAN MONTGOMERY

Health Expo Held in Perry County

The Lobelville, Camden, and Parsons churches in Tennessee enjoyed uniting in a community health outreach called "Health Expo." Each of the three churches is looking forward to offering the Health Expo in their community.

The Health Expo features 16 colorful six-foot-tall

panels that teach the eight laws of health to the participants. Each of the eight stations offers a hands-on activity, which familiarizes the guests with practical means for a healthy lifestyle.

Special features included professional massages, everyday stretching instruction, delicious and healthy

food samples, dental exams, half-hour lectures on depression, and the Full Plate Diet.

Four members put together a children's Health Expo

that delighted the young guests, and gave the district children an opportunity to minister to their peers. Several of the community people lingered for hours. Comments included, "Every church should do what you do. You really help people!" and "This program is so well organized."

The goal of the Health Expo was to minister in practical ways to the citizens of Perry County. Several guests enrolled in



MARVIN DENCE

Ginny Stoddard (left) and Leab Carrow manned the children's Health Expo exhibit.

the Full Plate Diet program which took place in August. Guests were also invited to an evangelistic series in September.

—BY LESLIE CAZ



Leslie Caza (left) and Kathy Yates introduced the Full Plate Diet by Lifestyle Center of America.

Lighthouse Company Receives Helping Hand

Members of the Lighthouse Company, near Lafayette, Tenn., learned that the audio-visual team at White House Church "sometimes helps smaller churches to upgrade their sound systems." Lighthouse member Melinda Wilson contacted the White House AV team member Larry Hamm to ask about getting some help to replace their sound system, and to upgrade it so that they would be able to record their services.

Once the needs were established, equipment was chosen and a cost estimate



Keith Wilson (bottom) and Greg Kneedler (top) from the Lighthouse Company get used to the new equipment.

was given. The Lighthouse members raised the funds necessary to upgrade the sound system to include the capability of recording services. Although considerable cost was involved, within a few months sufficient funds had been raised

to purchase the equipment and complete the project.

In July, White House AV team members Jeremy Leggett and Larry Hamm, along with church member Ernest Copley, installed a completely new sound system, video projector and screen, video camera, and DVD recorder. Also included in the project was a DVD duplicating machine, CD player, and DVD player. Hamm also trained Lighthouse members Keith Wilson and Greg Kneedler on the use of their new equipment.

—BY LARRY HAMM

Bowling Green Homecoming

Friends and former members are invited to attend "Together," a special homecoming event November 5, 6, 2010, at the Bowling Green Church, 1740 Cave Mill Road, Bowling Green, Ky. The weekend will begin with supper at 6:00 p.m. on Friday. Singing and special music selections will follow at 7:00 p.m. Breakfast will be served at 9:00 a.m. on Sabbath. Sabbath School will begin at 9:45, and Divine Worship at 10:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be former pastor Paul Cannon. A delicious lunch and warm fellowship will conclude the event. Come, worship, and reminisce! Details: 270-618-0342 or www.cavemillsda.org.

Two Historic Events Held for Atlanta-Berean

“Liquid sunshine” was evident on Sunday, September 26, 2010, in Atlanta, Ga., but the rain didn’t stop the more than 300 individuals in attendance from celebrating the historic groundbreaking ceremony of Berean Village and Senior Adult Service Center. Berean Village will be a 50-apartment senior-adult complex owned and operated by Atlanta-Berean Church. It will provide housing to Atlanta community senior adults. The plans for the facility also include accommodations for computer classes, health/fitness initiatives, and fellowship gatherings in a safe, nurturing, and Christian environment.

The Berean Village Project was facilitated through an application submitted by Atlanta-Berean Church to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in



Atlanta-Berean’s pastoral staff was joined by building committee and church members, Conference and Southern Union officials, along with HUD representatives, architects, and civic leaders in the groundbreaking ceremony.

2008, and the prayers of the church members were answered in 2009, when HUD awarded a \$5.3 million grant for the construction of Berean Village.

Carlton P. Byrd, D.Min., senior pastor of Atlanta-Berean, stated, “We have a responsibility to care for our seniors. It is on their shoulders that we stand today. Most importantly, the fifth commandment says, ‘Honor

thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.’”

On hand for this momentous occasion were the pastoral staff and members of Atlanta-Berean; Vanard Mendinghall, South Atlantic Conference president; William L. Winston, Conference executive secretary; Randy Robinson, Southern Union Conference treasurer; Atlanta city leaders, including councilmen C.T. Martin and Ivory Young; and Rudy Clemmons, HUD representative for the Atlanta region.

Berean Village will be located at the former site of Berean Christian Junior Academy. Construction is scheduled to begin in the near future. Berean Village will also be the first “Go Green” energy efficient HUD senior-adult facility in metropolitan Atlanta.

One week after the groundbreaking ceremony

for the senior housing project, Atlanta-Berean made history again by purchasing back its former church building located diagonally across the street from where the current church building is located.

In the spring of 1999, under the leadership of then senior pastor Eric C. Ward, and seeking to expand its physical plant, Atlanta-Berean acquired the former Union Baptist Church located at 291 Hamilton E. Holmes

Drive, Atlanta, Ga., with a sanctuary seating capacity of 1,700, and more than 30 classrooms and offices. This acquisition led to the vacancy of the former Atlanta-Berean Church, which was built in 1963 under the leadership of the late Harold L. Cleveland.

In late summer of 2010, it became known that the former church property was available for purchase. Byrd quickly shared the information with the church membership and South Atlantic administration. Overwhelming support to pursue this reacquisition was exhibited by the membership. On Sabbath, October 2, 2010, Byrd joyfully announced to the congregation that the former Atlanta-Berean Church had been successfully purchased and reacquired.

This facility will now serve as the Berean Outreach Ministry Center, and



The former church facility will be the home of Atlanta-Berean’s community outreach ministry. The members were blessed to reacquire the facility for half the amount for which it was sold 10 years ago.

provide daily community ministry activities, including the Berean food pantry, clothes closet, barber shop, beauty salon, and health/fitness center, along with housing additional worship opportunities.

In the midst of the

forementioned historical events, Atlanta-Berean was in the process of making changes to the present infrastructure in preparation for the beginning of the Breath of Life Ministries broadcast. The format for the program is now

church-based at Atlanta-Berean, with Byrd as the new associate speaker/director. The live taping began in October with the first broadcast of Byrd airing in January 2011.

South Atlantic is honored to have ties to the

Breath of Life program now as well as with the two previous speakers, Charles D. Brooks, a native of Greensboro, N.C., and Walter L. Pearson Jr., a former pastor of Atlanta-Berean.

—BY JAMES K. LAMB

Conference Breaks Ground for New Campground Housing

The culmination of the South Atlantic local elders' and deacons retreat was in the form of a celebration on September 26, 2010. Those who attended the retreat also participated in the groundbreaking service for new campground housing at the River Oaks property in Orangeburg, S.C.

The light rain could not dampen the spirits of the attendees who had long awaited this event.



Shouts of joy were heard throughout the crowd as Conference officials, committee members, and Conference constituent representatives turned the earth at the site of the new campground housing.

After a brief ceremony inside the pavilion, nearly 200 individuals walked to the construction site for the groundbreaking ceremony.

When the housing project is completed, 80

hotel-style units will be available for the constituents of South Atlantic to use. Each of the 270-square-foot units will come complete with a refrigerator, microwave oven, and flat screen television. Also included will be a vanity area with a separate restroom with a shower/bathtub combination. Sixty of the units will be furnished with two queen-size beds, and 20 units will have two bunk-beds each, for use by youth campers. Construction is

scheduled to begin immediately so that the 80 units will be ready for occupancy in time for Camp Meeting next year.

—BY JAMES K. LAMB



Pictured is an example of the interior for 60 of the 80 rooms that will be constructed. Twenty rooms will have two bunk-beds for use by youth campers and those who desire dormitory style quarters.

Berea School Adopted by Area Churches

McClellanville and Andrews churches, located in South Carolina, agreed to give financial support to Berea Junior Academy in Sumter, S.C. The churches moved forward with their commitment after a heartfelt appeal by their pastor, Willie Dupree, in 2002,

and continue their support today.

After children's ministries each Sabbath, donations are given to the cause of Christian education and helping children outside of their district, where there is no church school. Since taking on

this project, the churches have donated several thousand dollars. The largest amount given at one time was \$2,500 from McClellanville, bringing the total donations for the month of September 2010 to \$4,000, including an additional \$1,500 donation.

This project has been and continues to be a blessing for the school, students, staff, and church. Berea students and staff visited the churches to show their gratitude for the generosity, love, and care of these two small congregations.

South Atlantic Conducts Children's Prayer Summit

Greater Atlanta Adventist Academy hosted a joint effort with the Southern Union and South Atlantic Conference for the second annual Children's Prayer Summit. The title "Children with Faith Move Mountains," set the tone for the prayer summit. The summit was open to children from ages 5 to 12 on July 17, 2010.

There was a sense of excitement that swept through the doors as parents, guardians, and grandparents escorted their children in. Coordinators, volunteers, parents, and children dashed in with obvious expectations of "something special." All were to leave having their expectations surpassed beyond imagination.

Carolyn Lamb's vision of a children's prayer summit came after attending



Children, staff, and parents attended the prayer summit.

an adult prayer conference. She was inspired to conduct a conference geared for children. After praying and planning, she designed a program where children would enter into a "world" of prayer through a rotation of various activities, crafts, workshops, games, and songs. The program highlighted intercessory prayer, which was demonstrated through role playing. The children were taught the many parts of prayer, and

expounded on praising, thanking God, asking for forgiveness, praying for others, and praying in the name of Jesus through arts and crafts.

The children also learned the purpose of prayer and to Whom we are to pray. This lesson was demonstrated through an interactive workshop. With each rotation, the children's excitement grew as they moved eagerly to the next station, having a sense of learning "something special."

Various styles and positions of prayer were demonstrated to the children as the importance of reverence in prayer. This was exhibited through singing songs.

Although the prayer summit was enjoyed by children, many volunteers and parents voiced similar sentiments. One mother of three expressed, "I, as well as my children, enjoyed the prayer summit. We

were able to learn more about communicating with God, and how important it is to have a two-way communication...the prayer summit was an innovative program and teaches our children not only how to pray, but the importance of prayer." Genesis Horton, age six, said, "I loved the prayer summit, I learned a lot about prayer and praying for others. I can't wait until next year."

As the afternoon came to a close, a drawing was held, and many volunteers and parents were pleasantly surprised to receive tokens of thanks from the children's ministries department of South Atlantic and Advent Source. This vision of a children's prayer summit has inspired other congregations within the Conference. The Charlotte Northeast Church hosted its first children's prayer summit with more than 70 attendees and many children from the community. Information about upcoming events can be received from the children's ministries department.

—BY MARY GILFORD WATKINS



The prayer summit was interactive to give the children an opportunity to demonstrate what they were learning.

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Magazine Street Church Celebrates the Grand Re-opening of Historic Church School

Emma L. Minnis Junior Academy of Louisville, Ky., recently celebrated its grand re-opening on July 29, 2010. Nearly 130 individuals gathered to witness the historic event. The new school is located across the street from the recently renovated Magazine Street Church. This was a momentous occasion that many church members and school leaders had been waiting nearly 40 years to see. Through prayer and faith in God, the vision has become a reality.

The grand re-opening celebration began with opening prayer by Kennedy Luckett, pastor of Magazine Street Church. Daniel Mitchell, principal of Emma L. Minnis Junior Academy, welcomed everyone to the event. Spe-



The crowd begins to gather outside of Emma L. Minnis Junior Academy.

cial remarks were shared by the city, South Central Conference, and neighborhood leaders. From the city, representing the fourth district metro councilman David Tandy, was Dale Josey, legislative assistant. Josey spoke on Tandy's behalf, noting that just several months prior they were present to witness the groundbreaking, and were very proud to see the end result. From the South Central Confer-

ence were Dana Edmond, president; Philip Palmer, treasurer; and Erma Lee, superintendent of schools. Phillip Palmer presented a check to Emma L. Minnis Junior Academy; and Erma Lee presented Kennedy Luckett, pastor, with a monetary gift and plaque for his hard work and leadership. From the community and neighborhood were Donavon Taylor, NAACP and president of the Chickasaw Neighbor-

hood Federation, and Sonia Gray, Louisville Urban League president of the Young Professionals. Also, in attendance were Georgia Powers, retired state senator of Kentucky, and Angenette Hill, Conference associate superintendent of schools.

After special remarks, Benjamin Jones Jr., Conference ministerial director, gave the prayer of dedication for the new school. Following him, Dana Edmond, Kennedy Luckett, Fred Moore, and Daniel Mitchell cut the ribbon to mark the official grand re-opening of Emma L. Minnis Junior Academy. At the end of the ceremonial ribbon-cutting, Fred Moore, pastor of the New Life Church, gave the closing prayer. The doors to the new school were offi-



Kennedy Luckett, pastor, begins the service with opening prayer.



Principal Daniel Mitchell stands at the podium welcoming visitors to the grand re-opening ceremony.



Conference Superintendent Erma Lee speaks to the crowd.

cially opened, and all who were in attendance toured the school. Following the tour, a reception was held in fellowship hall at the church.

The "I Am Minnis" themed reception displayed various booths set up by the Alumni Association and the Home and School Association. Many of the booths contained pictures and biographies of the school's former students.

The school was built by Carrell Rogers Cleaning and Restoration. The

6,000-square-foot facility has three classrooms, a kitchen, one large meeting room, two offices, and three restrooms. Special features include the insulation, high efficient windows and doors, and an energy-efficient heating and cooling system. The maximum capacity is 80 to 100 students. Student attendance at Emma L. Minnis Junior Academy is up, as evidenced by an enrollment increase from three to 40 students. The building construction began in March 2010, and

was completed in July 2010. The overall cost of the school was \$500,000. Serving the Louisville area since 1915, the church school has been educating students for more than 90 years. Emma L. Minnis Junior Academy serves Pre-K to eighth grade, and is an accredited private school. The school seeks to provide quality Christian education through a curriculum that emphasizes the academic, social, and spiritual development of each student. Emma L. Minnis Junior Academy

is named after Emma L. Minnis, a charter member, former teacher, principal, and professor.

Many thanks to everyone who prayed and supported Emma L. Minnis Junior Academy during the years, and to all past and present pastors for their pastoral leadership and spiritual guidance. To God be all the glory for the great things He has done.

—BY EVADNE CHISM

100th Birthday Celebrated



Mamie Maye will turn 100 on November 7, 2010.

The family of Mamie Maye has a lot to celebrate on November 7, 2010, when she will turn 100. Her family has scheduled a two-day celebration which begins Friday evening, November 12, 2010, at Ephesus Church, Meridian, Miss., with Vespers and an Agape Feast. The Sabbath

morning worship speaker will be Benjamin Browne, former South Central president, who was Maye's pastor when he built the church many years ago. Dynamic Praise of Huntsville, Ala., will be the guest choir. The director of Dynamic Praise, Benji Young, is Maye's grandson.

The final extravaganza will be a Sabbath evening formal event, which a large number of family members plan to attend, including all nine of her surviving children: Nancy Stewart and Johanna Ward, from Meridian; Carrie Hardie from Birmingham, Ala.; Emma Thompson from Montgomery, Ala.; Sallie Lowe and Mary Bradford from Nashville, Tenn.; Betty James from Maywood, Ill.; Pearlie Scott from Sacramento, Calif.; and Janie Young from Compton, Calif.; as well as 34 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren. Two of Maye's children are deceased, Eloise Cook and Jim Maye.

—BY JACKIE KNIGHT

60 Years of Marriage Honored



George I. Pearson, former South Central worker, and Lou Pearson celebrated 60 years of marriage on September 27, 2010. These love birds were married in 1950.

M.C. Strachan Federation Elects New President

Walter W. Reddick was recently elected to serve as president of the M.C. Strachan Youth Federation. He takes the place of Corey Williams, who moved to Bermuda.

A member of the Mt. Calvary Church, Reddick has served as the leader of the Mt. Calvary Pathfinder club for six years. Under his leadership, the club has consistently ranked as one of the top three clubs in the Conference.

Reddick has more than 20 years of experience in working with youth,



Past M.C. Strachan Federation president Corey Williams (left) presents Walter Reddick as the new M.C. Strachan Federation president during the divine hour of the Federation.

which began in the South Central Conference, where he served as Pathfinder leader and youth federation

president.

In 2005, Reddick was elected area Pathfinder coordinator of district three,

which comprises 23 clubs in the central, west, and east regions of Florida.

His exceptional leadership skills and ability to motivate the youth have reaped tremendous growth within his district.

Reddick's goal is to revitalize the local youth ministry programs in his territory. "Our youth ministry programs must not only entertain, they must also edify our young people, and continue to prepare them to make their decision for Christ," said Reddick.

—BY SHERRIE BARTON

CNA Program Makes a Difference in Community



Ena Graham, R.N. (center), volunteer director of the Mt. Zion Certified Nurse Assistant program, is surrounded by the 25 graduates of the program's fifth graduating class on June 19, 2010. The free program provides community members with a chance to improve their lives.

About two years ago, Claudette Porter, M.D., and Ena Graham, R.N., were impressed to begin a ministry that would assist unemployed individuals to become certified nursing assistants. The 12-week program, which meets twice a week, is an outreach ministry of the Mt. Zion Church, Kissimmee, Fla.

To date, there have been five graduating classes, with a total of 75 graduates. Of the 75 graduates,

25 have attempted the State Board Exam with 21 successfully passing.

The most recent graduation was held on June 19, 2010. Tanya Medina, M.D., gave the keynote address. She admonished the class "to serve with love, compassion, joy, dedication, and gentleness."

Each graduate received a packet, which included books on spiritual and professional growth.

On behalf of the

graduating class, Francisca Restituyo and Lebert Smith expressed their sincere appreciation to Graham for giving them the opportunity to be more successful in life.

When asked about the overall impact of the program, Graham, who serves as the program's volunteer director, replied, "I just enjoy doing the program. People were happy for the opportunity given them, and some graduates have gone on to become licensed practi-

cal nurses, and registered nurses."

She spoke about one of her students whose life has been turned around spiritually and otherwise as a result of the program.

She gives special thanks to Maxwell Berkel, Mt. Zion pastor, Joanne Mayers, Brenda Hunt, Audrey Carty, Joanne Mayers, and the members of Mt. Zion for their support.

—BY EDNA FRANCOIS

South Florida Men's Retreat a Success

More than 200 men from the south Florida area attended the Conference's fifth annual South Florida Men's Retreat, which was hosted by the Mt. Pisgah Church, Miami Gardens Fla., on August 6, 2010. The theme of the event was, "Men of God Leading in the 21st Century – Are You Ready?"

Nevilon J. Meadows, CEO of Men Under Development, was the keynote speaker. His message, entitled, "Masons, Hip Hop, and SDA's," inspired the men to be better husbands, fathers, brothers, church leaders, servants of the Most High God, and to be the leaders that God is calling them to be in the 21st century!

Selwyn Carrington,

M.D., the afternoon speaker, conducted a health seminar on cancer.

The Northside Church, Miami, Fla., had the largest group of men in attendance, due to the chal-

lenge T.A. McNealy, pastor of Northside, gave them. "There should not be any men at Northside on August 6, because I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the men's conference," said



T.A. McNealy challenged every man young and old to attend the South Florida Men's Retreat. Northside had the largest number of men in attendance.

McNealy. Lewis W. Edwards, D.Min., Conference men ministries director, received a call Sabbath morning from Amy Harris of Tallahassee, Fla., asking him to be

on the look out for Charles Harris, her non-SDA brother, who would be in attendance at the retreat.

Edwards recognized Harris and other men by giving them the Amazing Facts

Bible Study Lesson.

Special music was rendered by the male group 3 AM, (Three Angels Messages). The group was also featured with other male singers during the afternoon musical.

The South Florida Men's Conference is one of two men's conferences held each year in Southeastern.

The North Florida Men's Conference will be held this month at the Mt. Sinai Church in Orlando, Fla.

Dennis Ross, D.Min., Southern Union Conference ministerial director, will be the keynote speaker. The theme for this event is, "Going the Distance – Do You Have What It Takes?"

—BY LEWIS EDWARDS, D.MIN.

Southeastern Appoints Carol Byrd as Superintendent

The Southeastern Conference executive committee recently appointed Carol Byrd to serve as superintendent of education.

Byrd has been serving as interim superintendent of education after the death of Elisa Young, Southeastern's former superintendent.

Prior to being appointed as superintendent, Byrd served as the associate superintendent of education for Southeastern for six years.

Byrd, an educator for more than 25 years, has served as early childhood education director, classroom teacher, vice principal, and principal in schools throughout the Conference.

She has also worked as

a public school teacher in Orlando, Fla., and has taught in the Florida Conference, serving as the junior high coordinator at Greater Miami Academy.

As associate superintendent, Byrd oversaw the Southern Union's School of Excellence initiative, which two of Southeastern's schools qualified for, the Daughter of Zion School in Delray, Fla., and Mt. Olivet SDA School, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

She also oversaw the implementation of the Pathways Reading Program and the Conference's annual spelling bee.

A native of Baton Rouge, La., Byrd is a fourth generation Seventh-day Adventist, and a product of Adventist education.

She attended elementary school in Baton Rouge, and Oakwood Academy in Huntsville, Ala.

She began her pursuit of higher educa-

tion at Oakwood University in Huntsville. She transferred in her junior year to Union College in Lincoln, Neb., where she received a B.S. degree.

Byrd received an M.A. degree in education from Andrews University, and has completed additional post graduate work in guidance and counseling at Oakland University in Pontiac, Mich.

Byrd is married to William Byrd, pastor of the Ephesus Church, West Palm Beach, Fla., and to this union are three adult children: Carla Byrd, J.D.; Carl Byrd; and Carlton Byrd, D.Min.

—BY ROBERT HENLEY



Carol R. Byrd, M.A., was appointed by the Conference executive committee to serve as the sixth superintendent of education on September 19, 2010.

Enrollment Surges, Donations Rise

Southern Adventist University has been seeing a steady rise in enrollment and private donations during the past few years, despite a recession.

Enrollment reached a major milestone this fall with 3,053 students, more than a 5.6 percent increase from fall 2009. Freshman enrollment, at 630, reached an all-time record number, as did graduate enrollment at 321.

“We continue to be

a top-choice institution for students and families,” says Gordon Bietz, D.Min., University president. “It is our goal to provide the kind of higher education that will be transformational in the lives of our students.”

In addition to record enrollment, the University achieved top-tier ranking in the Best Colleges edition of the *U.S. News & World Report* for the ninth year in a row.

“It’s our plan to main-

tain the feel of a small university,” says Vinita Sauder, Ph.D., vice president for marketing and enrollment services. “This is a big benefit of attending Southern, and we plan to keep it that way.”

Private donations to Southern have also gone up and totaled \$4,102,873.89* during the 2009-10 academic year.

This is the second year that the University’s donors

have given more than \$4 million, despite a national decline in institutional and charitable giving.

“The reason people support Southern is because of the quality of education,” says donor Ken DeFoor. “Southern prepares people to go out into the world holding onto their values.”

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—BY JAROD KEITH AND
VINITA SAUDER

Service is Priority at Southern

With faculty incorporating service into their classes, and freshmen doing community service as part of orientation, Southern Adventist University is building on its reputation for being service-oriented.

As the 2009-10 academic year began, faculty gained a better understanding of service-learning (a type of learning in which students do curriculum-based community service projects as part of their class work)

through a workshop that Melissa Tortal, service initiative coordinator at Southern, helped to organize.

Meanwhile, Southern’s newly implemented Freshmen Community Service Day was also encouraging students to become more service-oriented.

Before fall classes began, 600 freshmen went to several locations in the Chattanooga area to volunteer their help.

Students read books to young children, painted murals, cleaned playgrounds, and much more.

“We achieved a success in service,” says Renita Klischies, first year experience coordinator at Southern, “and had a jumpstart to bonding before classes even started.”

—BY CARRIE FRANCISCO



Freshmen get introduced to Southern’s service-oriented culture while painting a mural at the Children’s Home/Chambliss Shelter in Chattanooga.

Southern Releases iPhone App

Whether a student is wondering what’s for lunch or visitors are trying to find their way around campus, finding up-to-date information about Southern Adventist University is now as simple as pulling out your iPhone or iPod Touch.

A newly released application from Southern

contains features like a directory, an event calendar, a Dining Hall menu, and news to keep you up to date.

“There are plans for an Android version in the future, but before that we’ll be



releasing an iPad app,” says Isaac James, eCommunications manager at Southern.

“For visitors to campus, our plan is to provide iPads to supplement their tour of the campus

with video, images, and

information if no one is available to take them around.”

The iPad version will have a few more features than the mobile apps.

To get more information about the app and download it for free, visit southern.edu/iphone.

—BY KATIE FREELAND

Southern Adventist University

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The coin expert from Southern's dig site in Khirbet Qeiyafa, Israel will report on some of the excavation's findings.

Christmas on the Promenade, November 30 at 6:30 p.m.

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Start the season with music, refreshments, and the lighting of the Christmas tree.

Wind Symphony Christmas Concert, December 4 at 8 p.m.

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ELDERLY CARE AVAILABLE for ambulatory lady in SDA home in beautiful Orange Beach, Alabama. Private bedroom, bathroom shared with elderly mother, wholesome meals with family, laundry and necessary transportation provided. 865-806-3046. [11]

HERITAGE SINGERS, celebrating their 40th anniversary, are now taking concert invitations for fundraisers and special church events. Call Max Mace at 530-622-6369 to book a 2011 concert while there are still available dates. [11, 12]

VACATION IN KAUAI, Hawaii at Kahili Mountain Park – tropical paradise with affordable lodging. Proceeds support Adventist school. Inquire about volunteer or mission trip rates and home school programs. Furnished cabins from \$45-\$100, 2-5 bedroom homes from \$120-\$200. Near popular beaches/attractions. Pictures: www.kahilipark.org. Brochure/rates: info@kahilipark.org. 808-742-9921. [11-10]

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Events Calendar

Carolina

Community Services Retreat – Nov. 12-14. Nosoca.

Health Expo – Nov. 14. Mills River, NC, Church.

Unity in the Community Rally
Nov. 19. Immanuel Temple Adventist Church, Durham, NC.
Nov. 20. Raleigh Adventist Church. Details: 919-851-1302.

Walk Through Bethlehem – Dec. 3-5, 10-11, 6-8:30 pm. Kernersville, NC, Church.

Special Guest Steve Arrington – Dec. 11. Spartanburg, SC, Church.

Lay-Pastoral Assistant/Elders' Certification Program – Dec. 11, 12. Greenville, NC. 704-596-3200 to register.

Florida

Complete calendar online – <http://www.floridaconference.com/calendar.html>

Florida Pathfinder events – <http://www.floridapathfinders.com/> or call 407-644-5000 x127.

Singles' Ministries events and mailing list information. Spiritual study groups, fellowship dinners, outings, and more. <http://www.floridaconference.com/family/>, djmiller4000@gmail.com, or 407-703-3050.

North Florida Oakwood University Alumni Chapter – membership information and event listings for Oakwood alumni in Florida. Details: <http://www.oakwoodalumni.org/>, oakwoodalumni@gmail.com, 888-719-7776, or 904-616-1896.

Florida Hospital DeLand Support Groups – Florida Hospital DeLand offers a variety of support. Details available under the "Support Groups" link in the "Patients and Visitors" box at <http://www.fhdeland.org/>

Spanish-language Family Retreat – Nov. 25-28. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Details: 407-644-5000 x138.

Florida Adventist Book Center – Winter Park: 877-55-FLABC (877-553-5222). Miami: 305-805-9900. High Springs: 386-454-7956. Shop online: <http://www.floridaconference.com/abc/> or order by e-mail: FloridaABC@floridaconference.com

Florida Adventist Bookmobile Schedule
Dec. 4. Maranatha in Miami

Gardens.

Dec. 5. Ft. Lauderdale, Lauderhill, Pompano Beach, West Palm Beach Spanish, Jupiter-Tequesta.

Dec. 11. St. Petersburg.

Dec. 12. Clearwater, New Port Richey, Spring Hill, Brooksville, East Pasco in Zephyrhills.

Planned Giving Clinics and Seminars

Dec. 4. Stark.

Dec. 4. Clearwater Spanish.

Dec. 18. Wauchula.

Feb. 19. 2011. Avon Park.

Ambassador Church Evangelism Series – Jan. 7-29. Ambassador Church, Lauderdale Lakes. Details: evangelismproject_amsda@eccgroup.net or 954-733-0607.

Georgia-Cumberland

Complete calendar online – www.gccsda.com

Pathfinder Teen Challenge – Nov. 5-7. Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.

ShareHim Training – Nov. 5, 6. "Sweet Expectations"

Marriage Retreat – Nov. 12-14. Winshape Retreat, Rome, GA.

Health Rally – Nov. 20. Hixson, TN.

Pathfinder Teen Leadership Training – Dec. 3-5. Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.

Prayer Ministry Day – Dec. 4. Thomasville, GA, Church.

Handel's Messiah Community Sing-Along – Dec. 19. 3:00 p.m. Chattanooga, TN, First Church.

Gulf States

Complete Calendar online: <http://www.gscsda.org>

Honors Weekend – Nov. 12-14. Camp Alamisco.

Elders Training – Nov. 19-21. Camp Alamisco.

Elders' and Deacons' Meeting – Dec. 3-5. Camp Alamisco.

Executive Committee – Dec. 7. Conference Office.

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Highland and Madison

Academy Boards

Nov. 11, 2010, Jan. 20, 2011

Highland Academy Youth Rally – Nov. 12-13, 2010. Highland Academy

West Tennessee Festival of Faith – Mar. 5, 2011. Memphis, TN

Eastern Kentucky Camp Meeting – Mar 11-12, 2011. Prestonsburg, KY

Kentucky-Tennessee Music Festival – Mar. 17-19, 2011. Highland Academy

Family Prayer Conference – April 8-9, 2011. Indian Creek Camp

Pastors-Elders Conference – April 15-17, 2011. Indian Creek Camp

Camp Meeting (Anglo) – May 27-June 4, 2011. Highland Academy

Camp Meeting (Spanish) – June 10-11, 2011. Highland Academy

Southern Adventist University

Piano Concert with Aaron Diehl – Nov. 3.

ACROFEST – Nov. 10-13.

Preview Southern – Nov. 11, 12.

Pierson Lectureship – Nov. 12.

Symphony Orchestra Concert – Nov. 14.

Cowboy Jubilee – Nov. 21.

Thanksgiving Break – Nov. 24-28.

Symphony Orchestra Concert – Nov. 28.

Christmas on the Promenade – Nov. 30.

Announcements

Southern Union Prayer Ministries met in March to

establish and implement goals with the conferences. These are the goals: Southern Union churches to become houses of prayer for all people; Unity through communication and prayer partnering among all churches; Encourage more prayer rallies, prayer days, weeks of prayer, in every church; Plan and implement children's prayer conference; Encourage families to establish family altars; and Encourage families to establish time and place for personal prayer.

Cave Mill Church, Bowling Green, KY, Homecoming

– Nov. 5, 6. Speaker: Paul Cannon. Details: 270-618-0342 or website: cavemillsda.org.

Naples Adventist Christian School

– Nov. 12-14. 40th Anniversary. Current and former teachers, students, and parents are invited. Details: www.naplesACS.org or 239-261-6227.

Valley Grande Adventist Academy Alumni Association

– April 1-3. Invites all former faculty, staff, and students to our annual Alumni Weekend. All honor class years ending in 6 or 1 (2006, 2001, etc.). Details: www.vgaa.org or contact Suzanna Facundo: sfacundo@hotmail.com.

Sunset

	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Nov. 26	Dec. 3	Dec. 10
Atlanta, GA	5:41	5:36	5:32	5:30	5:29	5:30
Charleston, SC	5:24	5:20	5:16	5:14	5:13	5:14
Charlotte, NC	5:24	5:18	5:14	5:12	5:11	5:12
Collegedale, TN	5:41	5:36	5:32	5:29	5:28	5:29
Huntsville, AL	4:48	4:42	4:38	4:36	4:35	4:36
Jackson, MS	5:06	5:01	4:58	4:56	4:55	4:56
Louisville, KY	5:38	5:32	5:27	5:24	5:23	5:23
Memphis, TN	5:01	4:55	4:51	4:49	4:48	4:49
Miami, FL	5:36	5:33	5:30	5:29	5:30	5:31
Montgomery, AL	4:50	4:46	4:42	4:40	4:40	4:41
Nashville, TN	4:46	4:40	4:36	4:33	4:32	4:33
Orlando, FL	5:37	5:33	5:30	5:29	5:29	5:30
Wilmington, NC	5:14	5:09	5:05	5:03	5:02	5:03

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