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Christians Don't Know Everything



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Guest Editorial

His name was Kevin, though when he sat down beside me on a Delta flight from Tampa to Atlanta, he did not tell me his name, instead sharing only that he was a salesman. His friendly manner ended a few moments into our conversation. After ordering a mixed drink he asked me what I did for a living. I told him. Kevin frowned: "Christians don't know everything," he snorted. My reply surprised him: "That's true," I said. Sensing that I had no interest in argument, he relaxed and his voice softened. "The Bible has some truth in it, but so does the Koran. No one has all the truth. As for me, I'm not religious. I consider myself agnostic." Though Kevin said he knew what he believed, it seemed that he believed in a little bit of everything, yet was committed to nothing.

For the next hour, I chose to listen more than talk and in so doing, learned of Kevin's personal disappointments. He shared the attempts by his evangelical family to convert him to a faith he did not accept as anything more than one philosophy among many. I learned that while he believed there was probably a God, he was convinced that it was impossible for anyone to know Him personally.

I lifted a silent prayer to share something that might open Kevin's heart to consider the truth. "You know, in order for the truth to exist, it means that lies exist as well," I offered. Kevin agreed. "Discovering what's true and what isn't has been important for me," I added, to which Kevin remarked, "That makes sense." I continued: "The real question is, how do we determine what is true, and what isn't." Again, Kevin agreed. By now, our plane had landed, and I prayed again for parting words that might make a difference, that might nudge Kevin toward truth.

I thought of sharing some profound spiritual realities that include the truth that Jesus Christ was more than a good Teacher, but is the resurrected Son of God. "If Jesus really were alive today, would it make a difference to you?" That seemed to be a good parting question, but the time for discussion had ended as we stood in the crowded aisle waiting to exit the aircraft. I wasn't sure if anything I had said mattered. It was right then that I learned that God had broken through. Did Kevin ask for me to send him literature? No. Did he ask me to put him in touch with a pastor? No. As we left the plane, he stuck out his hand to shake mine, and with a big smile, said, "By the way, I don't think I told you, my name is Kevin, and I enjoyed talking with you." God had broken through; maybe in a small way, but He had gotten through.

"What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth," 1 Corinthians 3:5, 6. It's a wonderful privilege to partner with God as He grows our scattered seed.

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Cover Photo: Reggie Mattison, Southern Union sign engineer, stands next to the North Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church, Leesburg, Florida (northern Lake County), sign he installed.



CHURCH SIGN MINISTRY HAPPENS HERE

BY NATHAN ZINNER

Alexander Pinilla, pastor of University Church, Orlando, Florida, discusses sign choices with Reggie Mattison, Southern Union sign engineer.

Big, small; tall, short; simple or elaborate; signs come in many varieties, but all serve the primary purpose of identification.

Without signs, common day-to-day activities could be challenging, especially if one is looking for a place in an unfamiliar area. Whether one realizes it or not, signs play an important role in our day-to-day life.

During the recent Christmas holiday, my wife and I travelled to another state to spend time with family. Not being familiar with the area, the different signs along the way helped us find the places we were looking for.

On Sabbath, we drove to the local church for the morning services. Without even needing to look at addresses, a large sign indicated we had arrived at the local Seventh-day Adventist church. Beyond identifying the church, the sign was also our first impression and greeting to the church.

While a sign is helpful to Adventists who may be looking for an Ad-

ventist church in an unfamiliar town, church signs have other benefits as well.

“The name, Seventh-day Adventist, carries the true features of our faith in front, and will convict the inquiring mind,” *Testimonies for the Church*, vol.1, p.223. This statement describes how some neighbors of the Umoja Central Church in Riley, North Carolina, feel.

The church recently purchased the building they had been renting from another denomination. The rental agreement didn't allow them to put up a sign indicating their Sabbath services. After purchasing the fa-

cility and erecting a new church sign, Enock Omosa, pastor, says neighbors have started coming to talk to him after researching Seventh-day Adventists on the Internet. “One neighbor is a pastor from an Orthodox church; he came by to talk. Another neighbor is a

Muslim; he came and talked to us... Now they know who we are and we have better relations with the neighbors.”

Alex Pinilla, pastor of University Church in Orlando, Florida, calls this “Presence Ministry.” Pinilla says it is important to have a good sign that lets people in the community know “this is



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The Southern Union Church Identification Program provides and maintains signs for schools, churches, Adventist Community Service Centers, and other buildings.

where we are, and we are doing ministry in this location.”

This is especially important at University Church. Since the church was built, the community has grown, and the road in front of the church has more than doubled in size, resulting in the church now sitting next to a major road.

The original “Three Angels” sign was showing its age and needed to be replaced, says Pinilla. “A sign that is 30 years old and has burnt out lights can give the impression to the community that nothing is going on here.”

Pinilla emphasizes that, “Having a sign that is updated and relevant... paints a much better picture to [the community] of what we are, who we are, and what we want to do for them.”

While local sign companies exist to help local organizations with their signing needs, the Southern Union has also provided this service to churches for 45 years.

The Southern Union Church Identification Program, overseen by the communication department, offers several services to churches with reduced costs as compared to commercial sign companies, and some services that are free to the local church.

The sign engineer is available to any church organization to help with identification needs — including highway signs to direct visitors to the church, yard/marquee signs located on the church property, and door mats. The sign engineer can also maintain many of the signs he installs.

Reggie Mattison, Southern Union sign engineer, says this service is important for two reasons: First, “It helps all the Seventh-day Adventist churches brand themselves with the same logo and standards as the Adventist Church as a whole. Having the same standards makes it easier to identify the church.”

Second, Mattison says the program allows pastors and church members a simple, trusted, and full-service solution to their church’s signage needs.

The process of erecting a sign can often involve many steps. Erecting

and replacing a sign often requires permits, and must meet local sign ordinances. In many situations, the Union sign engineer will work with churches in understanding these regulations and navigating through the paperwork that must be completed to receive the correct permits.

“Not only can a sign be taken down by the city if it doesn’t follow sign ordinances, there can also be financial fines imposed,” says Mattison. In addition, following sign ordinances “can prevent friction between the church, the community, and businesses,” says Mattison. This is especially important with highway signs, which may be located near other businesses or churches.

Churches often benefit from signs on nearby highways or city streets, indicating the direction and distance to the closest Adventist church. Chet Jordan, pastor of North Lake Church in Leesburg, Florida (northern Lake County), says, “These signs have been helpful in aiding visitors looking for their new church.”

In addition to the highway signs, the church also needed a new marquee sign and contacted local sign companies to acquire bids. Jordan says, “We quickly changed our mind when we saw the cost.” Without the Southern Union program, Jordan says a new sign was out of the church’s reach. He says ordering the sign through the Southern Union saved the church around \$5,000.

Other churches have had similar experiences and seen substantial savings. “For my church, it meant whether we could do it or not,” says Pinilla.

The University Church, like many churches in the Southern Union, conducts several ministries out of its church facilities, and needed a good way of communicating its ministries to the community. For this reason, they opted to get a sign that included a digital display. Pinilla says this makes the sign more profitable by being able to put more messages on it that change automatically. “It was possible through the Union to get into a



Reggie Mattison, Southern Union sign engineer, removes outdated sign to install new Seventh-day Adventist highway directional sign.

project like this.”

“First impressions are very important when it comes to the ministry of the church. People will visit you and dare to step on the grounds of the church, based on the first impressions of what they see, and the sign ... is particularly important.

While signs can help form a first impression, they also reflect what is going on within the walls of the church,” says Pinilla.

Next time you go to your church, take a look at your church signs, and ask, “Does the church sign appropriately reflect my church?”

For more information on the sign program, or to contact the Southern Union sign engineer, visit www.southernunion.com/signs.

The Southern Union Church Identification Program can assist churches and schools in a variety of areas.

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Yard Signs • Door Mats
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Peachtree City Gets in the “Truly Christmas” Spirit

BY DEBRA KETELSEN

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving, the Peachtree City Church, Sharpsburg, Georgia, members put on the sparkle and shine to host friends in the community at their annual Truly Christmas dinner. The members believe in involving themselves in their community purposefully, befriending those they work with, live by, or otherwise encounter in their everyday lives.

At the annual Christmas dinner, they invite these friends to come and experience a non-threatening, interactive program at their church, developing a positive connection between their church, friends, and community. The members also believe in giving back to their community through donating the proceeds from the dinner to local charities.

The members believe that this is what God wants for all of our churches — to be known for their love, not just to each other, but to those they come in contact with daily. It is hard to resist this kind of love and acceptance, and many who have attended Truly Christmas find themselves coming to other programs throughout the years.

How Truly Christmas Works

The women of Peachtree City plan the menu. Some years they may cook and prepare most of the meal, sometimes things may be catered in. The women also sign up to host and decorate a table for eight for \$120 (this pays for the meal and the proceeds go to charity). The tables are all unique and beautiful.



Many women attended the Peachtree City Truly Christmas annual event.

Throughout the years, a wide variety of decorations have been used from a table decorated entirely of shades of white and green vegetables, the centerpiece a pillar candle with asparagus proudly standing up around it tied with raffia to the finest crystal, silver and lights, beach themes, breast cancer awareness themes, and many more. The women then invite friends to purchase a \$15 ticket to attend and enjoy the meal and program.

The gentlemen of the church are fully involved as well. They happily wait on the tables, bringing the women their meals, and clearing the tables afterwards. Each hostess brings a gift to be given away in a drawing, and small gifts for each of her guests.

The stage is decorated in poinsettias that are sold after the program to benefit the Shoal Creek Adventist School. Christian education is a high priority for members, and their reward for their support has developed the Shoal Creek

School Bell Ringers and Choir that now perform beautifully at Truly Christmas. Connections made with the community have caused the school in return to become a major missionary outreach to the community with many non-Adventist children attending.

This year's program included music by Scott Barrett and piano instrumental pieces provided by Hugh Waddy, both fellow Christians who have become a regular part of our church community,

providing music at regular church services as well. Waddy was professionally trained at The Juilliard School of Music, Manhattan, New York, and has blessed our church with his gift and love. Dave Ketelsen, Peachtree City pastor, also shared a devotional that warmed the hearts and expressed the true meaning of Christmas — God's love for us in a Baby born to be a Savior.

Peachtree City members believe in a Savior who died for them, and believe that because of this they are saved to love and serve others. May God continue to bless them in their faithfulness to Him.



The gentlemen of the church prepare to serve the meal.

Take the Stress Out of Homework

By Debra Fryson

If you live with school-age children, do you find homework time to be one of the most enjoyable times of the day? My guess is that most parents would answer with a resounding, "No way!" Book titles further reveal the sentiments of many about homework: *How to Do Homework Without Throwing Up*, *Ending The Homework Hassle*, and *Homework Without Tears*. Because research has shown its benefits, homework is here to stay. How then can parents take the stress and hassle out of homework time?

Student Success

Homework plays a very important role to ensure a student is successful in school. Homework assignments include practice exercises that reinforce classroom instruction, preview assignments that prepare for future lessons, extension assignments that transfer skills or concepts to new situations, and creative activities that integrate many skills to produce a single report or project.

Student success is also improved when parents create a home environment that promotes learning and reinforces what is being taught at school. So how then can parents turn homework time into a more positive experience? One expert offers the following advice.

"Eliminate the word 'homework' from your vocabulary. Re-

place it with the word 'study.' Have 'study' time instead of 'homework' time. Have a 'study' table instead of a 'homework' table. This word change alone will go a long way toward eliminating the problem of your child saying, 'I don't have any homework.' Study time is about studying, even if your child doesn't have any homework. It's amazing how much more homework kids have when they have to study regardless of whether they have homework or not."¹

Homework Tips

The U.S. Department of Education offers the following homework tips that parents may find helpful:

- Make sure your child has a quiet, well-lit place to do homework. Avoid having your child do homework with the television on or in places with other distractions, such as people coming and going.
- Make sure the materials your child needs, such as paper, pencils, and a dictionary are available. Ask your child if special materials will be needed for some projects and get them in advance.
- Help your child with time management. Establish a set time each day for doing homework. Don't let your child leave homework until just before bedtime. Think about using a weekend morning or afternoon for working on big

projects, especially if the project involves getting together with classmates.

- Be positive about homework. Tell your child how important school is. The attitude you express about homework will be the attitude your child acquires.

- When your child does homework, you do homework. Show your child that the skills they are learning are related to things you do as an adult. If your child is reading, you read too. If your child is doing math, balance your checkbook.

- When your child asks for help, provide guidance, not answers. Giving answers means your child will not learn the material. Too much help teaches your child that when the going gets rough, someone will do the work for him or her.²

When parents are involved in their children's education at home they do better in school. Because student success is the goal, creating a positive, stress-free study time is of paramount importance.

1. *The Response-Able Parenting Newsletter* 31, September 24, 2004, <http://www.cbickmoorman.com/newsletters/04-sepPar.html>

2. U.S. Department of Education. <http://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/involve/bomework/index.html>

A Celebration of Thanksgiving 2010

BY JONATHAN HICKEY

Everyone knows how busy this time of the year can be. Between Thanksgiving and Christmas it's often easy to lose sight of the true meaning of the season, which is why Florida Hospital offers a beautiful reminder of God's love and provision every year through its annual presentation, "A Celebration of Thanksgiving."

A Celebration of Thanksgiving began more than 30 years ago, as a way for Florida Hospital to give back to the central Florida community. Combining inspirational music with thoughtful stories and dramas, the presentation seeks to put listeners not only in the spirit of the holidays, but the spirit of worship. And this year was no exception.

As the crowd of people entered the sanctuary at Calvary Assembly Church in Winter Park, Florida, they were greeted with a calm and peaceful setting. The stage was filled with beautiful, ancient pottery, each empty vessel mirroring the condition of all who had gathered there; empty and longing to be filled with the message of hope. They would not be disappointed. Renowned Christian recording artists Meredith Andrews and Bebo Norman united together to create an atmosphere of worship that was meaningful and refreshing. They were joined by the innovative a cappella vocal group "7th Element," and the stunning Orlando Philharmonic String Ensemble who also provided beauti-

ful and inspiring music for the entire evening. This was further enhanced by three dramatic presentations produced exclusively for the celebration.

The first told the story of a woman mentioned in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 7, who was considered unworthy by her community because of her poor reputation. However, she found acceptance and grace in the eyes of Jesus, and to show her gratitude, she poured expensive perfume upon His feet and washed them with her tears. Her offering was considered extravagant and wasteful by some, but Jesus praised her for the gift and saw it for what it truly was — an act of love and thankfulness. This drama was lovingly portrayed, and made one feel as if they too were at the feet of Jesus, listening to His words and looking into His eyes.

The second piece brought a little joy into this time of the year. It told the story of Rose, a widower who was alone at Thanksgiving until her neighbors invited her to their house to share the holiday. This simple monologue showed the profound impact a single act of kindness can have on another person, and its message inspired audience members to reach out to those around them.

The final drama was a dramatic retelling of the story of the Good Samaritan. As Jesus told this well-known parable, the audience saw it

come to life before their very eyes as each character — the priest, the wife of the Levite, and the Samaritan shared their unique perspective on the events. This perspective drew the audience into each moment, and made it more than a story. Together, they shared in the fear of the priest, the shame of the Levite and his wife, and finally the kindness of the Samaritan. The message truly resonated with Frank Miller, who drove all the way from Kissimmee, Florida, for the event.

"My wife Cathy and I really enjoyed it," Miller said, "The storytelling was powerful. It really kept our attention and helped us see the true meaning of Thanksgiving. This was our first year to see the presentation, and we'll definitely be back."

Every year the production is coordinated and produced by Mission Development. For those unfamiliar with their work, Mission Development functions as a support team within Florida Hospital to help employees focus on mission. Throughout the year, they are active in a variety of ways with canned food drives, "Backpacks for Kids," CREATION Health, and of course "A Celebration of Thanksgiving." All of this is a part of their larger mission — to extend the healing ministry of Christ to the patients and staff of Florida Hospital.



Florida Hospital DeLand Helps Brighten the Holidays for Local Families in Need

There is no greater gift than to help a family in need for the holidays. The Adopt-a-Family Program was created at Florida Hospital DeLand, DeLand, Fla., to assist families with their Christmas celebration. Without the benefit of an adoption, these families wouldn't be able to celebrate due to their hardships.



By rallying together, Florida Hospital DeLand staff were able to make a real impact in the lives of those in need. The hospital lobby was brimming with presents to distribute.

This year, Florida Hospital DeLand helped 20 families, with a total of 70 children, have a brighter and merrier Christmas. These families were from



Florida Hospital DeLand staff came together to pray for the children and families who received the presents.

the House Next Door (a local not-for-profit agency) as well as the hospital family.

Employees and volunteers gathered in the Florida Hospital DeLand

lobby to bless the gifts before sending them off to the families.

With the help of generous employees and volunteers, Christmas blessings were

shared with families throughout DeLand to make Christmas 2010 a celebration they will never forget.

—BY ERIN HUNTER

Young Patients at Gordon Hospital Receive Gifts from Local Girl Scouts

This holiday season, the youngest patients at Gordon Hospital, Calhoun, Ga., were blessed by some of the youngest members of the local community. Members of Girl Scout Troop 7133 visited Gordon Hospital recently to donate crayons, coloring books, and several teddy bears that they made at Build-A-Bear. The gifts were given to Gordon Hospital's youngest patients during the holiday season.



Local Girl Scouts left a lasting impression in the lives of Gordon Hospital's youngest patients. Pictured are Brooke Fowler (kneeling, left); Anne Deming; Angie Huerta; Gale Trantham, troop leader; April Price (back row, left); Chloe Gibson; Anna Trantham; Sonya Lesesne, R.N.; Ansley Shelton; Clarice Avery, R.N.; Delaney Smith; Retha McRay, R.N.; Marina Talton; and Taiwana Wyatt, R.N.

"We are very appreciative of this wonderful donation," said Retha McRay, house supervisor for Gordon Hospital. "These items will certainly brighten the spirits of children who are admitted into the hospital."

—BY KAREN SHAW

Fletcher Church Celebrates 100 Years of Service



Current Fletcher Church members recall the history of their church during a Celebration of Thanksgiving held on November 20, 2010.

More than 100 years ago, God had His eye on a plot of ground in the mountains of western North Carolina that would one day be the Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church. One look at the large, thriving church facility adjacent to Fletcher Academy, Fletcher Park Inn, Park Ridge Hospital, and the Lelia Patterson Center, and you know for certain God has been leading them.



The Chapel Church was completed in 1934 and remains a well known and loved landmark of the Fletcher campus.

As a result of counsel from Ellen White during a brief visit to the home of Martha Rumbough in Asheville, N.C., in 1909, an old plantation was purchased for \$5,750 in 1910 for use as a school, medical facility, and church.

The first Fletcher congregation of 13 members met in the dining room of the old plantation home known as the “Big House,” which was also used for a school, cafeteria, and living quarters. At that time the church name was “Naples Seventh-day Adventist Church.”

In 1914, the congregation built a church/school building across the street

from the plantation house, which consisted of a small classroom, the school library, and the main meeting room, which seated up to 125 people. Then in 1935, the Chapel Church was built with a capacity of 225. Many thought it would be more than enough room for many years to come; however, by 1936 the membership was 139 and still growing. They soon felt the need to move again; however, the Chapel has continued to be used to this day, presently by Fletcher Academy and a Spanish Adventist congregation.

The Fletcher membership has grown to

more than 800. Their current facility was constructed in 1963 and remodeled in 1979 to add more offices, classrooms, and seating capacity.

On Sabbath, November 20, 2010, a Celebration of Thanksgiving was held in which praise to God was given for His gracious leading in the Fletcher Church during the past century.

—BY IVAN BLAKE



The dual purpose school house/church was constructed in 1914 by John Brownsberger, and could seat about 100 people in its large back room. It remained in use as a church until 1933.

Karen Company Officially Organizes



More than 150 Karen worshippers met at the Durham Five-Oaks Church as they organized into a company of believers on Sabbath, December 4, 2010. Gary Moyer, Carolina Conference executive

secretary, made it official as he spoke to the congregation. Moyer commented that the leadership in this new group are the youth. It was the children and young people that took part in every aspect of the

church meeting.

The Karen-Burmese people are from the mountainous jungle regions of Burma, now officially called Myanmar. The Karen are one of the largest arrival of refugees to this

country. Their people have faced persecution at the hands of a military government because their communities dare to question, challenge, and fight for basic rights. Most have faced a long history of abuse by the Burmese military as forced labor, or undergone dislocation as the army has taken over village areas for its own use.

This Karen group is the latest of the more than half a dozen different ethnic groups of believers who have made their home in the Carolina Conference.

—BY RON QUICK

Tryon School Breaks Ground for New Wing



Pictured are Arthur Gibbs (left), pastor; Norma Collson, principal/teacher; Jackie Green, teacher; Earl Hornbeck, M.D., school board chairman; Sarah Inman, student representative; Renee McDermott, Polk County commissioner; and Robert Carney, DHBH contractor. At the close of the dedication ceremony, a tour of the school and refreshments were offered.

A groundbreaking ceremony was conducted on the grounds of the

Tryon Seventh-day Adventist Church School on Sunday, November 27,

growth of the student population, and look forward

to the greater benefits this expansion program will bring. It became necessary to add another wing to the school.

The school was founded in 1959 and began in Columbus, N.C. The school assumed its present position in Tryon in 1995. The administrators, parents, and constituency are thankful for the continued

to the greater benefits this expansion program will bring.

—BY STELLA YOUNG



Norma Collson, principal

Integrated Youth Ministries Holds First Convention

In a bold, first-ever move, the newly-organized Integrated Youth Ministries (IYM) Department of Florida Conference held a convention that drew educators, children's ministries leaders, Pathfinder and Adventurer directors, Sabbath School teachers, youth leaders, and others interested in positively impacting the life of a child for Christ and meeting the total needs of children, from birth to young adults. More than 600 people gathered October 22-24, 2010, at Camp Kulaqua in High Springs, Fla., to sing, pray, clasp hands, and discover how to work together to "raise up an army of youth."

The convention began on Friday evening by Richard Neil from Loma Linda University, Calif., who combined the science of the adolescent brain with an urgent appeal for understanding, compassion, and wisdom in guiding teenagers along the path



Integrated Youth Ministries Convention attendees enjoyed numerous seminars and workshops. Top: David Laflin presented "Introduction to Gospel Illusions." Bottom: Tina Houser was in character as she presented "Going Live in 3...2...1."

to Christian adulthood. On Sabbath morning, Mark Finley, evangelist and advisor to General Conference President Ted Wilson, implored listeners to connect with young people, stating, "It's easier to enforce a rule than change a heart." That evening, James Black, North American Division youth and young adult ministries director, empha-

sized, "Every child needs to have someone who believes in him."

"The general sessions were totally amazing," said participant Janet Braga. The speakers had us laughing, crying, and more determined than ever to win the hearts of the children entrusted to us."

In addition to the highly motivating general

speakers, the convention featured more than 50 break-out sessions with a wide range of topics from puppetry to the adolescent brain. Each morning, Joseph Kidder, professor from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Mich., led a prayer walk where ministry leaders poured out their hearts in adoration, praise, and worship to God.

"The quality of programs, level of enthusiasm, and the overall weekend was more outstanding than we could have ever imagined and is a tribute to all of the ministry leaders who worked so hard to make this a reality," says event coordinator Jim Epperson. "The biggest question I received was, 'When are we going to do this again?'"

The Integrated Youth Ministries Department is already laying groundwork for the next convention.

—BY SANDRA DORAN, ED.D.



Arne Nielsen, vice president for integrated youth ministries

Nielsen Named Vice President for Integrated Youth Ministries

Arne Nielsen was voted vice president for integrated youth ministries, December 7, 2010, by the Florida Conference Executive Committee. He came to the Conference as superintendent of the Office of Education in 2006.

His career began at Mt. Pisgah Academy, Candler, N.C., as a teacher/coach and

continued there as boys' dean, vice principal, and principal/business manager. For seven years, he served as principal/business manager at Maxwell Adventist Academy, Nairobi, Kenya. Prior to joining Florida Conference, he was superintendent of education for the Idaho Conference in Boise.

He replaces Jim Ep-

person, Ed.D., who retired December 31, after 45 years of service as an academy teacher and principal, college administrator, and local conference and union conference director/vice president of education.

Nielsen and his wife, Teen, have three sons: Josh, 23; Jake, 21; and Jesse, 17.

—BY GLADYS NEIGEL

New Rain Experience Falls on Miami



Sandy Puentes, a staff member with Greater Miami Adventist Academy's Education Center for Early Childhood, welcomes attendees and offers book giveaways and Bibles to community guests.



PHOTOS: GISELLE HERNANDEZ

The Youth Choir from Hialeah Spanish Church performs at one of Greater Miami Adventist Academy's bi-monthly New Rain Experience Vesper programs.

“Listen, O heavens, and I will speak; hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants.”

—Deuteronomy 32:1-2

It's raining nonstop at Greater Miami Adventist Academy (GMAA) where God is pouring out His blessings and wonders on

the school through a new Vesper program.

With a staff of more than 20 members, the New Rain Experience is held every other month with more than 600 attendees becoming one body, one mind, and one soul for one night as they worship together.

The school gym becomes a sanctuary where the Holy Spirit moves in breathless ways. There are moments where the wor-

shippers know and feel that the mighty and powerful God is with them. GMAA students, Pro-Musica choir, teachers, and parents who give their time and gifts are an essential part of this program that has refreshed the spiritual life of students and their families.

New Rain Experience is a place where students and their parents come and experience God together. Parents who have not

accepted Jesus as their personal Savior come to the program, and they have been blessed by listening to the Word of God. After attending one of the New Rain programs, several visiting parents from surrounding Adventist churches felt the presence of God leading them to place their children at Greater Miami Adventist Academy so they can be blessed as well.

—BY SAMMY REYES

John and Elsie Baker Celebrate 63rd Wedding Anniversary

John and Elsie Baker celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary on August 17, 2010. They first met in 1947, and married less than a year later. John says, “When you know something is right and God is in it, you just need to go on and do it.”

Since moving to North Port, Fla., in 1978, John and Elsie have been vital members of Venice Church, where church friends and family helped Elsie celebrate her 96th birthday on October 24. Loved by their church family, the Bakers have faithfully supported and joyfully served in various capacities, and are likely to be found giving praise to God for the many wonderful blessings He has given them in their life together. John currently serves as a church elder.

Elsie retired from her career as director of a Head Start Program in New York. John is a World War II veteran and a retired U.S. Postal Service employee.

The Bakers' have five grandchildren and one son who lives in New York. Their daughter passed away in 1991.



KIMBERLY CAMPOLI

—BY PAUL CAMPOLI

Gainesville Holds Open House in New Church

The Gainesville, Ga., Church held an Open House and Home Coming on November 13, 2010, to celebrate the completion of their new church building. Mario Cruz, representing the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, spoke at the 11 o'clock worship service. Robert East, the first pastor of the Vine Street Church, as well as several members of the early church (Clarice Wilkes, Marcia Abernathy, Carlton Martin, and Danny

Now." Several Adventist churches in the area joined them for the celebration and provided special music for Sabbath school, church, and the afternoon program.

The Gainesville Church sold their old church building on Vine Street in 2007 and met at the Oakwood Lutheran Church from January 2008 to May 2010. Even though the new building was not finished, two ministerial students from Southern

the building in October.

The congregation is overjoyed to again have a "church home," and planned the celebration to praise God for His leading and help in providing them with the new large church that will seat 400 people. Dale Tunnell, pastor, commented, "Our congregation

is small but we have faith that He is leading and we will grow. Each church member has a row to fill!"

Darrel Starkey, who represented the Georgia-Cumberland Conference during the church construction, said conference records show the first church property in Gainesville was purchased in 1926 on Pine and Long Streets, where the Adventists met until the 1960's. Construction began on the Vine Street Church in 1962. God was leading in



Robert East, first pastor of the church on Vine Street, shares memories.



The new front entrance of the church

Freeland), shared pictures and memories from the past in an afternoon program, "From Then to

Adventist University held an evangelistic series in the new building in May. The contractor completed

the sale of Vine Street in 2007 before the downturn in real estate prices, so the church has a mortgage of only \$280,000 on the new building.

Members had hoped to have no mortgage, but say, "The Lord must have big plans for our church because He gave us a large church with room to build a church school some day."

—BY BETTY WILLIS



Early church members reminisce about the history of the church.



The new kitchen and fellowship hall

Bristol Church Ministers in Many Ways



Bikers attend "Thunder in the Church" at Bristol, Tenn., Church.

There was a certain thunderous rumbling at the Bristol, Tenn., Church on Sabbath, October 16, 2010. The members held their first "Thunder in the Church" Bike Rally on a perfect, clear fall day.

The day found 11 motorcycle enthusiasts from three area churches and the community revving up in the parking lot. Everyone that came on a bike that day received a gift bag, including a biker-themed *Steps to Christ*, a copy of the DVD "Washed Away," and a

T-shirt showing the logo of the Bristol motorcycle group "The Sons of Thunder" with their motto:

"Do justly. Love mercy. Ride humbly with Your God."

Kurt Allen, Georgia-Cumberland Conference vice president for finance/treasurer, and his wife, Jeanie, rode in to join the group and share a wonderful Gospel message for morning worship.

After the service, the bikes took off for a beautiful, slightly chilly ride through the mountains. A picnic lunch was served on the windy shore of Watauga Lake.

All the riders in attendance expressed their joy during this time together, and are looking forward to



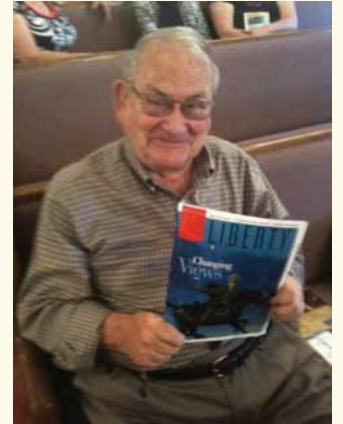
Eight young people were baptized at Bristol Church during a special youth service.

another ride next year.

Earlier in the summer, the members set a goal to raise money for *Liberty Magazine* as part of its Independence Day celebration. They wanted to send the magazine to the pastors of the 93 churches in Bristol and Virginia. Adding a list of elected officials and law enforcement officers, the cost ended up at just under \$900.

On July 3, Dwight Hildebrandt preached on the value of religious freedom. Following the message, the members raised \$1,026! As a result, they were able to send subscriptions to several additional business and community leaders on both sides of the state line.

The church then closed out the summer with a special Youth/Young Adult Weekend, August 14, 2010, involving children and youth of all ages. On Sabbath evening, the children and youth presented the musical "Polk County Picnic" with



Bristol Church members raised funds to send Liberty Magazine to a number of local leaders.

the story of the prodigal son. After the program, a picnic and family game night was held in the gym. Sunday morning found 27 young adults whitewater rafting on the Nolichucky River. However, the highlight of the weekend was the Sabbath worship service when eight children were baptized.

Brayton Church Hosts Panel of Physicians

The Brayton, Tenn., Church hosted a panel of physicians at the Dayton, Tenn., Welcome Center, November 21, 2010.

Kevin Moore, a local chiropractor, spoke on the relationship between the skeletal system and its interaction with other systems of the body.

Scott Grivas of Wildwood, Ga., specialized

in internal medicine. He spoke about the cardiovascular system, the benefits of lifestyle changes, and how a sedentary existence can result in diabetes.

Tom Klinner was the third presenter.



Physicians Kevin Moore (left), Scott Grivas, and Tom Klinner answer questions and speak to the community about health issues.

He has a family practice in Ooltewah, Tenn., and spoke about the health benefits of foods in their natural state. There were many questions that the presenters were able to answer effectively.

—BY MARGARET FISHER

Bass Church Hosts Ministerial Association Thanksgiving Celebration

The Bass Memorial Church hosted the Lumberton Area Ministerial Association Annual Thanksgiving Celebration on Sunday, November 21, 2010. The celebration consists of a program presented by sev-



Jerlanda Marshall (left) and Stacey Rumsey prepare to greet the guests as they arrive.

eral area churches of multiple denominations. Jerlanda Marshall and Stacey Rumsey greeted visitors at the foyer door. Glen Marshall, Bass Memorial Church pastor, opened with a warm and humorous welcome and prayer, followed with special music by Tim Rumsey, Bass Memorial Academy music teacher.

Several musical numbers and a devotional were presented by various area churches. Following the service, the women of the church, lead by the church's head deaconess, Sharon Smutzer, hosted a sit down reception. The fellowship hall was decorated with

a fall theme, and the tables were arranged in banquet-style seating. The tables were decorated with a chocolate brown color scheme. The fellowship hall smelled wonderful thanks to the numerous candles from Plain Jane's burning on the tables. The menu included fresh fruit, vegetables, finger sandwiches, hot and cold appetizers, hot and cold drinks, and numerous dessert selections. The food was provided by Sharon Smutzer, Tami Wilhelm,



Glen Marshall, pastor of Bass Memorial Church, addresses the congregation.

Shannon McFarland, Brandi Brown, Jennifer Culpepper, Edith Brown, Stacey Rumsey, June Brown, Glenda Dick, and Diane Marshall. More than 100 Lumberton area residents attended the event.

—BY SHANNON MCFARLAND

Montgomery First Launches Women's Ministries Program

More than 40 women from the Montgomery, Ala., First Church enjoyed a Christmas banquet planned especially for them. Many of the women who attended the banquet were new members or friends of

members. As the women enjoyed getting better acquainted, they were treated to a delightful meal. All women from the church were invited, including the young girls, who sat at a table reserved for them.



Beth Wesley (left) and Carla McGhee enjoyed visiting while waiting for the food to be served. The banquet gave the women an opportunity to gain new friends and get better acquainted with their sisters in the church family.

The event launched the reorganized women's ministries program in the church. Those present were encouraged to use their talents and to get involved with a ministry. Some decided to be a part of outreach programs such as prison ministries or home-bound ministries. Many signed up to be a secret sister to another woman in the church, or to join one of two Bible study groups.

The event was organized by the women's ministries committee under the direction of April Hobbs, who serves as Montgomery First coordinator, and is



For the devotional, April Hobbs gave a moving character presentation of Mary Magdalene.

also the director of women's ministries for the Gulf States Conference.

—BY REBECCA GRICE

Seeds for Eternity Host Partnership Weekend

Staff and students at Bass Memorial Academy (BMA) were delighted to host guests on their campus for the first Seeds for Eternity Partnership Weekend on November 12 and 13, 2010. Seeds for Eternity is a partnership program initiated earlier this year for those who feel called to partner financially with BMA in the mission of planting spiritual seeds for eternity in the hearts of young people attending BMA. A partner must commit to giving a minimum of \$600 a year or \$50 a month.

The weekend was highlighted by student and faculty testimonials, inspiring music, fellowship opportunities, and a special "Thank You Banquet"

on Saturday evening. Students and partners who attended were richly blessed by their experience. The partners may choose to benefit students through their financial support of the Worthy Student Fund, the General Operating Fund, or the Mission and Ministry Fund. The Worthy Student Funds allows students to attend who might not otherwise be able to do so. The Mission and Ministry Fund provides outreach opportunities for students in the community and abroad. It also helps supporting events such as the recent Bass Youth Conference (BYC), modeled after the well-known Generation of Youth for Christ Confer-



Seeds partners Louis and Paula Monverde (left) sit with Faye and Tui Pitman, Bass Academy advisor to the principal, and students Ruth Recinos and Samantha Gould.

ences (GYC) held nationally each year. Last year's BYC was held in September, and was a spiritual highlight for students and visitors. The featured speakers were Chelsea Jordan, vice president for GYC, and Ted Wilson, General Conference presi-

dent, and his wife, Nancy.

At the present time, there are 42 Seeds for Eternity Partners. Those interested in learning more or becoming a partner may visit www.bassmemorial-academy.com.

—BY MARLENE COLBURN

Homeless in Crestview Enjoy Fish-Fry

On a recent trip to north Alabama with his wife, Elbert James, a member of the Crestview, Fla.,

Church, took time to go Bass fishing. He usually catches fish, but this time he caught so many he had

a problem — what was he to do with so many?

Then he remembered a homeless man he had encountered a few mornings earlier, and a plan began to emerge. Why not have a fish fry at his house and invite all of the homeless in the area? James visited the churches

that have soup kitchens and got the names of the homeless. After he found where the homeless were, he gave them a piece of paper with his address, phone number, and the time of the fish fry.

On a Saturday evening in November, 14 individuals stopped by the James' home and joined them under their carport to enjoy the best meal they had eaten in a long time. James would like to thank his church family, and especially his wife, for their help in preparing and serving the meal.

—BY REBECCA GRICE



Inaugural Fun Run of Neely's Bend Held

More than 250 participants gathered at Peeler Park in Madison, Tenn., on the morning of October 31, 2010, for the inaugural Neely's Bend Fun Run. Several months before, the idea of a 5K Run/Walk was born from a vision of promoting community health and wellness while bringing hope and value to the Madison area. Vicki Anderson, principle organizer of the event, stated after the decision to

move forward, "I hope we get 100 people."

Anderson, through her connections with the Nashville Striders Running Club, began communicating with individuals who organize multiple runs within the greater Nashville area. With the help of those with experience, she made a list of necessities.

Like many first-born projects, there was no money and plenty of chal-

lenges. One of those challenges was the \$500 permit fee for the use of Peeler Park for such an event.

Thanks to the inter-

vention of City Councilman Jim Forkum, the fee was reduced to \$250.

The very next week, at a business luncheon hosted by the Madison Chamber of Commerce, a contact with State Representative Mike Turner resulted in arrangements to cover the remaining \$250 permit fee.

Sponsorship letters were sent to community leaders, prominent businesses, and school promoters. Registrations flowed in, and the sponsorships committed to funding such an event were collected. People became excited. Through a few "cheerleader-style" church announcements and strategic sign placements, the goal of 100 participants was exceeded with more than a month to go before the event. Even

Fred Fuller, senior pastor of Madison Campus Church, declared his participation based on the knowledge that there would be advanced medical care available!

So, on a cool Sunday morning in late October, a dream became a reality. Madison Campus Elementary School hosted the first ever Fun Run on a peninsula on the Cumberland River, once used as a slave trade port, chosen by God's early pioneers to stand as a place for redemption and education. Gratitude goes to all the sponsors and participants. More than \$3,000 was raised to support the Madison Adventist Community Services Center in its ministry to those less fortunate.

—BY DAVID ANTHONY



John Boskind (left) and Jeff Peterson cross the finish line at the inaugural Neely's Bend Fun Run.

Indian Creek Camp Hosts AACCP

Indian Creek Camp and the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference hosted the annual convention of the Adventist Association of Camp Professionals, December 2-5, 2010. AACCP includes all Adventist personnel working in camping ministries across the North American Division. Delegates came from as far away as Canada, California, Florida, and New England. Among the 150 delegates were Norm Middag, Phil Younts, and Bill Wood, who were co-founders of AACCP when it was organized in 1994.

AACP provides opportunities for Adventist camp professionals to network and share ideas, and it recommends standards for the certification of adult camp staff members. The annual meeting also provides in-service training for youth directors, camp directors, and managers, rangers and caretakers, food service directors, and cooks. A special track was added this year to include summer camp staff, many of whom are students attending Adventist universities, colleges, and academies.

Steve Haley, Kentucky-

Tennessee Conference president, was the keynote speaker at the opening session of the convention. Allan Williamson, Southern Union youth director, was present on Sabbath to welcome delegates and speak words of encouragement to those in attendance. James Black, North American Division youth director, gave the message during the worship time on Sabbath morning.



Allan Williamson (left), Bill Wood, James Black, Wendy Eberhardt, and Norman Middag

Many of those attending expressed words of appreciation for the beautiful facilities at Indian Creek Camp, Liberty, Tenn.

—BY MARVIN LOWMAN

Madison Campus Church Spotlights Pathfinders, Adventurers

The Madison Campus Pathfinders and Adventurers conducted the Sabbath worship service on November 13, 2010. Pathfinders

and Adventurers were in charge of everything from the opening procession to the benediction, including the music, the chil-

dren's story, offering call, and the morning prayer. The only exception was the sermon which was delivered by Ron Whitehead, North American Division director of the Center for Youth Evangelism and director of the International Camporees.

Whitehead delivered a sermon entitled "Where's the Beef," and encouraged the Pathfinders and Adventurers to find

the beef in their relationship with Jesus. His sermon was filled with stories and examples of how to be a better Christian.

After the service, Whitehead met with the Pathfinders and Adventurers and answered questions about his work and the plans for the next Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisc., "Forever Faithful" — about the life of Daniel. Additionally, he let out a little secret — the theme for the 2019 International Camporee has already been established.

It was a high Sabbath that was a bless-

ing to the Pathfinders, Adventurers, congregation, and Internet viewers.

—BY LINDA CARPENTER



Ron Whitehead spoke to the Pathfinders and Adventurers.



The colors are posted as the worship service begins.

Identify Yourself

Identify Yourself With Jesus' Footprints was the theme at the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Hispanic Women's Retreat, held September 10-12, 2010, at Indian Creek Camp, Liberty, Tenn.

Under the supervision of Gail McKenzie, Confer-

ence women's ministries director, with the assistance of Marline Del Valle and Erika Dominguez, 100 women attended the retreat. Six of those who attended were not members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, but also expressed their desire to identify themselves

with Jesus' footprints.

The guest speaker was



Milagros Tomei. Workshops were directed by Xiomara Mercado. Special music was provided by Kenia Sears. This was a wonderful experience where all the women attending dedicated themselves to Jesus as wives, mothers, and friends.

—BY MARLINE DEL VALLE

Students Play for "Christmas on the Ridge"



Students from the Ridgetop Adventist Elementary School in Tennessee provided Christmas music at

the community's "Christmas on the Ridge" in December. The children played chimes and bells at the Wilson Home and Ridgetop Museum located in Ridgetop Station Park. Each of the three

classes participated. Pictured above is a portion of grades K-2 under the direction of their teacher, Myrna Smith.

—BY HELEN KELLY

Columbia-Ephesus Plans Church Centennial

The Ephesus Church family and community friends gathered the weekend of September 17, 2010, to kick-off a seven-month-long community outreach campaign. The reason for the campaign is to celebrate 100 years of Adventism in the city of Columbia, S.C.

The campaign will include Bible studies, evangelistic outreach, and youth gatherings. "Celebrating the Planting of 100 Footsteps... Lord Plant our Feet on Higher Ground," is the centennial theme as the church pays homage to its past.

The weekend of musical explosion was celebrated through songs of praise, worship, prayer,

and giving thanks to God for His guidance over the past 100 years. It marked the beginning of a series of celebrations that will take place during the next few months and culminate the week of March 6-11, 2011, when the church celebrates its centennial birthday.

An array of activities are being planned that will focus on reclaiming former members, empowering youth, recognizing veterans, and increasing the church's presence in the city of Columbia. "Our prayer is that we can connect with many former members and bring in new members to our church," says, Larry E. Johnson, pastor. "This is a time

of celebration, but it's also a time to work in the Lord's Vineyard to get His people ready for the Kingdom." So far, more than 20 former members have joined in the festivities.

A youth activity that is attracting a lot of interest is Friday Friends, which targets non-Adventist youth, ages 16-25. Recently, the group welcomed more than 20 young adults for its first event. "It was a great turnout and a wonderful opportunity to connect with our peers," says Leslie O'Neal, group leader. "We hope to engage them in developing a relationship with Jesus and hanging out with other Christians." Friday

Friends seek to nurture and empower young people by providing a Christian social environment through fellowship and spiritual growth.

Ephesus Church members are excited about the upcoming anniversary, and look forward to the next few months as more activities get underway. The birthday celebration in March will culminate with a week of revival and outreach led by a roster of former pastors of Columbia and Ephesus Church, which include Marcellus Howard and Calvin Preston.

—BY SHELLY-ANN BOWEN

Love of God Shared Through Health

October found the members of Voice of Hope Church in Shelby, N.C., busy and excited about spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ through health. The women and senior ministries planned and implemented a Community Health Fair on October 1-3, 2010.

The Sabbath evening kick-off workshop opened with guest presenter Raymond King of Greensboro, N.C. The topic presented was "Sex, the topic no one wants to talk about!" King presented important information that benefited young and older adults concerning sex, with emphasis on biblical teachings.

On Sabbath morning, the streets of Shelby came alive around 7:30 am, with

Voice of Hope members and friends from Ephesus Church of Gastonia, N.C., and Berean in Charlotte, N.C., setting up the street to prepare for a successful health fair.

The fair could not have been successful without participation from Caromont Health Services (Gaston Memorial Hospital); Upper Cleveland Medical Center and Ted Cash, M.D.; K-Mart Pharmacy; Cleveland County Health Department; Cleveland Urologic Surgery; Cleveland Hematology and Oncology; Cleveland Eye Center; Young and Associates Dental; The Organic Market Place; Debra Johnson, LPN, of Charlotte Berean Church;



The various booths lined the streets of Shelby, N.C., and were instrumental in serving 100 individuals from the community.

and Sharon Ali, RN, of Voice of Hope Church. The fair served approximately 100 individuals within a three-hour period.

On Sunday afternoon, "The Healthy Living Cooking Class" was held at a Red Cross Center. Attendees were presented a folder with recipes, biblical health information, and a ticket for a chance to win

a door prize.

Food was prepared to represent the different meals. Ellen F. Benoit of Shelby, N.C., presented breakfast; Gloria Ballard of Rutherfordton, N.C., presented lunch and dinner; Joyce A. Jones of Huntersville, N.C., prepared bread; and Susie Wilson of Belwood, N.C., the dessert.

After the modeled presentations, the table was set, the food was blessed, and the visitors were allowed to partake of the prepared delectables.

When the tasting had concluded, there were many compliments and inquiries concerning the date of the next health fair.

—BY ANN PERKINS DAVIS

Raleigh Church Celebrates Seventh-day Adventist Name

Gethsemane Church in Raleigh, N.C., had a spectacular weekend starting October 8, 2010, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the naming of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

More than 150 royal blue and white T-shirts advertising the big weekend were sold, thanks to the Sabbath School superintendent Brenda Buie, who called all the members listed in the church directory. Members wore their t-shirts throughout the whole weekend to promote uniformity.

The weekend started with song, a Friday evening communion and vesper service conducted by the pastor, Lloyd Johnson, with a brief message given by Reggie Taylor. Taylor's sermonette touched on some of the history of the Seventh-day Adventists. On Sabbath morning, a video clip was shown that highlighted how very few in the community had heard of Seventh-day Adventists. The video featured Jean Lordeus, Brenda Buie, and Allianah Lordeus visiting a local park and inquiring of those at the park, "Who are the Seventh-day Adven-



Members of Gethsemane assisted the Pathfinders in literature distribution.

tists?" The message was preached by Carl McRoy, South Atlantic Conference publishing director.

After divine service a sack lunch was served, and the Pathfinders and church members went into the community to distribute literature about the Seventh-day Adventist faith and to pray with those who had special needs. The goal was to pass out at least 150 pieces of literature to commemorate the weekend celebration.

Sabbath afternoon, AYS was conducted by Yolanda Taylor, and included a game of Ad-

ventist History Jeopardy. A Vesper thought was delivered by one of the Pathfinders, Ashunda Boyd-Singletary, keeping with the theme of the weekend. She testified about what it means to be an Adventist at her public high school and how she desires to be a

witness to her friends and classmates. The evening concluded with a social event held at a local community center.

Sunday, October 10, started early with the fourth

walkers were zealous that they began walking earlier. More than 50 church members came out to participate in the walk. The added blessing to the participants of the Unity walk was the willingness of church member Willie McNeil to do free massages.

The grand finale for the weekend was a Senior Coronation where View Henderson and Conrad Sambula were crowned as queen and king for 2010-2011. The church pastor, Lloyd Johnson, and his wife, Daphne, took great pleasure in crowning the winning seniors.

Members have reported that they enjoyed all the weekend's activities and hope to do more things to foster fellowship and witnessing experiences with each other and their neighbors.

The inspiration and coordination of the 150th Naming Anniversary weekend was planned by Tajuana Lordeus. She read the August edition of the Southern Tidings, highlighting a recommended program for commemorating the 150th Naming Anniversary.



View Henderson (left) and Conrad Sambula were crowned as seniors' queen and king.

annual Gethsemane Unity walk. Registration was at 8 a.m., and the walk began at 8:30 a.m., though some

150th Naming Anniversary.

Men Gather for “1,000 Praying Men”

It was a lovely Friday afternoon on October 1, 2010. Vehicles filled the roads with men from the South Central Conference, traveling from points north, south, east, and west of Talladega, Ala. What was the occasion? Men from South Central churches were going to Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center in Talladega to pray,

to humble and submit themselves anew to Christ, and to learn how to be the men God has called them to be. They were going to learn how to be the priests in their homes, how to be leaders in their churches, and how to take their rightful position in these last closing hours of Earth's history. All of these activities were bathed in the essence of persistent, fervent, and active prayer.

The theme for the 1,000 Praying Men Convocation was “Reclaiming Our Role.” After the welcome from Roy Rugless, South Central prayer min-



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istries leader, the formal meetings began. Michael Polite, Riverside Chapel Church associate pastor, presented an informative and enlightening message entitled, “When We Were Soldiers.” In his message he shared with some and reminded others that the way men behave has a lot to do with their past historical cultural experience as a group. Polite informed the men that historically, the Afro-American male was taught to fear their task masters, distrust one another, and to envy each other. This was shared out of the William Lynch doc-

trine that was used to help the early colonialist control their “economic possessions.” These beliefs, these ungodly principles, were so thoroughly engrained into the Afro-American male psychic that they still persist today to some extent. He was trying to let the men know that in the context of I Corinthians 11, according to God's plan, men are to be the head of their families, and are to be the priests in their homes. There was much learned that evening.

Testimonies and prayer followed the message. Men came forward

and testified how family members sexually abused them when they were young boys. Some testified that they were living double lives, portraying one way on the outside, but on the inside facing serious struggles. Some shared how they had allowed the television to become an idol in their home and had led their children astray, admitting that it was their

fault as the head of their home — they cried out for prayer. But, the story doesn't end there. After sharing their tragic stories, there was an opportunity to let everyone know that God was not absent in their experiences. God had brought deliverance and hope for those who didn't know freedom and hope. Through the ascension of prayer, the hands of everyone in the assemblage were placed one on the other, and petitions were raised on behalf of men who were struggling with various issues in their lives.

After testimony and



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prayer there was an anointing service where the South Central pastors who were in attendance anointed a man who was facing a serious medical concerns.

On Sabbath, Nevilon Meadows, pastor and founder and CEO of Men under Development, presented a Holy Spirit-inspired, biblically toned, thorough message on male affirmation and celebration, as God designed it to be. The message was entitled "If Any Man ..."

This was followed on Sabbath afternoon by a presentation and subsequent question-and-answer period, conducted by Deo-

ra Johnson, Ph.D., chairman of the Counseling Department at Oakwood University. His message was entitled "Why Do I Have These Urges?" Men were allowed to ask deep-probing questions about their sexuality and sexual behavior. The audio/video equipment was turned off, so there would be privacy and trust as they got to the root of some of their issues. Johnson stated that God gave sexuality to man and it wasn't a bad thing.

Prayer, prayer, prayer was all over the meetings. A core group of women from the South Central churches set up a prayer room outside of the meet-



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ing venue, and walked the grounds as they were constantly in a spirit of prayer that God's name would be magnified, and the struggling men would become the men that God destined them to be.

Another men's convocation will be planned for

later this year at the same location. Make plans now and commit to be where the presence of the Lord is manifested in a mighty, glorious way.

—BY CHRISTOPHER BAILEY

Mouzons Celebrate 50 Years of Marriage

Hector and Inola Mouzon were married on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 1960, when Hector worked for the Southwest Region Conference, Dallas, Tex., as the publishing director. Since that time they have shared ministries as associate treasurer, pastor, departmental leader in community services, personal ministries, stewardship/trust services, regional coordinator of Washington Conference, and executive secretary and interim president of Allegheny West Conference. These opportunities to serve in five of the regional conferences, the beautiful island of Bermuda, and Washington Conference during a

period of 42 years, is greatly cherished in their hearts. In most of these places, Inola utilized her degree in education in Adventist schools and public schools.

They are the proud parents of twin sons, Derek and Damyon, and four adorable grandchildren.

They are presently retired in Huntsville, Ala.



Hector and Inola Mouzon

Miami Bethany Opens Community Outreach Center

Miami Bethany Church held the grand opening of its Community Outreach Center, located across from the church, on Sunday, October 3, 2010. Barry Bonner, pastor, in his remarks stated, "The newly renovated building will host a computer lab, and the multi-purpose rooms will be able to provide various services including tutoring, healthy cooking, and financial literacy classes to the Brownsville community."

Bonner went on to say, "Many of the services have been offered in the church for years, but the members wanted to take these services out of the church so that the community can know what we have to offer."

In addition to the outreach center's new capabilities, it will continue to provide groceries to those in need.

Arneth R. Thomas, M.S.W., CEO and founder of the Solid Rock Foundation, was present at the opening ceremonies.

She affirmed her commitment to partner with the Bethany members in utilizing the Bethany Outreach Center to service the community.

Felicia S. Robinson, Council Member Seat 4 of the North Miami Gardens precinct, was in attendance. During her remarks, she was proud to inform everyone that she attended Miami Union Academy in the very building that is

now Bethany's Outreach Center.

"Brownsville is our community and it is our duty to take it back, by reaching out to the children and youth," said Robinson.

Jean Monestine, M.B.A., councilman candidate for Miami Dade County District 2, and member of the Eden Church was present. He commended Bonner and the Bethany members for the much-needed project of the Outreach Center that will be of service to the Brownsville community, where crime



Barry Bonner (fifth from left), pastor of the Miami Bethany Church, cuts the ribbon to open Miami Bethany Community Outreach Center. He is joined by councilwoman Felicia Robinson (left), Carla Robinson, Jean Monestine, Tracy Bonner, Arneth R. Thomas, and Trevor Jobson.

and hunger at times plague the area.

From 1949 to 1979 the building served as the home of Miami Union Academy.

—BY TREVOR JOBSON

Perrine Conducts Youth Fall Evangelism

The youth department of the Perrine Church, Perrine, Fla., conducted its annual Youth Fall Evangelism initiative from October 30 to November 6, 2010.

In preparation for the event, the entire church body went into the surrounding neighborhoods to distribute flyers and invite their neighbors to attend the meetings.

The youth were divided into several bands, and each band was assigned a particular section around



During the week of October 30 to November 6, 2010, Adam Gregoire conducted the youth fall evangelism effort at Perrine Church.

the church in a six-mile radius.

The messenger for the week was Adam Gregoire, a teacher at Perrine Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School.

His theme was "The Ultimate Game Plan for Your Past, His Church, Your Body, Your Money, Your Bedroom, and Your Life."

Throughout the week, he carefully outlined how fearful it is to fall into the hands of the living God.

Gregoire pointed out that hell is as real as Heaven, and that Jesus

is the greatest architect.

"He is preparing a beautiful city for those who love Him," he said. "God doesn't want to see suffering during eternity."

Each night visitors were blessed as they fed upon the Word. The youth department has a series of follow-up plans to continue working monthly and include health discussions, sports activities, cooking classes, and a rapport with the community.

A follow-up evangelistic effort was held last month, January 7-30.

—BY MILICANT TAYLOR

Southeastern Appoints Associate Superintendent



Barbara Davis has been appointed to serve as Southeastern's associate superintendent of education.

The Southeastern Conference executive committee appointed Barbara Davis to serve as associate superintendent of education on December 12, 2010. She assumes Carol Byrd's position, who was recently appointed to serve as superintendent following the death of Elisa Young.

A native of Jamaica, Davis holds a B.A. degree in elementary education with ESOL endorsement, and an M.S. in pre/K primary education with gifted endorsement from Barry University, North

Miami, Fla. At the time of her appointment, Davis was serving as the principal of Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School in Florida City. She will continue to serve as principal of Bethel for the remainder of the academic school year.

"I am appointed to serve as associate superintendent is very humbling — knowing that God has chosen me to help fulfill the mission of educating the students of the Southeastern Conference, not only for this life, but for eternity. I will not take it lightly," said Davis. "I sincerely hope that my con-

tribution to the education department of Southeastern will be beneficial to all students, parents, teachers, and principals."

Davis is married to George Davis, and they have two sons, Michael and Marlon. She is the CEO and co-founder of Hand of Hope Ministries International Inc., an organization that is dedicated to ministering to the poor and needy.

Each summer, through her organization, she and her husband dedicate one week to do missionary work outside the United States.

—BY ROBERT HENLEY

Palm Bay Ordains Deacons, Elders into Service

On Sabbath afternoon, November 20, 2010, several deacons and elders who have been serving the Lord at Palm Bay Church for some time were ordained.

Three deacons and three elders answered the call to serve God in these important capacities, and were duly ordained by Wintley A. Phipps, D.Min., senior pastor of Palm Bay, and Andre Campbell, associate pastor, in a service well attended by family, friends, and church members.

Campbell charged the six individuals to regard their duties as seriously as they do their vocations. He then charged the members to keep them in constant prayer.

Phipps then prayed over the six chosen, as ordained elders laid their hands upon them.

The ordained deacons were Charles Fraser, Zephrus Joseph, and Stefan Williams. All three individuals have been serving Palm Bay faithfully for several years.

Fraser is a decorated Master Guide and the director of the Palm Bay Crusaders Pathfinder Club.

Joseph is active with men's ministries. Williams is a staff member of the



Wintley Phipps, D.Min., (center), senior pastor of Palm Bay Church, offers a prayer of consecration for the newly ordained deacons and elders. He is joined by Andre Campbell (right), associate pastor; spouses; and fellow elders.

Pathfinders and Adventurers Clubs, as well as an assistant discussion leader of one of the youth Sabbath School groups.

The elders were Arlene Adams, Delroy Bolton, and Robert Durant. Adams is a professor of nursing at Brevard Community College, and is also the leader of women's

ministries at Palm Bay.

Bolton has served Palm Bay as an AYS sponsor, and leads art classes at the church.

Durant is a retired military veteran, who has been serving Palm Bay as the leader of a Sabbath School discussion group.

—BY TALIA A. DICKSON

Aeolians and Committed Take Top Honors

Oakwood University's music department, traditionally known for turning out promising vocalists, has had a powerful representation in national music competitions since the 2010-2011 academic year began. Two vocal groups and one classical songstress successfully vied against some tough competition last year.

Aeolians

One of those vocal groups is the University's signature choral ensemble, the Aeolians, who took top honors in the recent iSing College Choir Scholarship Challenge. The choir, directed by music professor Jason Max Ferdinand, has performed both nationally and internationally and was one of four choirs from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to be invited to compete in the finals held last November at Reid Temple AME Church in Glenn Dale, Md. Winners of the competition are considered the top vocal ensembles representing America's HBCUs.

The Aeolians took the stage performing "My Soul's Been Anchored" — an arrangement full of diverse rhythms, challenging harmonies, and musical nuances — as their first selection. This initial selection featured student soprano soloist Whitney Morrison, a vocal performance and pedagogy student who herself took home \$1,000



Director Jason Max Ferdinand leads the Aeolians at the iSing competition, held last November in Glenn Dale, Md.

in first-prize award money when she surpassed some 250 other contestants at the 2010 National Classical Singer University Competition held in New York last June.

Still more astounding was the choir's second piece — the Aeolians' adaptation of "Jerusalem" — which incorporates melody lines from Kirk Franklin's "Hosanna." And as if the first arrangement hadn't required enough vocal calisthenics, the second selection included massive instrumental support that suddenly dropped out, leaving the voices sustained by their own vocal percussion, impressively syncopated by the men's section. The winning performance brought with it a

\$5,000 first-place award for the Aeolians.

The choir was also featured last June at the 59th General Conference in Atlanta, Ga. In addition, the ensemble went on to perform at the opening session of the 2010 Pastoral Evangelism and Leadership Conference, which took place at the Oakwood University Church last December.

Committed

More recently, 10 groups from across the country, including six young "Oakwoodites" known by the name "Committed," competed in the second season of NBC's *The Sing-Off*. On December 20, 2010, these talented young men won the grand prize

of a Sony Music recording contract and \$100,000.

It was all over the local news and social media networks that "Committed, the new a cappella singing sensation, [had] taken the championship title on NBC's *The Sing-Off*." More than 17,000 people have "liked" Committed's Facebook page, and the story posted on al.com Monday night immediately after the group was crowned the winners has been linked more than 800 times on Facebook. Local television station WAFF-TV Channel 48 carried the story on its 10 o'clock newscast, and The Huntsville Times front page headline read, "COMMITTED WINS! Huntsville a cappella group takes title on NBC's *The Sing-Off*."



PHOTO COURTESY OF RAY GRANGER

Committed members Maurice Staple (left), Therry Thomas, Alain “Tommy” Gervais, Dennis “DJ” Baptiste, Robert Pressley, and Geston Pierre are shown at Committed’s Monaco Release event for the opening of the The Sing-Off competition.

The group took the championship at NBC’s vocal competition, advancing through each episode by winning the approval of the judges, who determined the songs they should perform. Though accustomed to performing religious selections, the group persevered through less familiar musical genres to demonstrate their diversity of their vocal range, something the NBC competition watches for keenly. The judges left the final vote to the American public, though, soliciting fan votes that came in by phone calls, text messages, and the Internet polling.

Though the group’s

members have changed since some high school boys got together to kick around a few tunes at Forest Lake Academy back in central Florida, the members’ commitment to God has been a constant. Since then, all six of the current members — Dennis Baptiste, Tommy Gervais, Geston Pierre, Robbie Pressley, Maurice Staple, and Therry Thomas — have attended Oakwood at some point in time, while one, Gervais, is still enrolled and working on an undergraduate degree in music composition. At least two members of Committed have also sung with the Aeolians while at-

tending Oakwood University, and one member is also an alumnus of Oakwood Adventist Academy.

Cedric Dent, Ph.D., is credited with having recommended Committed to NBC when producers were looking for acts for The Sing-Off’s second season, despite the fact that casting had already closed. Dent is a member of the Grammy Award winning group Take 6, which, like Committed, began at Oakwood University. He had heard the aspiring musicians sing a medley of Take 6 songs at the United Christian Artist Association’s Music Legends Ball in 2008, and was blown away by how

accurately Committed executed the Take 6 a cappella sound.

Oakwood University praises God for the privilege of having nurtured the musical abilities of several vocal ensembles throughout the years, and is happy to have had a part in the shaping of these young vocalists’ talents. The University congratulates the dedicated faculty and staff who have nurtured the musical abilities of these groups, and charges these gifted musicians to remember always to place God first as they continue their singing ministry.

—BY MICHELE SOLOMON

School of Religion Inaugurates E.G. White Institute

An inaugural banquet was held at Southern Adventist University, November 2010, for the inauguration of the Institute for the Study of Ellen G. White and Adventist Heritage.

When discussing the future plans for the institute, Jud Lake, a religion professor and director-to-be of

the institute, mentioned four main goals: the promotion of Adventist Heritage tours



Greg King and George Knight celebrate the inauguration of the E.G. White Institute.

for students, the launch of an annual lectureship series, the creation of a student writing contest with topics on church history, and the continuation of research and studies on Ellen White apologetics.

George Knight, professor emeritus of church history and Adventist heritage at the Theological Seminary at

Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich., was the main speaker for the inaugural banquet. One thing Knight and all of the religion professors reiterated was the importance of Adventist education.

“Adventist education,” says Knight, “is at the very center of what this Church is about.”

—BY INGRID HERNANDEZ

Student Composer Finds Early Success

Ethan McGrath, a freshman music theory and literature major, has been composing as long as he has been learning music. Recently one of his works, “When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom’d,” an a cappella choral setting of a poem by Walt Whitman, was published by Earth Songs Choral Music. The piece was debuted last April by Southern’s chamber choir, *I Cantori*, and McGrath submitted the recording from that

performance to the publisher.

There was never any question that McGrath’s love for music was not just a hobby — it was his calling.

By teaching him piano lessons as a child, McGrath’s mother was his first introduction to music. Then his mom suggested he take lessons from a



Ethan McGrath plays one of his compositions on the piano.

professor at Southern.

At 13 years old, McGrath met Bruce Ashton, D.M.A., who has been his

teacher ever since. McGrath composes unique music with the influence of modern composers such as Samuel Barber, Vaughan Williams, and Eric Whitacre; insight into music from the

Renaissance; and a special admiration for Johannes Brahms.

The School of Music was so impressed with McGrath that it hosted a recital exclusively featuring his works.

“Ethan lets the poems speak for themselves,” says Genevieve Brown-Kibble, D.M.A., professor of music and director of choral activities. “It’s rare for someone his age to seek out poetry and be inspired.”

—BY JAROD KEITH

Southern’s Library Chosen for Rare Mark Twain Collection

The first installment of an extremely rare Mark Twain collection has arrived at McKee Library.

Duane Bietz, M.D., cardiac surgeon and brother of Gordon Bietz, D.Min., University president, along with his wife, Eunice, chose to donate the several-hundred-piece collection to Southern’s library because

they wanted to increase the library’s resources.

“We are thrilled and honored to receive this gracious donation,” says Katie McGrath, the reference/instruction librarian at McKee Library. “It’s going to strengthen the library by adding uniqueness as well as provide a wonderful

opportunity for students to research Twain and his life works.”

The collection consists of Twain’s personal writing desk, several first edition novels, signed copies of his published works, six silver teaspoons given to his wife as an anniversary gift, and a slew of other rare memorabilia.

“Any university library would have been thrilled to have this collection,” says Joe Mocnik, the director of libraries at Southern. “I’m thrilled that our library was chosen.”

The collection will continue to arrive at McKee Library during the next several years.

—BY JOHN SHOEMAKER

Pathfinders Collect Food

Instead of “Trick-or-treating” on Halloween, the Ridgerunner Pathfinder Club of the Ridgetop, Tenn., Church, collected more than 1,700 non-perishable food items in the Ridgetop community. These items will be distrib-

uted to needy individuals or families through the church’s community service center. A local grocery store, Holt’s Home Town Foods, provided the bags for the food collection.

—BY HELEN KELLY



CORRECTION: *The Ridgetop, Tenn., Church Pathfinder Club photo was placed in error in the January 2011 issue on page 27.*

Bible Reading Plans

Spending time with God and reading His Word is critical to the Christian’s development. Here is a list of various Bible-reading plans websites and smart-phone applications that are available in more than 50 translations and languages:

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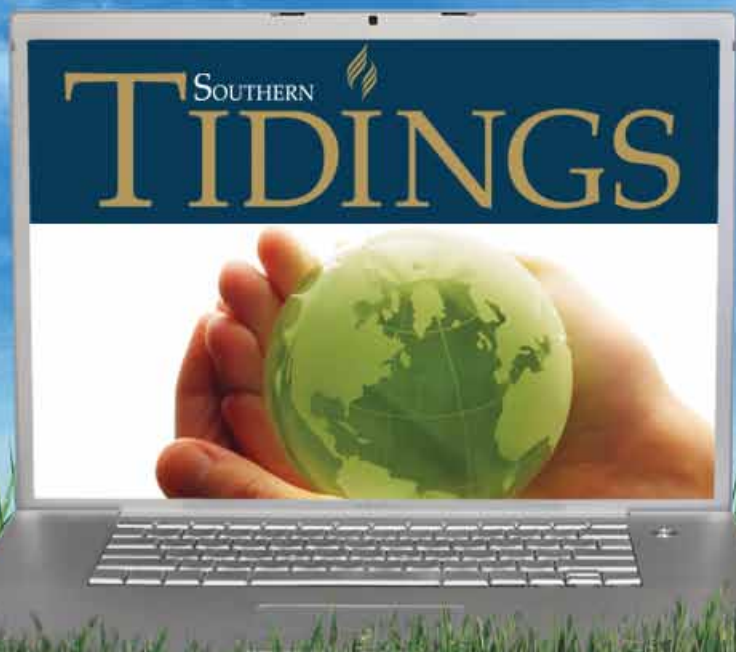
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Valley Grande Adventist Academy Alumni Association – March 25-27. All former faculty, staff, and students for honor classes ending

in 6 or 1 (2006, 2001, etc.) are invited to our annual Alumni Weekend. Details: www.vgaa.org or contact Suzanna Facundo: sfacundo@hotmail.com.

Union College Homecoming – April 7-10. Alumni, friends, and former faculty are invited. Honor classes: '41, '51, '56, '61, '71, '81, '86, '91, and '01. Details: contact the alumni office at 402-486-2503, 3800 South 48th Street, Lincoln, NE 68506, or alumni@ucollege.edu.

Memphis Junior Academy 100th Anniversary - April 8-10. Details: Search Facebook for MJA 100th Anniversary, or call the school at 901-683-1061.

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LEGAL NOTICE OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF MEMBERS

To the constituency of Oakwood University, an Alabama nonprofit educational corporation: Pursuant to the laws of the State of Alabama, notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Oakwood University Constituency will be held in the auditorium of the Business and Technology Complex on the campus of Oakwood University, Huntsville, Alabama, on Friday, April 8, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the members of the Board of Trustees and to conduct such other business as may be necessary.

Mervyn A. Warren
Secretary of the Corporation

LEGAL NOTICE The South Central Conference Session

Notice is hereby given that the 24th regular session of the South Central Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Oakwood University Church in Huntsville, Alabama, Sunday, May 1, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. The Organizing Committee will meet on Saturday night, April 30, 2011, at 8:00 p.m. This constituency session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and for transacting any other business that may properly come before the session. Each church in the conference is entitled to one (1) delegate for the church and one additional delegate for each 25 members or major fraction thereof. For the Organizing Committee, each church is entitled to one representative for the church and one additional representative for each full 500 members.

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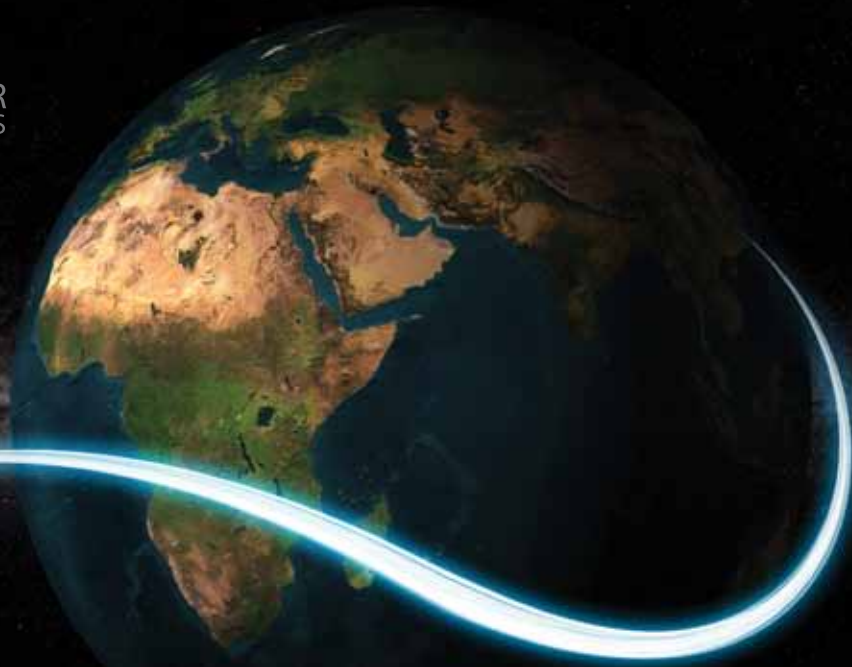
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Classes, '51, '61, '71, '81, '86, '91, and '01. Details: Contact Ed Gutierrez: edjulie1@att.net; or call: 630-232-9034.

"Ye Olde" Cedar Lake Academy Reunion – June 9-12. For alumni and schoolmates of 1961 and earlier at Great Lakes Adventist Academy, Cedar Lake, MI. Honor classes: '31, '41, '51, and '61. Details will be forthcoming by postal service, or contact GLAA Alumni Office at 989-427-5181, or visit www.GLAA.net.

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

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Broadview Academy Alumni Association/ Broadview Academy Alumni Weekend – April 29, 30. All alumni are encouraged to attend. Honor

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Carolina Teachers' Convention – Feb. 4-8. TBA.

Lay-Pastoral Assistant & Elders' Certification Program #4 – Feb. 4-6. Nosoca.

Romance at the Ranch – Feb. 11-13. Nosoca. Call 704-596-3200 for reservations.

Young Adult Retreat – March 11-13. Nosoca.

Pathfinder Work Bee – March 18-20. Nosoca.

Elders' Retreat – March 25-27. Nosoca.

Hispanic Camp Meeting – April 1-3. Nosoca

Women's Ministries Spring Retreat – April 1-3.

MPA Academy Days – April 3, 4.

Adventurer Fun Day – April 10.

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

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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.fhdland.org/>

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

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Florida Adventist Bookmobile Schedule

Feb. 26. Naples.

Feb. 27. Ft. Myers, Ft. Myers Shores, Arcadia, Lakeland, Winter Haven.

March 5. West Palm Beach.

March 6. Midport Road in Port St. Lucie, Ft. Pierce, Cocoa, Titusville. (Southeastern Conference: Palm Bay.)

March 12. Port Charlotte.

March 13. North Port, Venice Nokomis, Sarasota, West Coast Christian Academy in Bradenton, Brandon, Tampa First.

March 19. Maranatha in Miami Gardens, Fort Lauderdale, Lauderhill, Pompano Beach, West Palm Beach Spanish, Jupiter-Tequesta.

March 26. St. Petersburg.

March 27. Clearwater, New Port Richey, Spring Hill, Brooksville, East Pasco in Zephyrhills.

Florida Conference Evangelism Series

March 12-19. Fort Myers Spanish. Rolando and Rebeca de los Ríos.

March 19-26. Naples Spanish. Rolando and Rebeca de los Ríos.

April 2-9. Melbourne. Rolando and Rebeca de los Ríos.

April 23-May 7. Sorrento Spanish. Rolando and Rebeca de los Ríos.

May 14-28. Longwood Spanish. Rolando and Rebeca de los Ríos.

Aug. 20-27. Brandon Spanish. Rolando and Rebeca de los Ríos.

Sept. 10-Oct. 29. La Caravana de la Victoria (Caravan of Victory): eight locations in Fort Lauderdale and Hollywood area. Rolando and Rebeca de los Ríos.

Nov. 5-19. Northwest Miami Spanish. Rolando and Rebeca de los Ríos.

Retired Denominational Workers' Retreat – March 18-20. Pine Lake Retreat, Groveland. Details: noelshanko@earthlink.net or 407-399-9091.

Annual Forest Lake Academy International Food Festival – March 20. Forest Lake Academy Gymnasium, Apopka. 3-7 p.m. Details: rjbrownlow@aol.com or 407-523-2030.

Forest Lake Academy Golf Tournament – March 28.

RedTail Golf Club, Sorrento, FL. Details: osorioc@forestlake.org, <http://www.forestlakeacademy.org/>, or 407-772-3729.

Georgia-Cumberland

Conference Calendar -- Feb. '11 **Complete calendar online** – www.gccsda.com

High School Retreat – Feb. 4-6. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.

Young Adult Life Group Experience – Feb. 4-6. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.

Health/Personal Ministries Leadership Training – Feb. 5. Atlanta North Church.

Children's Ministries Convention – Feb. 11-13. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.

Prayer Conference – Feb. 18-20. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.

Pathfinder Bible Camp – Feb. 18-20. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.

Health/Personal Ministries Leadership Training – Feb. 26. Kingsport, TN.

Health/Personal Ministries Leadership Training – March 5. Crossville, TN.

Prayer Ministry Day – March 26. Cumberland Heights Church, TN.

Gulf States

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Conference Executive Committee – Feb. 1.

Bass Academy Spring Break/Mission Trip to Haiti – Feb. 17-28.

Teen invitational Backpacking – March 4-6.

Women's Ministries –

Leadership Weekend March 11-13.

Kentucky-Tennessee

Conference Association Board March 16. May 10.

Conference Executive Committee

March 16. May 10.

Highland and Madison Academy Boards

March 17. May 12.

Board of Education -- Feb. 17.

Evangelism Boot Camp/Bible Worker Training – Feb. 18-20. Indian Creek Camp.

West TN Festival of Faith -- March 5. Memphis, TN.

Eastern KY Camp Meeting -- March 11, 12. Prestonsburg, KY.

Music Festival -- March 17-19. Highland Academy.

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

Pastors'/Elders' Conference -- April 15-17. Indian Creek Camp.

Arnold Chapel Dedication -- April 16. Indian Creek Camp.

South Atlantic

Ephesus Church Centennial Celebration – March 6-12. Columbia, SC.

Sabbath School Convention – March 11-13. Orangeburg, SC.

North Carolina Deaconess Federation Planning Meeting – March 20.

Pathfinder Summit – March 25-27. Orangeburg, SC.

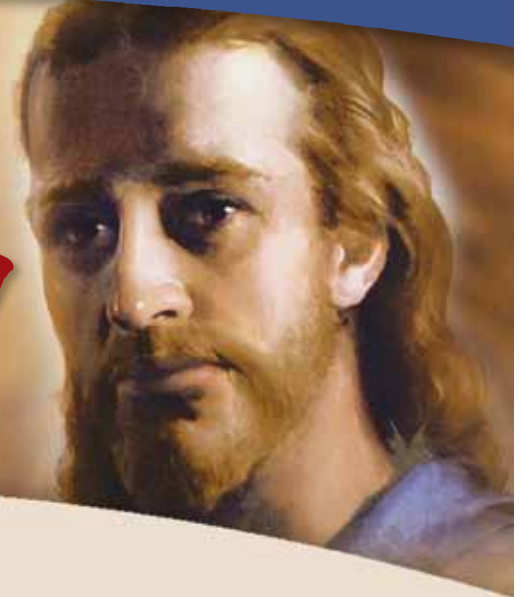
School Board Members' Workshop – March 27. Orangeburg, SC.

Sunset

	Feb. 4	Feb. 11	Feb. 18	Feb. 25	Mar. 4	Mar. 11
Atlanta, GA	6:12	6:19	6:25	6:31	6:38	6:43
Charleston, SC	5:56	6:02	6:08	6:14	6:21	6:26
Charlotte, NC	5:55	6:02	6:09	6:16	6:23	6:29
Collegedale, TN	6:12	6:19	6:26	6:33	6:40	6:46
Huntsville, AL	5:19	5:26	5:33	5:39	5:46	5:52
Jackson, MS	5:37	5:44	5:50	5:56	6:02	6:07
Louisville, KY	6:10	6:18	6:25	6:33	6:41	6:48
Memphis, TN	5:32	5:39	5:46	5:52	5:59	6:05
Miami, FL	6:07	6:12	6:16	6:21	6:25	6:29
Montgomery, AL	5:22	5:28	5:34	5:40	5:46	5:51
Nashville, TN	5:17	5:25	5:32	5:39	5:46	5:52
Orlando, FL	6:08	6:13	6:18	6:23	6:28	6:33
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