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Guest Editorial

Do you enjoy working for yourself, with flexible hours and seasonal variety? Or is it life in the open — sunshine and rain, clouds and clear blue, dirt under your fingernails, and all the fresh air you can breathe? Perhaps you are drawn to the equipment — diesel and hydraulic systems, computer models, maintenance and repair. Is it the networking with other farmers — participating in the local co-op, hearing innovative parasite control from the agriculture extension service, or membership in the Farm Bureau? Perhaps you are proud to maintain the family business; you have a reputation to preserve. Then again, you may like watching things grow — preparing and amending the soil, cultivating for weed control, managing pests, and measuring growth toward maturity.

There is certainly a reward to be found in all of these important aspects of farming. Yet each of these only support the real object of farming — harvest. Without a harvest, you can hardly call yourself a farmer. And you certainly won't stay in the business long.

As churches, and as individual Christians, we're in the family farming business. While we may be drawn to many aspects of spiritual agriculture, we dare not miss the critical importance of harvest.

Ultimately, the Church finds purpose and fulfillment in evangelism.

Granted, this harvest is preceded by important preparatory steps. It works best when cultivated in the rich soil of relationships. And this harvest is accomplished in multiple ways. Sometimes it is public evangelism, whether overseas (perhaps with ShareHim), downtown, or in your church sanctuary. Sometimes evangelism is the result of a home-based small group, an office Bible study, or a conference summer camp. Every Adventist church school is conducting a 180-day evangelistic campaign each year. Undoubtedly, the most natural setting for evangelism is in a one-on-one friendship. Whatever the form, whatever the setting, we cannot escape its importance.

Evangelism is the primary reason for our existence. Corporately and individually, we are called to evangelism. We live for the harvest.

Jesus might be asking us, "Do you think the work of harvesting will not begin until the summer ends four months from now? Look around you! Vast fields are ripening all around us, and are ready now for the harvest," John 4:35, New Living Translation.

Regardless of the season, it is spiritual harvest time!

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Michael Cafferky, D.B.A., professor of business and management at Southern Adventist University, shares his passion for Christian management principles with Tiffani Caldwell, freshman journalism major at Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, Tennessee.

Cover Feature



Blazing Trails with a Book

BY JAROD KEITH

Every year, when textbook companies call professors regarding books for the coming semester, they ask about ideas for new textbooks. Every year for three years, Michael Cafferky, D.B.A., professor of business and management, suggested a management book written from a Christian perspective.

“At first they all lacked interest,” says Cafferky.

Despite the initial lack of response, he started gathering information and ideas, thinking about the Christian perspective on management issues, and refining his approach to publishers. In 2006, Cafferky finally caught the interest of Prentice Hall, who asked if there was a market big enough for such a book.

In answer to the question, Cafferky completed a market research report that included a list of 430 Christ-centered institutions to which Prentice Hall could market the book. The list has since grown to 450 Christian colleges and universities.

In 2007, *Management: A Faith-Based Perspective* was approved for publication. While writing, Cafferky conducted biblical re-

search and pored through hundreds of books and articles on management, ethics, and Christian views on economics. The final result is 16 chapters, complete with original

case studies, discussion questions, and exercises for students. In addition, a dozen scholars contributed sidebars that deal with topics ranging from cross-cultural awareness to motivation theory.

Scott Quatro, a business professor at Covenant College, and one of the book's 22 peer reviewers, is excited about the book's uniqueness and relevance.

“I have been hoping for many years now that someone would write a truly integral text relative to management theory and practice, and Christian worldview,” says Quatro. “Michael has done exactly that, and we will benefit greatly from this resource.”

Six schools have already shown interest in using the textbook for the upcoming fall semester.

Cafferky is looking forward to seeing the book in print, but knows it won't signal the end of his work. “This project is one step on a longer journey I am on,” says Cafferky. “I'm on a journey to see that Christian business scholars and practitioners have more resources available to them related to integrating faith and business.”

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Outperforming the Rest: All Grades, All Subjects

BY CYNTHIA GETTYS AND CAROL MYERS

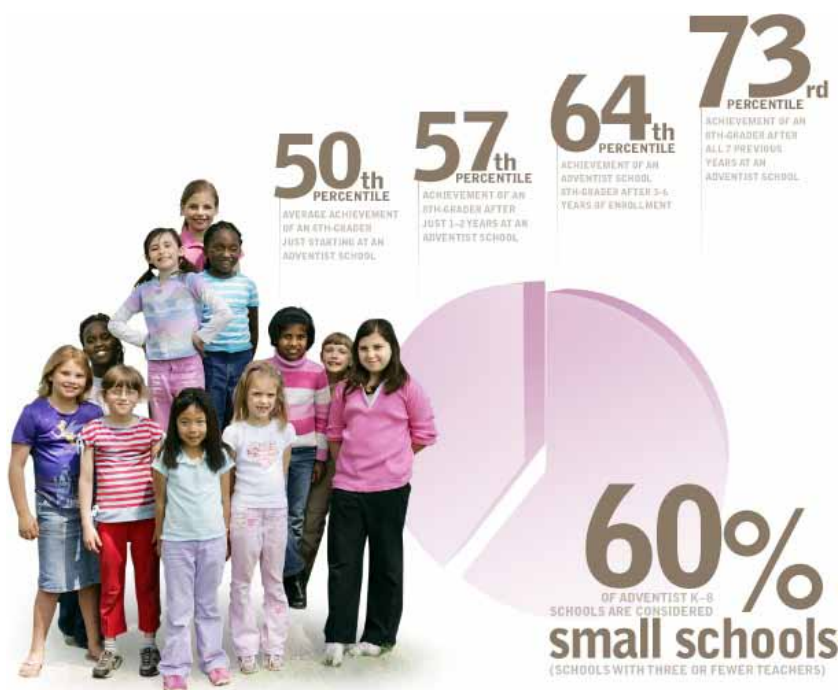
The November 15, 2010, issue of the *Christian Scientist Monitor* published an article titled “For Real Education Reform, Take a Cue from the Adventists.” To entice

readers to read through the full story, the editors wrote the following teaser: “Amid the buzz on education reform, the Seventh-day Adventist school system might

seem an unexpected place to look for models in improving student achievement. But by educating mind, body, and spirit, Adventist schools outperform the national average across all demographics.”¹ These accolades celebrate the findings of four years of CognitiveGenesis research.

CognitiveGenesis is a groundbreaking study that indicates students in Adventist schools in the United States score above the national average in **all** grades and **all** subjects. What is even more astounding is the longer students are in Adventist schools, the greater their success. Even more amazing, the results were achieved in a system where enrollment is open, meaning students are not screened for high ability as in many other private schools. In addition, students in smaller schools do as well or better than those in larger schools.

La Sierra University conducted this groundbreaking and rigorous



research in a four-year longitudinal study to assess Adventist academics. From 2006-2010, test scores measuring both achievement* and ability** were analyzed for 51,706 students. Survey data was also collected from students, parents, teachers, and administrators to study relationships between student ability and achievement.



Data demonstrated how ability and achievement are related to student, home, school, and teacher factors. Higher achievement is found with students who:

- Spend appropriate time after school in “positive” activities — reading after school for pleasure and taking part in religious activities
- Try to do their best in school
- Have a healthy relationship with their parents
- Have positive friends
- Have a positive spiritual outlook
- Take care of their health
- Spend less time after school in “detracting” activities — watching TV or playing sports

Southern Union educators study these findings on a regular basis to ensure continuous growth in an ongoing quest to provide

quality Adventist education. Because we serve an excellent God, we have a biblical mandate to achieve excellence. As we partner with parents to educate the whole child — mind, body, and spirit — it is our desire for every student to excel in faith, learning, and service, blending academic achievement and biblical truth to honor God and bless others.

For more information: <http://www.cognitivegenesis.org>

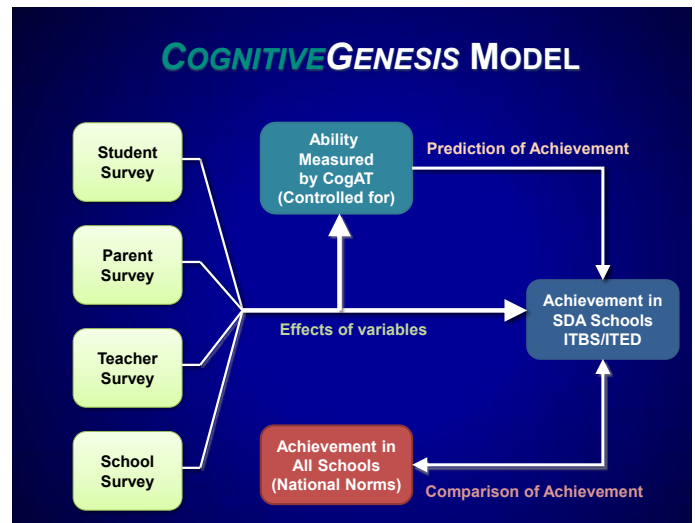
* The Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS), used to measure student achievement, is a norm-referenced test which provides a comprehensive assessment of student progress in major content areas. It is a researched, proven measurement given across the United States in public, private, and parochial school districts. The test provides diagnostic data that can be used in curricular decisions and monitoring student progress year to year (value added progress).

** The Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT), used to measure student ability, is a measure of a student’s potential to succeed in school-related tasks. It is NOT a tool for measuring a student’s intelligence or IQ. Rather, it measures the reasoning skills that have developed during a student’s educational career, even though they have not been explicitly taught. The CogAT also measures general “school skills,” such as the ability to listen, follow directions, and focus attention.

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A Memory Rides On

BY THERESA SROKA

For more than 50 years, families and campers have come to ride the horses at Camp Kulaqua in High Springs, Florida. Now, they are becoming familiar with the latest addition to the horse barn, the Vernon Lynn Nielsen Equestrian Welcome Center. This pavilion features benches, an educational hands-on display, a life-size demonstration horse, and a television that gives instructional information about the trail ride.

The Nielsen Equestrian Welcome Center was donated by Joree Nielsen in memory of her son, Vernon, fondly called Lynn by his family. At the age of 17, he came to Camp Kulaqua and began working in the horse barn.

Starting out as a wrangler, Lynn's hard work and love for horses led him to become the equestrian director of the Camp's stables. His passion for horses and his love for God was shared with each camper on trail rides and riding lessons as he worked his way through college and law school.

Camp Kulaqua took the opportunity to thank Lynn's mother for her generous donation to Camp Kulaqua's stables at a special ribbon-cutting ceremony where Norm



LEONARD FERNANDEZ

Ribbon-cutting participants Phil Younts (left), camp ministries director; Mike Cauley, president; Carmen Rodriguez, executive secretary; Duane Rollins, treasurer; Norm Middag, former youth director. Members of Lynn Nielsen's family: Megan Nielsen-Hegstad, daughter; Joree Nielsen, mother; Verbelee Nielsen-Swanson, sister; Alex Hegstad, grandson; Trevor Lynn Swanson, nephew; Mary Nielsen, widow; and Robert Swanson, brother-in-law. Family members unable to attend: Brian Hegstad, son-in-law; Penny Nielsen, sister; and Julia Swanson, niece.

Middag, former Florida Conference youth director, spoke of the Camp's history. Joree Nielsen shared the significance of the Center and what a difference she hopes it will make in the lives of young people in the years to come. In addition, she thanked Phil Younts, Florida Conference camp ministries director, for his vision and overseeing the design

of the new Equestrian Center. Then, she proudly introduced members of Lynn's family who were present.

As Lynn's memory rides on, it is the hope of his family that all who come to the stables will find the same joy that Lynn experienced in his relationship with the horses of Camp Kulaqua.

NET 2011 — “WHY NASHVILLE?”

BY MARVIN LOWMAN

The Madison Campus Church will be the live host site for NET 2011.

Nashville, Tennessee, has been selected as the site for NET 2011, with Ron Clouzet, D.Min., director of the North American Division Evangelism Institute, as the speaker.

Possible venues were discussed and eventually it was decided, Madison Campus Church, the largest church in the Conference, with a membership of 1,500, will host NET 2011.

Why Nashville? It is certainly not the largest city in the country, with about 1.5 million residents in the greater metropolitan area. The majority of Christians in the Nashville area are evangelicals and Pentecostals. Although located in the proverbial “Bible Belt,” there are many unchurched people needing to hear the Gospel message. Nashville is an entertainment center — home of the Grand Ole Opry and a professional football and hockey team. It is a center for the publishing and music industry. The population ranges from the very rich to the very poor.

Many will remember NET '95 — the first evangelistic series to be broadcast to the world via satellite — held by Mark Finley. Churches

who signed on to participate in NET '95 were given a very detailed plan for preparation and implementation, very much like an onsite evangelistic series. It proved to be very successful for those who followed the plan.

Subsequent NET meetings became less effective because there was less emphasis on “preparation” for the harvest than happened with the earlier NET meetings. NET 2011 again builds upon the concept of preparation well in advance of the actual reaping series, which will occur September 30-October 29.

Clouzet is writing a complete NET 2011 manual for participating churches to follow, and

there is a great deal of emphasis on training laymen to begin building relationships with family members, neighbors, and work associates.

At a recent NET 2011 Rally weekend held at Madison Campus Church, Clouzet made it clear: “People in this city need Jesus and His message, but success depends on the engagement of the members and preparation before the meetings.” He challenged every member to be intentional about praying for those in their circle of influence

and to seek God’s wisdom in reaching out to others.

Eduard Schmidt, associate director of NADEI for personal ministry and lay mobilization, led the Nashville area members in several sessions, presenting easy and practical ways to connect with neighbors and friends.

Another thing that makes NET 2011 unique is the bridge-building events that will take place from now through September. Churches are encouraged to provide their own events to pave the way to the reaping series.

NET 2011 will also serve as a field school of evangelism for seminary students. As the main event is being aired, September 30-October 29, teams of seminary students will conduct a similar series in several churches outside the Nashville metro area. According to Clouzet, about 500 churches across North America have already signed up as host sites for the downlink starting September 30.

Clouzet also stressed the need for every member to pray earnestly for NET 2011. “Prayer,” he says, “gives God the legal right to do things He wants to do but cannot do unless His people ask.” You can become a prayer warrior. To sign on as a prayer warrior or to register your church as a host site for NET 2011, visit www.propheciesdecoded.com.



*Ron Clouzet, D.Min.,
speaker for NET 2011*



New Department Shows Southern Hospitality

BY RAINEY PARK

A heated pool, sauna, and hot tub are just a few of the features Southern's new Hulsey Wellness Center offers.

This past fall, Southern Adventist University launched a new Conferences Services and Events Department to help show Southern hospitality.

Sharon Robberson, program director, is excited about seeing Southern's campus used for a wider variety of events and activities.

"It's a great opportunity to help the local business community get a taste of what Southern has to offer. We're close to Chattanooga, but people don't realize we exist tucked

away here between two mountains," says Robberson.

The program utilizes campus space for a variety of events, including seminars, training sessions, professional team-building programs, weddings, concerts, and retreats.

In addition, Conference Services helps guests coordinate trips to local attractions, such as the Smoky Mountains, the Chattanooga Aquarium, and the Hunter Museum of American Art.

So far, the new program has been a success, with clients such as Volkswagen of America, McKee Foods, Southern Gospel Music School of America, and the Southern Union Communication Department.

"After events, attendees say things like, 'Oh, you made this so easy. We only had to talk to one person, and you thought of things we didn't even think of,'" says Robberson.

Southern hopes the new program will give community members greater exposure to the University's mission statement.

"They need to know, see, and understand the University and our vision if they're going to support us in



Southern's state-of-the-art meeting spaces are equipped with a variety of features, including interactive projection systems and kitchenettes.

the future," says Robberson.

When people ask how the University can host such groups using vegetarian food and without serving alcohol, Robberson answers, "We serve delicious food. Plus, they realize it's more responsible and cost-effective to host an event without alcohol, and it can be just as fun and successful."

In addition to hosting outside groups, Conference Services helps internal departments enhance their events by arranging catering services, meeting space, floral needs, and group and housing logistics.

For more information on how to book an event, visit southern.edu/conferenceservices or call 423.236.2555.

Rainey Park is Southern Adventist University's editorial manager.



Guests climb rope ladders as part of a team-building activity at the outdoor education center on Southern's campus.

Professor Trains Japanese Students in Disaster Response

A month before the tsunami hit Japan, Sharon Pittman, Ph.D., professor of social work was in Tokyo teaching a one-week intensive class that prepared university students for disaster response.

For practice, students responded to a scenario of a volcano eruption that displaced 10,000

individuals. They had to run an assessment of the situation, choose how to respond within the first 24 hours, and develop strategies for ongoing assistance.

Little did Pittman's 21 students know how valuable the training they received would become.

In the wake of the March 11 tsunami, most of

the students from the class are actively volunteering their counseling, organizational, and needs assessment skills in northern Japan.

"The students actually got to practice the stuff that we were teaching them," says Pittman.

An international social worker, Pittman has instructed more than 400

relief workers, and helped build ADRA's original disaster response training program 15 years ago.

"It's so much fun for me to teach things that are relevant to real life — something that students use to serve others," says Pittman.

—BY JAROD KEITH

Southern Students Mentor Girls Through Fashion Show

In an effort to show the next generation of teens how to be beautiful, yet modest, three Southern Adventist University students participated in a fashion show for seventh-grade girls at Collegedale Academy Middle School on March 23.

Cheri Egly, sophomore allied health major, Hilary Prandl, junior mass communication major, and Aimee Burchard, senior graphic design major, volunteered to model their favorite outfits at the

event, called "Modest is Hottest." The girls also spoke about the beauty of the heart and how important our characters are to God.

"Unfortunately, more attention is sometimes spent on the outward appearance of a girl rather than who she is on the inside—her character," says Prandl.

Egly adds, "It's easy to forget that the way we dress is a portrayal of who we are. As Christian girls,



Students Aimee Burchard and Hilary Prandl volunteered in a fashion show to demonstrate to young girls that modesty is attractive.

we should remember that the goal is to glorify God."

The seventh-grade girls say they enjoyed the event and learned a lot.

"The show gave us an

idea of how to be trendy and modest at the same time," says one middle-school girl.

Cindy Nash, fashion show coordinator and part-time mentor of the seventh-grade girls, felt the show was a huge success.

"I am so impressed and proud that Southern produces such modest young ladies," says Nash. "Their clothes were darling, but their characters were even more attractive."

—BY JOHN SHOEMAKER

Breaking Through the "Holy Hush"

In March, the schools of Education and Psychology and Social Work partnered to conduct a three-hour pilot seminar to teach church workers how to respond to domestic violence issues in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

"Regardless of where

or how it happens, domestic violence is a huge problem," says Laurie Cooper, research assistant from the Social Work Department. "More importantly, the issue has not really been discussed much in the Adventist Church."

As part of the program,

researchers measured how the training affected the knowledge, values, and skills church workers had available to respond to abusive situations in their congregations.

"Our data statistically significant improvements from the trainings on the

pre and post tests," says Rene Drumm, dean of the School of Social Work. "As this cutting-edge approach becomes more widely utilized, it has the potential to make the Adventist Church a safer, more loving place for God's hurting children."

—BY JOHN SHOEMAKER

Carolina Holds Lay Advisory Weekend

David and Cherie Smith, guest speakers for the Lay Advisory meeting at Nosoca Pines Ranch, were “real and personable.” This was a comment shared by several of the 240 who attended the retreat. The last weekend in January got off to a powerful start on Friday evening as the couple from Lincoln, Nebr., related to their audience, witnessing of the strength and power of His Spirit. David Smith, Ph.D., is president of Union College, and his wife, Cherie, is associate pastor of the College View Church. Without question, they nurtured the group with prayer, and brought



David and Cherie Smith were guest speakers for the Carolina Lay Advisory held at Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, S.C.

lay members and Conference workers to their knees. The theme for the weekend, appropriately delivered, was “By His Spirit.”

Besides the spiritual aspect of the retreat, lay members convened in special groups facilitated by

Conference workers. On Sabbath morning, these were the choices for discussion groups: Youth and Young Adult was directed by Stanley Knight, Education by Gary Rouse, Prayer by Gary Moyer, Sabbath School by Charles Ferguson; and Evangelism by Haskell Williams.

As the new year started, it was meaningful to gather and discuss how to revive the Carolina Conference and lay members in the various areas the Conference provides service. It was a very profitable meeting as the lay members brainstormed and focused on revival in these categories. Many

came away with renewed commitment from this Conference-sponsored event. Truly it is “by His Spirit” that directions for the future are navigated. May God guide as “we pray continually.”

—BY DEBBIE RAPP



Upward Church Uses Cars for Ministry

John Earnhardt, Upward, N.C., Church pastor, recently invited car clubs, dealerships, and mechanics to view Pittsboro, N.C., member Billy Eubanks’ extensive classic car collection. Two dozen people, over half non-Adventists, were treated to a tour, a moment of worship, and a haystack meal. One visitor was so impressed, he sent a donation to the church.

Another way Upward Church uses cars for minis-

try is by designating dates where people can bring in

their cars and get the oil, water, and air checked.

Earnhardt took a group to Bristol, Tenn., on March 16-20, 2011, where he was asked by Motor Racing Outreach to help Joe Gibbs with his Large Screen Van Ministry. They passed out *Steps to Christ* and Earnhardt’s book, *Victory Lane*.

Also, on April 10, they had a Car and Cycle Show. This church has definitely put the pedal to the metal when it comes to outreach!

—BY CRYSTAL EARNHARDT



John Earnhardt (right) shares his book with a racing fan at the Bristol event.

University City Church Burns Mortgage Twice

Carolina Conference treasurer and local church elder Rick Russell chuckled at the idea: "I have never seen a church that had two mortgage burnings in one day." But that is exactly what happened on November 6, 2010, at University City Church in Charlotte, N.C.

While the church only had one mortgage, it holds two Sabbath morning worship services. During the first service Russell ripped the mortgage in half. Gary Tolbert, pastor, and church leaders burned half during the first service, and the other half during the second.

Brian King, church treasurer, shared, "Since the entire church worked together to pay off the mortgage in such a short amount of time, it is appropriate for everyone to have the opportunity to participate in this celebration."

The service contained a review of the church's

history from a church plant around 1985 to 1999, when the church stepped out in faith and purchased three and one-half acres on University City Boulevard, just one mile from the newly constructed Charlotte bypass, I-485.

Though they had less than 100 members, plans were made to build an 8,000-square-foot church that would seat 240. With funds on hand and some borrowed, the church family was still \$360,000 short of building their "dream church." Through much prayer and dedication, additional donations and funding were obtained to move forward.

A groundbreaking ceremony took place on March 16, 2002. Randy



Davis, pastor, served as the building committee chairperson, and was instrumental in the church's growth until 2009, when he and his family became missionaries to Taiwan.

The church was completed in 2003, which means this dedicated group was able to pay off the mortgage in less than seven years!

During the mortgage-burning ceremony, church leaders spoke of the many blessings they experienced during the construction process. A random land owner donated a portion of the land, and there were numerous construction miracles and cost savings. During construction, a wall fell, roof trusses collapsed, and they suffered a break-in and theft of construc-

tion supplies. Fortunately, no one was hurt in these situations, and the building process continued.

Paying off the mortgage was one of three goals of their recent Growing to Serve stewardship campaign: to pay off the existing church mortgage, plant new churches, and start raising funds toward a Phase Two building.

University recently planted two new groups, Lighthouse Fellowship and Charlotte Swahili. Now they can focus on the Phase Two building, intended to be a blessing to the community with youth programs, community services, and community outreach.

The members plan to continue their focus on serving God and reaching more and more individuals for Jesus.

—BY BRIAN KING



Cape Coral Church Burns Mortgage

Three years is a short timeline in the history of a church trying to establish itself in the community. However, for the Cape Coral, Fla., congregation, this span of time propelled a small mission group into a full-fledged church.

In the process, a church building on five acres of land was purchased and the mortgage paid off within a year. The money for the purchase resulted from an aggressive fund-raising campaign organized by the church's property development team. However, the foundation of the effort to raise a substantial down payment was the generous donation of \$100,000, followed by a matching donation of \$150,000 offered by a visitor to the church.



SUSAN SHANKO

Roger Lucas (right), Cape Coral, Fla., Church lay pastor, burned the mortgage one year after the five-acre property and existing church were purchased. He was assisted by Beverly McCleod, hospitality coordinator.

As the church's third anniversary neared, God provided yet another donor to help retire the remaining debt. He also moved upon

the hearts of several generous people to provide the church with a professional lawn tractor, a piano, and an organ.

Volunteers kept the church functioning and running smoothly, which also contributed to preparing the way for the mortgage-burning ceremony where Noel Shanko, assistant to the Florida Conference president, gave the main address.

The driving force behind this amazing story has been the dream of Roger Lucas and his wife, Teresa, since they first visited the area in 1994. Serving as lay pastor, Lucas continues to remind the congregation, "We cannot occupy a building simply for our comfort. We must remember that evangelism and disciple-making are the key points of why we came to Cape Coral and essential for all we do in the future."

—BY GLADYS NEIGEL

Maranatha Church Member Enjoys Long Walk With God



NICOLE WEBB-PLOCHIE

Ernest Folkes, a native of Jamaica, anticipates celebrating his 102nd birthday this summer. The former bookkeeper, general contractor, and farmer

moved to Florida 10 years ago and joined Maranatha Church in Miami Gardens.

Folkes was born in Alexandria, St. Ann, Jamaica, on August 5, 1909. His only sibling, a brother, lived into his late 90's. In 1985, he lost his wife and co-laborer of 49 years. The Folkes' parented three children, two by adoption. He remarried in 1991, and his second wife passed away in 2005.

While a teenager, Folkes was introduced to the Adventist message by a colporteur and

a lay preacher. Baptized in 1929, he has faithfully served God in many church capacities as a deacon, Sabbath School teacher, ordained elder, and member of the East Jamaica Conference Committee.

For years, Folkes would ride his bicycle more than 50 miles each way in order to lead a fledgling congregation in Sabbath services. In addition to being credited with building many churches in Jamaica, he is fondly remembered for provid-

ing low-cost housing to struggling local residents on lands which he had acquired with his own funds.

Folkes has a great sense of humor, a terrific memory, attends church regularly, and still likes to read. He does not take credit for his long life; yet, declares, "Hard work, a great diet, and a Godly life are great, but ultimately, long life is in the hands of God." He is still enjoying his long walk with God.

—BY LESONIE WALKER

Maranatha Church Ordains New Elders

Maranatha Church in Miami Gardens, Fla., led by Keith Harding, pastor, witnessed an influx of new believers in 2010 with 97 baptisms. This increase, as well as numerous prospective members enrolled in Bible studies, necessitated the ordination of additional elders for service.

Franklin Jones

Jones is a businessman who has transferred the fervor and enthusiasm of salesmanship into witnessing for Christ. He and his wife, Glasmin, have a passion for youth and family life ministries. Baptized in 1994, Jones has served the church as head deacon, men's ministries leader, and prison ministries coordinator.

Cynthia Binns

Binns is a senior Bible instructor credited with helping scores of people accept the mes-



NICOLE WEBB-PLOCHE

Anthony Lewis (left), Cynthia Binns, and Franklin Jones are newly ordained elders at Maranatha Church in Miami Gardens, Fla.

sage. Her husband, Ainsley, shares her passion for witnessing. Baptized in 1996, she has served as an usher, deaconess, and personal ministries leader.

Anthony Lewis

Lewis is a public service aide with the City of Miami Police Department, a credentialed literature

evangelist, and veteran Pathfinder. He knows how to hold a listener's interest while he imparts the Word of God, and he considers his wife, Vilma, as his collaborator. Lewis has served as Sabbath School teacher, Pathfinder leader, and deacon.

In a solemn act of dedication at the ordina-

tion ceremony, candidates and their spouses were called to the altar as ordained elders joined them for a dedicatory prayer offered by Harding. He also challenged the newly ordained elders to live exemplary lives, and to use their talents in service which are pleasing to God.

—BY LESONIE WALKER

Jupiter Church Holds Groundbreaking Ceremony



SUUI MARTENS

Participants at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Jupiter, Fla., Church: Jeff Irvani (left), civil engineer; Ali Kalfin, Coiteur & Hearing project manager; Don Hearing, president of Coiteur & Hearing; Randy Hansen, architect, Interplan, Inc.; Stephen and Scott Butler, Butler Construction; Richard Mosely, Jupiter Church pastor; Mike Cauley, Florida Conference president; Ernest Bruorton, building committee chair; Kathy Fairchild, Florida Conference vice president for property development; and Tim Nichols, Florida Conference vice president for pastoral ministries.

Jupiter, Fla., Church recently held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new sanctuary that will seat 300 people and provide parking for 100 vehicles. The new structure will also house classrooms and amenities, including a gourmet kitchen. "We are very excited about what God is doing to expand our presence in Jupiter," says Richard Moseley, pastor.

—BY IRENE CARVALHO

Dorothy Abbott Retires After 31 Years

It was August 1, 1979, and Dorothy Abbott was just beginning what would be a 31-year relationship with the heart and soul of Smyrna Towers Retirement Center, Smyrna, Ga.

"When I came in, they didn't do anything but hand me a pencil," she said.

Abbott had been hired as the administrator, and that pencil was to aid her as she interviewed the nearly 500 people who wanted to move into the Towers when the new facility opened a few months later on December 3, 1979. She was also given the responsibility of decorating the facility, hiring employees, and mastering the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines.

Abbott had previously served for 12 years as the administrator of a 100-bed nursing home in Nashville, Tenn., and the Smyrna Towers board was confident in Abbott's ability to get the job done.

The Towers is home to about 155 retirees. It's sponsored by the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, though government-funded.

Abbott retired last October, and the staff, residents, and her family celebrated her years of service with a retirement party on March 6, 2011.

"We all hated to see her retire," said Dwight Mote, a resident who has lived at the Towers with

his wife for almost eight years. "Everybody really liked Ms. Abbott. She was very good, very kind, nice, and polite."

Jeannie Buice has worked at the center for 22 years, and developed a close friendship with Abbott.

We go way back, and we've had so much fun," she said. "She's a very good boss and good friend."

In September 2010, Larry Luce took over as the Smyrna Towers ad-

works well together still. I think a good measure of a successful administrator is what happens to the team when the leader's not there, and the fact that they continue to work well together is a credit to her and how she's done business over the years."

During her time as administrator, Abbott's focus was on the residents, and she loved planning trips to Disney, Pigeon Forge, and the Biltmore House in Asheville, N.C.



Dorothy Abbott, former administrator for Smyrna Towers Retirement Center in Smyrna, Ga., and Larry Luce, new administrator, at Abbott's retirement celebration on March 6, 2011, at the Towers.

ministrator. He said he admires Abbott's work and the foundation she laid.

"I'm working from the advantage of having systems in place that she developed... Things are running smoothly as a result of her history and all of her work here," he said. "She did an admirable job, and built a team that

Now Abbott, and her husband W. Maurice Abbott, who retired from the Southern Union after serving for 25 years as the head of church ministries, plan to, "Just enjoy life!"

—BY BRITNI BRANNON

McKinneys Celebrate 50th



James Ray, M.D., and Phyllis McKinney of Greeneville, Tenn., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary February 19, 2011. They were married in 1961 in the Morristown, Tenn., Church by A. E. Rawson. James is a graduate of Southern Adventist University and Loma Linda University School of Medicine.

The McKinneys moved to Greeneville in 1960 to be associated with L. E. Coolidge, M.D., and Takoma Hospital. They have two children, J. Mark McKinney and Karen Brown; and five grandchildren.

James has served on the Georgia-Cumberland Executive Committee, the Southern Union Executive Committee, the General Conference Executive Committee, the Adventist Health System Board, and the Southern Adventist University Board.

McKinney continues to practice fulltime with Takoma Medical Group in Greeneville.

Women Reflect Jesus at Retreat

“Reflecting Jesus” was the theme for the spring women/teen retreat held March 18-20, 2011, at Co-hutta Springs.

June Madrigal, associate dean of women at Andrews University, was the speaker for the 275 women. Other events offered during the retreat included a “God in Shoes Spa Day” in Chattanooga, Tenn., with 74 volunteers providing free spa services to the community, and a Ministry Expo with nine booths showcasing a ministry.

Nancy Wheeler, Lenior City, Tenn., with a booth at the Ministry Expo, shared about their ministry: “We as a church have been praying and fasting



More than 70 women volunteered to serve the Chattanooga, Tenn., community with a “God in Shoes” outreach. Guests were pampered free of charge, offering a spa day with hair styling, manicures, and facials. The event took place the day before the retreat, March 17, 2011.

one day a week personally, and we come together once a month to pray together Friday nights. Because, the second Sabbath of the month we knock on doors in the community asking people what they

think. We ask four main questions: Do you believe in creation vs. evolution? Do you believe that Jesus will return? Do you believe it will happen in your lifetime? and Do you believe the Ten Commandments are as relevant today as when they were first given?”

Starr Bumpass, from Chattanooga, Tenn., a licensed hair stylist and business owner who volunteered at the “God in Shoes Spa Day,” said, “Really awesome! The homeless can come in, relax, and enjoy themselves with facials, hair cuts, and not worry about having food to eat and a place to sleep.”

Betty Kossick,

who is moving to Talking Rock, Ga., says, “Nothing like Christian women getting together. The enthusiasm is so wonderful.”

“Spiritual retreats give women an opportunity to come away from their families, jobs, and other responsibilities, and truly ‘focus’ on their

spiritual development,” says Jo Dubs, Conference women’s/family life ministries director. “Our young women (teens) need mentoring. They want mentoring. They are trying to sort out ‘life’ in a very mixed up world.”

Olivia Buoymaster, Soddy Daisy, Tenn., one of the teen leaders says, “Good to get away, and great spiritual lessons being taught here.”

Women’s ministries upcoming events include a “God in Shoes” during Camp Meeting, May 27, also in Chattanooga, Tenn.; and a women’s leadership training workshop, July 29-August 1, open to all women in leadership.



June Madrigal, guest speaker for the spring Women’s Retreat, compared Christian life to a light bulb in her talk entitled, “Reflect His Connection.”

Collegedale Students Present at General Conference

“A few weeks before my choir director told me I had the opportunity to go to the General Conference headquarters, I had been praying daily that Christ would use me boldly for Him. That prayer would be answered in a way that will forever change my life,” said Bethany Otis, senior from Collegedale Academy (CA). Her declaration of a life change describes the transformation in each student and adult that took part in the Inside Out Leadership Training at the General Conference.

The Inside Out team had the privilege of accompanying Don MacLafferty, executive director of Kids in Discipleship, on

a mix of adults and elementary school students. Together the team led around 250 World Church leaders into reviving their personal relationship with God, and encouraging the discipleship of their own families, as well as challenging them to lead with their God-given vision by collaborating to disciple every child in and outside of the Church.

CA freshman Julie MacLafferty said, “As I listened to my classmates share, I was amazed. God spoke through each one as they talked about their experiences with Him. Every person listening felt challenged and encouraged to live as a sold-out disciple



Seventeen students from Collegedale Academy were invited to present on discipleship in Silver Springs, Md., at the Seventh-day Adventist Church world headquarters. The Inside Out Team was accompanied by Don MacLafferty, executive director of Kids in Discipleship.



Ted Wilson, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, prays with members from the Collegedale Academy Kids in Discipleship team.

sharing with World Church leaders on discipleship, March 7, 8, 2011.

The team consisted of 17 CA students, along with

of Jesus. We all sensed the Holy Spirit's presence in that room.”

The grandness of the mission was heavy

on each member's heart. Many entered the experi-

ence with a bit of uneasiness. Yet, the nervousness disappeared as a power took over and led each word spoken. MacLafferty led the group in God's Word, and the individuals in the room were bombarded with the reality of their busy outward lives.

Cayla Raney, a junior at CA, summed up, “The whole

trip was just so prayer-oriented. We would always burst into prayers.” The Spirit was not something the team talked about,

rather He was Someone all called out to and confided in. The Spirit dwelled in the hearts.

This became evident as the meetings provided opportunities for large and small groups, comprising children, students, and adults alike, to recount their personal experiences and struggles. The meetings became a unifying experience, where Church leaders were dumbfounded by the words of the youth, and in turn, the youth were awestruck by the power God had given His leaders. The meetings served as a perfect example of how the body of Christ, impacted by the Spirit, is a force that can accomplish Christ's mission to make disciples of all nations.

—BY KATIE VERRILL

Huntsville First Church Creates Formula

Huntsville First Church's GPS Formula: GPS (God-Preaching Snell) + 40-day fast + 700-plus at one-hour weekly Prayer Meetings + 14-day Fall Revival = 113 baptisms in five months . . . and still counting!

Since his July 17, 2010, arrival/inaugural sermon as senior pastor of Huntsville's First Church, Huntsville, Ala., 33-year old Debleaire K. Snell, known affectionately to members as their "GPS" (God-Preaching Snell), has opened with a four-month "Attitudes" series, during the one-hour Wednesday night prayer meetings; averaged 700-750 attendees per prayer meeting; led congregants on an October-November 40-day fast in preparation for the November 6-20 Fall Bible Conference, the final day of which he baptized 81 individuals during two baptisms; and welcomed total baptisms of 113, or



5.65 baptisms each Sabbath since arriving!

As a result:

- Laminated signs declaring "Choir Loft Full," "This Area Is Full" are now regularly affixed to the sanctuary's seven doors by smiling, but harried ushers, minutes before divine worship begins, forcing late-comers into

three overflow areas.

- Lines snake down the outer church corridors, populated by both members and visitors, waiting to retrieve a CD or DVD of just-completed services.
- Members chuckle at receiving Sabbath morning texts: "C U at 1st C/save us 2, bff?"
- Due to Snell's already Billy Graham-like perpetual revival momentum, the 1,000-plus-members church expanded to two Sabbath divine

worship services on January 29, 2011.

Snell says, "I would directly tie the success of the Fall Bible Conference to the powerful corporate moving of the Holy Spirit, as a result of the 40 days of prayer and fasting that we engaged in as a church.

"Also, I would credit

the powerful initiatives of our prayer ministries team. It would intercede for me prior to the start of the nightly meetings, and would remain in prayer during the meeting, and during the nightly appeals.

"As a church, we can expect for evangelism to be one of the core values that drives our agenda. We want to be a church that is driven by mission, and we want to have a degree of tunnel vision, so that our focus is never diverted to matters of lesser relevance.

"In 2011, we will be engaged in some non-traditional evangelism that targets the family, along with evangelistic initiatives that are focused a little more on prophecy and last-day events. There will be quarterly periods of fasting and prayer, designed to help us maintain a more Christ-centered disposition."

—BY TIM ALLSTON

Browns Celebrate 50 Years of Marriage

It began 50 years ago when Jimmie and Vivian Brown established their happy lives together on October 9, 1960, in New Orleans, La. Their marriage included living in Alexandria, La.; Taylor, Tex.; Miami, Fla. (over 44 years); and now Huntsville, Ala. They are members of the Oakwood University Church.

Jimmie worked for the Southwest Region Conference for several years in ministry and education. He worked for more than 40

years as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal for the Miami-Dade County Public School system.

Vivian's employment included 15 years as a secretary for the Bethany Church, kindergarten, and school; and 16 years as a teacher, math coordinator, and

technology facilitator for the Miami-Dade County Public School system.

The Browns are the

proud parents of Jimmie Brown Jr., Ed.D., who is a district director for the Miami-Dade County Public School system; Loretta Brown Smith (Raymond), a home-school mom for their two boys, and an online writing instructor; and Nelson Brown (Suzie), an administrator for the Madison City Schools. Their lives are enriched with six grandchildren: Myla, Anthony, Nelson Jr., Kobe, Andrew, and Branden.



Three Conferences Take Education Mission Trip to the Navajo Nation

For the seventh year the Conference Education Mission Adventure (EMA) provided a short-term mission experience for the 8th to 10th graders during their spring break. This year, schools in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference and the Carolina Conference were invited to join the Gulf States Conference, which resulted in a mission team totaling 46 members.

The destination was the Navajo Nation in Arizona — the largest Native American reservation in the United States. In 2009, the EMA began working collaboratively with Allen and Kelley Fowler to establish a community center that would reach out to the people of this high desert terrain with health, educational, and spiritual programs.



One team finished the framework for Joe Littleman's (center, wearing tan cap) house.

with lukewarm water, and one out-house for all; plus the challenge of living in a tightly-packed working environment. "What amazed me most is hardly anyone complained! Everyone just accepted this is what we had," says Leslie Louis, Conference execu-

together," he adds.

The mission participants were divided into two working teams. One team remained at the community center and put down concrete boards throughout the building which served as the flooring base for the tile work to follow. They also built concrete steps for a side entry into the building.

The other team travelled through the rugged landscape to an isolated section of the desert where a Navajo couple lived in a home of scrap boards and tar sheets — or as Kelley Fowler described it, "a home held together with super glue and a prayer!" Here, the team framed a brand new home for "Joe Littleman" (as he referred to himself) and his wife. A humble shepherd surviving in the rough desert, Joe

and his wife were deeply touched by the young people who pulled together and worked against chilly temperatures, wind, and snow to complete the entire wood framework for the Littlemans' new home. Other volunteer groups will follow and complete adding the trusses, roofing, and siding of the house. As the team bade farewell to him, Joe Littleman said in his Navajo dialect, with Allen Fowler translating, "I am truly surprised and can't quite understand

why a group of kids would spend their spring break with no pay to work on a house for me."

Ashley Davis, a 9th grader at Big Cove Christian Academy in Huntsville, Ala., summed up the impact of the mission trip on her life this way: "While I was working on those things, I got a closer glimpse of what God is all about. He, too, worked night and day helping others with their needs... what we were doing didn't seem like a very big thing at first, but when I thought about it, I knew it was because so many Navajo people need to see (not just hear) the good doings of Christ. Like they say, 'Don't just say it, live it!' And that's what we were doing."



The mission trip team

After arriving at the community center, the mission team endured the challenges of cold weather, three-minute showers

tive secretary. "An amazing bond of friendship and team spirit embraced our group as we worked, ate, worshipped, and played

University Parkway Holds Archaeological Discoveries Seminar



Youth and adults were fascinated with the artifacts displayed by Lloyd Willis, Ph.D. (left), Southwestern Adventist University professor.

Many new archaeological discoveries strongly support the Bible, according to Lloyd Willis, Ph.D., professor of religion at Southwestern Adventist University. Willis presented a seminar on biblical archaeology at the University Parkway

Church in Pensacola, Fla., while visiting his daughter, Janelle Wixwat, a physical therapist in Pensacola. He displayed some of the artifacts he has found on his research trips and excavations in the Middle East, and showed slides of the biblical sites he has toured. He has dug at Tall al-Umayri, a site in Jordan, since 1984, and made many discoveries himself.

Among Willis' discoveries are several seals, including one bearing the name Baalis, an Ammonite king mentioned in Jeremiah

40:14. One exciting discovery supporting biblical accounts was made in 1993 at Dan in Israel. A stone was found with an inscription in Aramaic dating back to 850 B.C. The inscription translated to a boast by a king of Syria that he "had won a great victory over Israel and the House of David." Before that discovery, there was little physical evidence of an historical David.

According to Willis, archaeology has made three major contributions to the understanding of the Bible. These include exegetical (taking a verse from the Bible and explaining it), contextual (describing the

lifestyles of biblical people), and apologetic (proving the truth of the Bible). Of these, the last is considered very important by many biblical scholars, although Willis considers all of them important. "Seventh-day Adventist archaeologists have made specific contributions to biblical chronology," he noted. "Perhaps the most outstanding contribution was that of Edwin Thiele, who substantiated the dating system for the Hebrew monarchy as found in I and II Kings." Today, Seventh-day Adventist archaeologists continue to excavate sites in Israel and Jordan.

Teens Explore Tumbling Rocks Cave

More than 170 staff and youth gathered at Big Cove Academy, near Huntsville, Ala., on Friday evening, January 21, 2011, to participate in the annual Teen Caving Invitational.

On Sabbath morning, James Mangum, Conference youth director, taught the Sabbath School lesson. For worship, Leslie Louis, Conference executive secretary, preached a lesson centered on Elijah's experience while hiding in a cave.

After lunch, Bob Hill, event coordinator, gave safety instructions to everyone entering the cave. They were expected to have appropriate caving equipment (helmet,

appropriate shoes, and headlamp), and to follow standard cave safety and conservation practices as promoted by the National Speleological Society.

After driving to Tumbling Rocks Cave, located near Scottsboro, Ala., 148 excited spelunkers prepared to enter the six-mile-long cave. A stream flows almost the entire length of the cave, and forms a spring just below the entrance. In the first room, Ante Room, is a large walking passage that crosses over the stream. Care must be taken from the start not to step into the crevasse that crosses the path. Other features of the cave include the Saltpeter



Teens and staff traveled from throughout the Conference to enjoy spelunking with their peers.

Works, the Hidden Door which leads to the King's Shower, and the Topless Dome. Louis spoke for the Vespers program inside the cave. Afterward, all participants were given a candle to light while Ra-

chel Doren sang "Go Light Your World."

The Teen Caving Invitational is one of four teen invitationals planned by the Pathfinder council each year for all youth in the Conference.

Sisters Minister to Women

Years ago, and even today, it was common to address a woman in the church as “Sister So and So.” The dictionary defines “sister” as: a girl or woman who has the same



parents as another person, a female member of a religious community or close woman friend (Encarta® World English Dictionary).

In the Church, women call each other sisters because of a unified belief in Jesus as Lord and Savior. Jesus as our elder brother and God as Father make all related by birthright!

As sisters, we are well aware of Jesus’ commission to go to the highways

and byways to relieve suffering and share the Gospel. That’s exactly why more than 35 women gathered on Sunday, March 13, 2011,

for the third annual “God in Shoes” Nashville. This unique ministry reaches out to women who society sometimes ignores or discards as unsalvageable. By ministering to them in various ways such as manicures, pedicures, spa treatments, massages, facials, and hair styling; we seek to fulfill the words of Jesus when He said, “You have done it unto the least of these!” More importantly is

the fact that God in Shoes includes reaching across conferences as Kentucky-Tennessee sisters team up with South Central sisters.

Along with the spa treatments, more than 75 care bags were assembled by Madison Academy juniors. These bags contained essential hygiene items, including house shoes and flip flops, and were distributed to residents of each facility. One woman from Magdalene Community, with tears in her eyes, couldn’t believe someone would spend \$18 for a pair of flip flops and then just give them away! Those who received new hair styles were so excited about their new look, including one woman from Renewal House who received a complete make over! Many women who received massages and the spa treatments were so relaxed they fell asleep with eyes concealed by

cucumbers!

Even children wanted the same treatment and “pickles,” as they called them, on their eyes too! Maggie at Cumberland View Towers, 94 years young, was jumping up and down offering to kiss everyone after receiving a gift robe passed out to those whose names were picked from a drawing.

As the “sisters” from both conferences regrouped to share their stories, tears were shed and smiles were abundant. The women served were every bit as much our “sisters” as those we see in church. The truth is: in the end, we are not so different except for circumstances and life choices. For when it comes right down to it, we are all daughters of God and that is what truly makes us “sisters” after all.

—BY GAIL MCKENZIE

Thurmons Celebrate 74 Years of Marriage

Roy and Venice Thurmon recently celebrated their 74th wedding anniversary at their home in Dyersburg, Tenn. To celebrate with the Thurmons were their daughter, Camille, and her husband, Jim Gilley; son James Earl and his wife, Judy (Conner) Thurmon; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Roy celebrated his 96th birthday on November 4, 2010, and Venice

celebrated her 95th birthday in January 2010. The Thurmon’s 65-plus years in the pastoral ministry were mainly spent in the Southern and Southwestern unions with churches in Florida, Alabama, Georgia (eight years at the Collegedale Church), Arkansas, Texas, and the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. The Thurmons also worked in New York City with It Is Written for three and a half years.



The Thurmons continue to be in good health, attributing this to a healthy diet, exercise, keeping an alert mind by study-

ing and reading, and having a daily personal relationship with God. Each summer Roy has planted a large garden to share with neighbors and family. He continues to mow his own yard, drive to church, and run short errands. Their greatest desire is to witness their Savior’s soon return during their lifetime.

—BY JUDY THURMON

Members Plan for Impact on Memphis

In the fall of 2010, leaders of the conferences in the Southern Union decided to make Memphis, Tenn., the focus of a special evangelistic thrust during the next five years. With financial support from the North American Division and the Southern Union, churches in the greater Memphis area have been encouraged and empowered to do something revolutionary to make people more aware of the Adventist message.

The city of Memphis was chosen primar-

ily because the ratio of Adventists to the general population is the lowest of any major metropolitan area in the Southern Union territory. Anglo and Hispanic membership of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference in the greater Memphis area numbers about 900. Add to those numbers the membership of the churches of the South Central Conference, and the ratio is still low.

On Sabbath, March 5, 2011, Gordon Retzer, Southern Union president, led representatives from



Gordon Retzer, Southern Union president, leads the discussion.

the Kentucky-Tennessee and South Central conferences in a brainstorming session held at the Memphis First Church. Leaders

from the Kentucky-Tennessee, Gulf States, and South Central conferences were present to witness the excitement and enthusiasm of church members as they prayed together and strategized for this initiative.

The discussion generated a long list of ideas to impact the Memphis area. A steering committee will be established as soon as possible with representation from the three conferences to guide this initiative during the next five years.

—BY MARVIN LOWMAN

Burmese Refugees Welcomed Home

A very meaningful “Welcome Home Sabbath” was held for newly arrived Burmese Adventist refugees at the Nashville First Church in Nashville, Tenn., on February 19, 2011. The church family at Nashville First warmly welcomed a group of more than 50 people from the Karen tribe of Burma (now Myanmar). They

were blessed to watch three Karen young men give their lives to Christ in baptism.

Melvin Santos, Nashville First pastor, and his leadership team planned the Sabbath to show this group of refugees that they are an important and loved part of God’s family. Jimmy Schwe, pastor, church planting coordina-

tor for North American Karen Adventists, shared with the church about the war, persecution, and oppression that caused the Karens to become refugees. After years of fleeing from soldiers, abuse of Christians, and surviving in the jungle, many fled to refugee camps in Thailand where they lived for many years before being accepted into the United States for resettlement.

Schwe then assisted the Karens in organizing themselves as a group so that they can worship in their own language. They plan to worship in Smyrna in a community center near where most of them live. They would like to retain their Adventist members and develop leadership in order to reach out to the many non-Adventist Karens in Smyrna. They

want to be mentored, disciplined, and assisted in evangelizing their own people.

NAD Adventist Refugee and Immigrant Ministries (ARIM) and Adventist Southeast Asia Projects (ASAP) representatives Carol and Byron Reynolds helped to facilitate communication between the Nashville First Church family and the refugees. Early this year, Carol helped connect this group with Santos and his church.

The Karen people of Burma, who are mostly Christian, are one of the few groups in Southeast Asia who have accepted the Gospel message in large numbers. They trace their Adventist heritage to pioneer missionary Eric B. Hare, the famous story teller.

—BY CAROL REYNOLDS



Dressed in their colorful native outfits, the group was invited to the front of the church and officially welcomed.

Orangeburg Member Celebrates 104 Years

Harry Richard Riley celebrated his 104th birthday on April 14, 2011. When he turned 100 in 2007, family members, former neighbors, and co-workers; government officials, including Leon Howard, honorable representative, and John W. Matthews Jr., senator; as well as members of Ephesus Church in Columbia, S.C., and Christ is the Answer Church in Orangeburg, S.C., were present.

Riley joined Ephesus Church in 1949, where he served as a deacon, Sabbath School superinten-

dent for 17 years, Vacation Bible School director, and member of the senior choir. He was also involved in mission outreach ministry, prison ministry, and the health club. He joined Christ is the Answer Church in 1991.

He goes about his daily routines as usual. He prays, reads his Bible daily, studies the Sabbath School lesson, reads the newspaper, and watches his favorite television shows: 3ABN, CNN News, and The Price Is Right. He also enjoys listening to sermons and music on his

CD player and Christian radio programs.

Riley's recipe for longevity includes prayer, Bible study, love for his fellow man, praising God for all things, exercise, being a strict vegetarian, eating healthy foods, drinking bottled or spring water, and obeying the Ten Commandments. Harry Riley resides at the



Harry Riley, pictured with his late wife, Mattie

Methodist Oaks Assisted Living Home in Orangeburg, S.C. He continues to live a beautiful Christian life.

—BY SHARON PIERRE-LUKE

Warner Robins Youth Conduct Revival

The youth of the New Life Church in Warner Robins, Ga., led out in an awesome youth revival, January 23-28, 2011. Though the length of the

cast of youth who provided prayer, Scripture reading, and music; ushered and collected offerings; and gave a great deal of moral support. Under

the able and energetic guidance of the Adventist Youth Society leader, Miracle Scott, the program was well coordinated, and all participants and attendees were wonderfully blessed.

The revival themed "Jesus in Me," opened on a Sunday evening with Olivia Spence proclaiming her "Hope in Jesus." On Monday night Yanelli Gon-

zales declared her "Faith in Salvation," followed on Tuesday evening by Christopher Myrthil who captivated all with his sermon "Seeing Jesus in Me." On Wednesday evening Frances Arthur instructed everyone quite adeptly on "The Holy Spirit Striving, Teaching, and Helping." In Friday night's service they were entreated to "Live a Life of Love" by Andrew Ashley, a high school senior.

Sabbath morning's service was especially memorable, as Dave Spence, the father of Olivia Spence, was the closing speaker for the week on Youth Day. Spence, a Master Guide and long-time Adventist Youth Leader, totally held each worshiper's attention with his timely challenge and heart-

felt sermon entitled "The Light that Failed." After the morning services, worshippers were treated to a fellowship meal that was served by the members of Fusion, New Life's young adult ministry group.

This week-long event is the brain child of the pastor, Everton A. Ennis, who gave assistance and instruction to the speakers prior to revival week. Ennis has started a "Young Preachers Institute" at New Life, assisted by the local elders with the goal of training, equipping, and mentoring interested youth in the art of preparing and presenting Gospel messages. In addition to Youth Sabbaths, New Life Church has scheduled a mid-week youth service in each quarter of the year.

—BY EVERTON ENNIS



"Jesus in Me Youth Revival" speakers Christopher Myrthil (left), Olivia Spence, Yanelli Gonzales, Frances Arthur, and Andrew Ashley

series allowed for only five speakers, all of the youth in the church were involved in the services.

The speakers had an enthusiastic supporting

Savannah School Doubles Enrollment

Ramah Junior Academy ended the 2009-2010 school year with 47 students in kindergarten through grade 8, and 19 children in the pre-kindergarten program. The 97-year-old historic Savannah institution opened its doors for the 2010-2011 school year with 141 students, including 38 pre-kindergarteners, more than doubling its enrollment.

Sheridan Brown Albert, Ramah principal, attributes this enrollment boost to three major factors: the first was the addition of grade 9 to its program for the 2010-2011 school year; secondly, in the spring of 2010, the school board launched a mammoth recruitment effort to reclaim former students and to invite new families within the constituency to be a part of the Ramah

portrait; the third factor, and the one with the most impact, was the implementation of the Arete Scholars Fund, which provided scholarships for students in transition from the public school systems to private schools within the state of Georgia.

The Arete Scholars Fund awarded 75 scholarships for students to attend Ramah through a unique approach to the Georgia Tax Credit Scholarship Program by partnering with corporations to fund tax-credit scholarships along with private charitable foundations. Arete [pronounced ah-reh-tay] is a Greek word which literally means, in pursuit of virtue, goodness, and excellence with the aim of reaching one's highest human potential.

The scholarships had such a positive impact on Ramah's program that the executive director of the Arete Scholars Fund, Derek Monjure, visited the school to witness firsthand the benefits of the education delivered at Ramah. Monjure was accompanied by the media team of the Center for an Educated Georgia, and its director, David Pusey. These educational philanthropists and lobbyists were instrumental in getting House Bill 1133 passed in that state legislature. They spent the entire day on



Ramah faculty and staff with Derek Monjure, executive director of Arete Scholars Fund: L'Tisba Phillips (left), pre-k lead teacher; LaKia Parris, English and social studies teacher; Derek Monjure, Arete; Sheridan Albert, Ramah principal; Donna Phillips, school board chair; Debra Bowlers, kindergarten and first grade teacher; Brittany Carter, language arts and computers; Anthony Phillips, discipline coordinator; Brandi Carter, grades 2 and 3 and art teacher; Shirley Hall, treasurer; Jacoby Bell, math, science, and P.E. teacher.

the campus meeting and interviewing Ramah stakeholders, students, parents, faculty, staff, school board, and constituent members. Ramah looks forward to lasting relationships with these two organizations.

North Carolina Youth Feed the Homeless

The youth of the North Carolina Youth Federation had an opportunity to get involved in a community service project in November 2010, by feeding the homeless and distributing clothing.

Peggy Roey, who helps coordinate the Abney Chapel's bi-monthly meals for the homeless, organized the event for the youth. Abney Chapel started its program as a mission project that grew as more and more churches got involved.

More than 40 churches contributed, with some also sending youth groups to help volunteers from New

Bern, Raleigh, Greensboro, Wilmington, and other cities. Those in need received non-perishable food and clothing, and were treated to a traditional Thanksgiving meal with turkey and dressing. Scores of individuals came to the hour-long event at Walker-Spivey School.

Among those who benefited from the generosity was a woman called Henderson, who declined to give her first name. Hender-

son said she came to the event expecting the regular meal, but was surprised to find much-needed winter clothing. "I need food, but I need clothes, too," she said while looking over a table displaying shirts and jeans.

Many people were

waiting well over an hour before the event started at 10 a.m. "We've seen a lot of people today," Roey said. "They met us this morning when we arrived out here." She concluded, "We're just showing Christian kindness; we're addressing a need."

It is hopeful that this outreach ministry will become an annual event at each of the federations, which are held in a different city each year. Many of the churches wanted to come to Fayetteville, she said, so that they could learn how to help their local homeless populations.

—BY WINIFRED MYLER



The community outreach initiative had such an impact that the federation leaders are looking to make it an annual event.

Bethany Pays Tributes to Oakwood, *Message*

The Miami-Bethany Church, Miami, Fla., celebrated Black History Month on February 19, 2011, by paying tribute to two of the oldest Black institutions in the Adventist faith, Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala., and *Message Magazine* in Hagerstown, Md., the most widely circulated religious journal addressing ethnic issues in America.

Leslie Pollard, D.Min., Ph.D., president of Oakwood University, and Washington Johnson, D.Min., editor of *Message Magazine*, were honored for their leadership at their respective institutions.

The worship experience began with a Sabbath School mini-concert, moderated by Angela Choate, Ph.D.

Sabbath School members enjoyed soul-stirring music from Bethany's Praise Team, the Words of Wisdom quartet, and Dania Beach.

Bob Wells, Laverne



Under the leadership of Cesar Vidars, South Florida Christian Orchestra performs during the Miami-Bethany Black History program.

Anderson, and Joyce Johnson, Ph.D., wife of *Message Magazine* editor, did a dynamic job encapsulating the Sabbath School lesson "Resilience."

Washington wrapped up Sabbath School with an enlightening perspective on the history and mission of *Message Magazine*.

Divine worship featured the music of Laverne Anderson, who began the service singing the Negro National Anthem; South Florida Christian Orchestra, a 40-member group of Christian musicians from

Miami, under the direction of Cesar Vidars; Bethany Sanctuary Choir; renowned violinist Jose Cruz; and Jerome Symonette, D.Min., Ph.D.,

from Florida Memorial University, who made the organ "talk."

"If this is what Heaven is all about, I want to be there," said Pollard, who spoke during the divine hour, and blessed the congregation with his sermon, "How to Meet that Giant." He spoke on what we must do in our Christian experience to conquer the "Giant."

During the afternoon service, Pollard shared his vision for Oakwood. Tim McDonald, Ed.D., vice

president for advancement, gave an overview of the University and its accomplishments.

Prudence Pollard, Ph.D., assistant vice president for leadership and quality, gave parents and students the "bottom line" regarding registration and admission, and other vital information they would need in planning to attend Oakwood.

Students and parents were asked to consider Oakwood as their university of choice. "Whatever your career pursuit is, you can find your path of studies at Oakwood University," said Pollard.

The Miami Union Academy senior band and choir, under the direction of Elie Pierre and Renee Hodge, brought the program to an end.

You can view more photos of this event at, <http://www.flickr.com/sec-sda>.

—BY SHARON R. LEWIS

Southeastern Hires Auditor



The Southeastern Conference Treasury Department recently added Amando Sanchez to its staff. Sanchez, a native of Mexico, will serve Southeastern as an auditor.

A product of Christian education, Sanchez earned a B.A. in business administration from Southwestern Adventist University,

Keene, Tex. He is currently pursuing an M.B.A. from Kaplan University.

The son of an Adventist minister, Sanchez is no stranger to Church work. Sanchez is an experienced auditor, having served as an auditor for the General Conference for three years. He is excited about working for Southeastern, and

considers it a blessing.

"With more than 140 churches and 15 schools, his addition will enable Southeastern to provide more services," said Gwendolyn Parker, Southeastern treasurer. "We are exciting about adding another auditor to our staff. He brings a lot of value to the table."

—BY ROBERT HENLEY

Powell Sets Vision for Evangelism at Lighthouse

Curtis Powell, pastor of Lighthouse Church, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., has cast a vision — a vision that is not impossible or difficult, but one that can be accomplished through the help of Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Powell's divine plan is to move the church forward by way of evangelism. "Evangelism must be the foundation for our ministry, and if we cease to be evangelistic, we cease to be on the move for God," said Powell.

He has declared that his mission is to "Proclaim to all people the

everlasting Gospel,' thus preparing the world for the Second Coming while participating in active service, and pointing people to Jesus Christ as their Savior from sin. In so doing we will all experience His power, empower His people, and expand His Kingdom."

Powell is convinced that evangelism must be intentional, rele-



Curtis Powell, pastor of Lighthouse Church, recently shared his passion and vision for evangelism, and will engage Lighthouse in evangelism at a level that it has not done in the past.

vant to the needs of the people, and should be in accordance with the times in which we live.

In a recent sermon, entitled "Raw Material," he pointed out that as a carpenter, Jesus did not procrastinate, nor waste any time in his labor for souls, but while laboring at the carpenter's bench, he was

preparing himself for His ministry to reach the des-

titute and those who were dying without a Savior.

Powell has encouraged everyone to take up the task of evangelism. Consequently, the church knocked on doors inviting neighbors to a "Special Week of Spiritual Emphasis," which resulted in the baptism of six individuals.

The church continues to invite neighbors, friends, and relatives to Bible studies and weekly worship services.

—BY JULIET DUNKLEY

MUA Competes in Annual Robotics Competition

In their first appearance in the Adventist Robotics League's Annual Southern Union Robotics Challenge Competition, the Miami Union Academy (MUA)

Robotics Team, the Robo-Docs, won second place in the Research Division and second place in the Team Work division.

The Robo-Docs were one of 14 teams, featuring more than 100 students, that competed in the event, which was held at Southern Adventist University on April 3, 2011.

The teams competed



The Miami Union Academy Robotics Team receives their second place trophy during the awards ceremony at the annual Southern Union Robotics Challenge at Southern Adventist University.

in five categories: robot design, robot programming, team work, research presentation, and the robot challenge.

MUA's appearance in the competition launches Southeastern's Robotics, a joint venture between the education and technology departments of Southeastern Conference.

The initiative is designed to improve technol-

ogy education in the Conference's school system. Next year every school in Southeastern, a total of 15, will have the opportunity to participate in the competition.

The annual academic challenge is hosted each year by Southern's School of Computing.

The Adventist Robotics League is sponsored by the North American Division Office of Education, and operates robotics challenges across the country to provide students in Seventh-day Adventist schools the opportunity to expand their skill and learn life skills.

You can view more photos at <http://www.flickr.com/secsda>. For more information about the Adventist Robotics League, visit <http://www.adventist-roboticsleague.net>.

—BY ROBERT HENLEY



Miami Union Academy Robotics Team members prepare to launch their robotic on a mission during the robot challenge.

Employees Refinish Floors for Charity

Fourteen employees from Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center, Daytona Beach, Fla., worked on their day off. No, they didn't clock into the hospital; rather they volunteered their time and service to Bridge of Hope, a hot meals program provided by Halifax Urban Ministries. The employees refinished the Center's floors, which took approximately 75 hours to complete the 2,500-square-foot project.

The group stripped, scrubbed, and rinsed the floors until the old finish had been completely removed. After the floor dried, the first coat of finish was applied. Two hospital staff members, Fernando Cacoilo and Brandon Culkomp, stayed until ap-

proximately 3:30 a.m. to complete the application of the floor finish and finished cleaning the kitchen floors.

Raul Gonzalez, Bridge of Hope and Star Family Center director of operations, was very appreciative of clean, shiny floors.

"We feed somewhere between 250 and 300 people a hot lunch 363 days out of the year," said Gonzalez. "We try to maintain floors as best we can, but it really needs to be refurbished every six months. It just so happens that when we really needed it — call it serendipity — Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center contacted us and volunteered to help. They've even volunteered to come back in another six months to do it again." Without the donated

labor and supplies, a job like this could have cost the Homeless Assistance Center somewhere between \$1,000 and \$1,500.

It truly was a group effort, as the hospital's Environmental Services team provided the equipment; Materials Management Department provided the truck to transport supplies and equipment to the job-site; and Food and Nutritional Services provided the boxed lunches for the staff working to refinish the floors. Additionally, 3M Commercial Care Division,



Martha Tremblay (left), Estelle Schiavo, and Joyce Lunsford work hard to scrub the floors, removing the old finish so that a new finish can be applied.

one of Florida Hospital's business partners, provided all the additional supplies necessary to complete the job. Florida Hospital is committed to the local community, and to demonstrating that the mission to extend Christ's healing ministry goes beyond the hospital walls.

—BY LINDSAY REW

Gordon Hospital Places on Quality Honor Roll

Gordon Hospital, Calhoun Ga., has been named to the Georgia Hospital Association's (GHA) Partnership for Health and Accountability (PHA) Quality Honor Roll.



Gordon Hospital is one of 62 hospitals in Georgia to be placed in the Presidential category, one of the highest on the list. The honor roll is based on clinical data provided by the federal Centers for Med-

icaid & Medicare Services (CMS), which administers the nation's Medicare and Medicaid programs. The data was collected from October 2009 to September 2010.

"This is a great accomplishment for Gordon

Hospital," said Joseph Parker, president of GHA. "This recognition further underscores the commitment of the Gordon Hospital staff to ensuring that every patient receives the best, most effective health care possible."

All acute care hospitals are required to submit care data to CMS. This data details how well a hospital's caregivers adhere to a list of eight Appropriate Care Measures (ACM), which are the clinical processes of

care that are known to be the most effective methods of treatment for patients who have suffered heart attacks, heart failure, or pneumonia.

"It is our mission to ensure that each of our patients receives the right care at the right time, and this recognition validates this," said Pete Weber, president and chief executive officer of Gordon Hospital. "This honor is a tribute to the hard work and dedication of our staff who are constantly working to make excellent care even better."

—BY KAREN SHAW

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CAROLINA CONFERENCE

ACADEMY

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Adventist Christian Academy, Raleigh, NC
Asheville-Pisgah School, Candler, NC
Brookhaven SDA School, Winterville, NC
Camden Adventist School, Camden, SC
Charleston SDA School, Charleston, SC
Columbia Adventist Academy, Lexington, SC
Eddlemon Adventist School, Spartanburg, SC
Elizabeth City SDA School, Elizabeth City, NC
Fayetteville Adventist School, Fayetteville, NC
Five Oaks Adventist Christian School, Durham, NC
High Country Christian School, Banner Elk, NC
Wm. Johnston Elementary, Hickory, NC
Myrtle Beach SDA Christian School, Myrtle Beach, SC
Poplar Springs SDA School, Westminster, SC
Silver Creek Adventist School, Morganton, NC
Tri-City Christian Academy, High Point, NC
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FLORIDA CONFERENCE

ACADEMIES

Forest Lake Academy, Apopka, FL
Forest Lake Distance Learning Academy, Apopka, FL

Greater Miami Adventist Academy, Miami, FL

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Beryl Wisdom Adventist School, Orlando, FL
Brevard Adventist Christian Academy, Cocoa, FL
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Okeechobee Adventist Christian School, Okeechobee, FL
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Osceola Adventist Christian School, Kissimmee, FL
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Winter Haven Adventist Academy, Winter Haven, FL
Z. L. Sung SDA Church School, Gainesville, FL

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE

ACADEMIES

Atlanta Adventist Academy, Atlanta, GA
Collegedale Academy, Collegedale, TN
Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, GA
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
A.W. Spalding SDA School, Collegedale, TN

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Murphy Adventist Christian School, Murphy, NC
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GULF STATES CONFERENCE

ACADEMY

Bass Memorial Academy, Lumberton, MS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Adventist Christian Academy, Panama City, FL
Bass Christian Elementary, Lumberton, MS
Big Cove Christian Academy, Owens Cross Roads, AL
College Drive SDA School, Pearl, MS
Community Christian School, Meridian, MS
Corinth SDA School, Cornth, MS
Emerald Coast Christian School, Fort Walton Beach, FL
Faith Adventist Christian School, Summit, MS
Floral Crest Junior Academy, Bryant, AL
Hoover Christian School, Hoover, AL
Mobile Junior Academy, Mobile, AL
Montgomery SDA School, Montgomery, AL
Mountain View Adventist School, Pell City, AL
Pensacola Junior Academy, Pensacola, FL

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE CONFERENCE

ACADEMIES

Highland Academy, Portland, TN
Madison Academy, Madison, TN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
Appalachian Christian Academy, Manchester, KY
Bill Egly Elementary School, Lawrenceburg, TN
Columbia SDA Elementary, Columbia, KY
Dickson Adventist Elementary, Dickson, TN
Martin Memorial Elementary School, Centerville, TN
Highland Elementary School, Portland, TN
Hines Memorial Elementary School, Jackson, TN
Leach Christian School, Cedar Grove, TN
Lexington Junior Academy, Lexington, KY

Louisville Junior Academy, Louisville, KY
Madison Campus Elementary, Madison, TN
Memphis Junior Academy, Memphis, TN
Pewee Valley Junior Academy, Pewee Valley, KY
Ridgetop Adventist Elementary, Ridgetop, TN
Taylor Mill SDA Church School, Latonia, KY
Tulahoma SDA Elementary, Tulahoma, TN
Woodbury SDA Elementary, Woodbury, TN

SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

ACADEMY

Greater Atlanta Adventist Academy, Atlanta, GA

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Abney Chapel Christian School, Fayetteville, NC
Atlanta Adventist International School, Atlanta, GA
Berea Junior Academy, Sumpter, SC
Berean Christian Junior Academy, Atlanta, GA
Berean Junior Academy, Charlotte, NC
Bethany Junior Academy, Macon, GA
Carolina Adventist Academy, Whiteville, NC
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SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

ACADEMY

Oakwood Adventist Academy, Huntsville, AL

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Alcy Junior Academy, Memphis, TN
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SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Gulf States Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the 31st regular constituency session of the Gulf States Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Community Seventh-day Adventist School in Meridian, Mississippi, on Sunday, June 5, 2011, at 10:00 A.M. The Organizing Committee will meet there on Sunday morning at 8:00 A.M. This constituency session is called for the purpose of electing its officers, its departmental directors, and the members of the Executive Committee for the next quinquennial term of five years. This meeting will also transact any other business that is warranted by the constitution or the Executive Committee. Each church is entitled to one (1) delegate for the church and one additional delegate for every 25 members or major fraction thereof. For the Organizing Committee, each church is entitled to one representative.

Melvin K. Eisele, President

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Gulf States Conference Association of Seventh-day-Adventists, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that the 31st regular constituency session of the Gulf States Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, is called to meet at the Community Seventh-day Adventist School in Meridian, Mississippi, on Sunday, June 5, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. The delegates of the Gulf States Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will serve as the constituents of the corporation.

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WILDWOOD TOTAL VEGETARIAN COOKING SEMINAR: 7-day seminar focusing on whole foods cooking (hands-on), wild edibles, and organic gardening. May 22-29, 2011. Site: Wildwood Health Retreat, Iron City, TN. Cost: \$370 (Includes room, vegan meals). Contact: Darlene Keith 931-724-6706. www.wildwoodhealthretreat.org. Email: darlenekeith@gmail.com. [5]

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THE SANCTIFIED LIFE is the theme for the 2011 Secrets Unsealed Summit at Cohutta Springs October 6-9. Speakers: Stephen Bohr, Richard O'Ffill, CA Murray & Milton Teske, MD. Register online at www.secretsunsealed.org or call 888-738-1412. Children 8-12 program available. On-site IMT ultrasound testing. [5-8]

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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

- June 4. Sunrise.
- June 5. Plantation, Lauderhill, Temple Adventiste de Deerfield Beach. (Southeastern Conference: Mt. Olivet.)
- June 11. Naples.
- June 12. Fort Myers, Fort Myers Shores, Arcadia, Avon Park, Winter Haven.
- June 18. Port Charlotte.
- June 19. North Port, Venice-Nokomis, Sarasota, West Coast Christian Academy in Bradenton, Brandon, Tampa First.
- June 25. Perry.
- June 26. Cross City, Ocala, Silver Springs Shores, Belleview, Inverness.
- July 9. West Palm Beach.
- July 10. Midport Road in Port St. Lucie, Fort Pierce, Cocoa, Titusville. (Southeastern

Conference: Port St. Lucie, Palm Bay.)

July 16. Jacksonville Southpoint.

July 17. Jacksonville First, Orange Cove, St. Augustine, Palatka, Palm Coast.

(Southeastern Conference: Jacksonville Ephesus.)

July 23. St. Petersburg.

July 24. Clearwater, New Port Richey, Spring Hill, Brooksville, East Pasco in Zephyrhills.

July 30. Maranatha in Miami Gardens.

July 31. Fort Lauderdale, Lauderhill, Pompano Beach, Jupiter-Tequesta.

Florida Conference Evangelism Series

July 9-Aug. 20. Deltona. Bill and Sunshine Waters.

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.

Georgia-Cumberland

Prayer Ministries Day

May 7. Riverview, TN.

May 21. Summerville, GA.

Health Rallies

May 7. Statesboro, GA.

May 14. Morristown, TN.

May 21. Knoxville, TN.

Hispanic "Homes of Hope" – May 14, 15.

Prayer Workshops – May 26, 27. GCC Camp Meeting, Collegedale, TN.

Communication Workshops – May 26, 27. GCC Camp Meeting, Collegedale, TN.

Gulf States

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Conference Hispanic Women's Retreat – May 6-8.

BMA Graduation Commencement Service – May 14.

Pathfinder Council – June 12. Camp Alamisco.

Executive Committee – June 14. Conference Office.

Kentucky-Tennessee

Conference Association Board

May 10. July 26. Sept. 20. Dec. 6.

Conference Executive Committee

May 10. July 26. Sept. 20. Dec. 6.

Highland/Madison Academy Boards – May 12.

Academy Graduations

Madison – May 21.

Highland – May 22.

Southern Adventist University

Commencement at Chattanooga Convention Center – May 1.

First Summer Session Begins – May 2.

First Summer Session Ends – May 27.

Second Summer Session Begins – May 31.

Announcements

"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. Also, you may contact GLAA Alumni Office at 989-427-5181 or visit www.GLAA.net for details.

Sharon Church Homecoming

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Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians 2011 Conference – June 19-23.

For librarians and information professionals. Pacific Union College, Angwin, CA. Details: <http://spinergy.southern.edu/asdaldere/> for conference information or contact Lauren Matacio matacio@andrews.edu 269-471-6062.

Madison College Alumni Association Homecoming – June 24-26. Honor classes: '41, '46, '51, '56, '61, and those who attended Madison College or Madison College Academy. Activities and meals on Friday evening, Sabbath, and Sunday morning at Madison Academy Campus. Jim Culpepper, secretary/treasurer, 615-415-1925.

Elgin, Texas, Church 100th Anniversary – July 8-10. The weekend includes guest speakers, "Walk Down Memory Lane" and slides, and other special events. All former pastors, teachers, members, and friends are cordially invited. Bring old photos. Details: Betty Hold, 512-281-3268 or e-mail earhold@msn.com.

Benedict / Turtle Lake Church 100th Anniversary – July 23. Turtle Lake, ND. We invite all past and present constituents and their families to join us. Details: Roger Boyko, 701-448-2884 or e-mail rkboyko@westriv.com.

Grand Ledge Academy First Years Reunion – Aug. 5-7. Elysian Fields Hunting Preserve near Bellevue, MI. For all charter students, alumni, and faculty from 1959-1964. Details: registration: claudiabahnmler@gmail.com, call Claudia at 360-793-1883, or Facebook group "Grand Ledge Academy - First Years."

Sunset

	April 29	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27	June 3
Atlanta, GA	8:21	8:27	8:32	8:37	8:42	8:46
Charleston, SC	8:02	8:07	8:12	8:17	8:21	8:25
Charlotte, NC	8:09	8:15	8:21	8:26	8:31	8:35
Collegedale, TN	8:26	8:32	8:37	8:43	8:47	8:52
Huntsville, AL	7:32	7:37	7:43	7:48	7:53	7:57
Jackson, MS	7:42	7:47	7:52	7:57	8:01	8:05
Louisville, KY	8:35	8:41	8:47	8:53	8:59	9:03
Memphis, TN	7:46	7:52	7:57	8:02	8:07	8:11
Miami, FL	7:52	7:56	8:00	8:03	8:07	8:10
Montgomery, AL	7:27	7:32	7:37	7:41	7:46	7:50
Nashville, TN	7:35	7:41	7:47	7:52	7:57	8:01
Orlando, FL	8:01	8:05	8:09	8:14	8:17	8:21
Wilmington, NC	7:56	8:02	8:07	8:12	8:17	8:21

Camp Meeting 2011 Schedule

CAROLINA

Portions of Camp Meeting will be viewable at www.carolinasda.org
 HispanicApril 1-3..... Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, SC
 Speaker: Silvestre González
 English.....May 29-June 4..... Theme: Peace Through the Storm
 Lake Junaluska, NC
 Speakers: Lonnie Melashenko, Dwight Nelson, Greg King, and Richard Davidson
 Musical Guest: Jennifer LaMountain
 Eastern Carolina .Sept. 17 Theme: Peace Through the Storm
 Summerville, SC, Church
 Speaker: Jack Blanco
 Musical Guest: Celestial Praise
 Eastern Carolina .Sept. 24 Theme: Peace Through the Storm
 Greenville, NC, Church
 Speaker: Richard Ofill
 Musical Guest: Celestial Praise

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

South GeorgiaApril 9.....Macon, GA
 KoreanMay 20-22 Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA
 GCC.....May 25-28. Theme: Proclaiming God's Grace Southern Adventist University,
 Collegedale, TN
 Friday night/ Sabbath morning Speaker:
 Sabbath School:
 Sabbath evening:
 HispanicJune 10-12 Georgia Cumberland Academy,
 Calhoun, GA
 Olde TimeJune 16-18 Theme: Revival & Reformation
 Deer Lodge, TN
 Speaker: Douglas Na'a
 DeafAug. 4-7..... Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA
 Northeast Tennessee..... Sept. 30-Oct. 1
 Theme: Creation The Oaks, Greeneville, TN
 Speaker: Greg King

GULF STATES

May 20-28.....Theme: Because You Have Prayed .. Bass Memorial Academy, Lumberton, MS
 Speaker 1st Sabbath: Ivor Myers
 Mornings/ Monday-Friday: Dennis Smith

Evenings/ Monday-Friday: Karl Haffner
 Speaker 2nd Sabbath: Gary Gibbs
 Musical Concert 2nd Sabbath: Jennifer LaMountain

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

English.....May 27-June 4..... Theme: Revive Us Again!
 Highland Academy, Portland, TN
 Speakers/ Seminar Presenters: George Knight, Tony Moore, John Bradshaw, Richard Tibbits,
 John Mathews, Dana Edmond, and Ron Clouzet
 HispanicJune 10, 11..... Highland Academy, Portland, TN
 Speaker:

SOUTH ATLANTIC

June 9-18.....Theme: Revival & Reformation-"Lord Revive & Reform Me".....River Oaks Camp-
 ground, Orangeburg, SC
 Speaker: Freddie Russell

SOUTH CENTRAL

Latino.....May 27-29 Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL
 English.....June 3-11 Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL

SOUTHEASTERN

English.....June 16-25 Theme: Revive Us
 AgainHawthorne, FL
 Adult/Main Pavilion
 Speaker: Carlton Byrd [June 16-18]
 Speaker: Emil Peeler [June 24-26]
 Youth Pavilion Theme: Claim Your Anointing
 Speaker: Israel Jean Leon [June 18]
 Speaker: Prince Lewis [June 24, 25]
 HaitianJune 29-July 2 Hawthorne, FL
 Hispanic ConvocationOctober 21, 22
 South Florida

Summer Camp 2011 Schedule

CAROLINA

Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, SC
 [Register online at www.nosoca.org]
 SIT Camp June 12-26
 Adventure (ages 7-11) June 19-26
 Horsemanship I (ages 12-16)..... June 19-26
 Basketball (ages 11-16)..... June 19-26
 Water Sports (ages 13-16) June 19-26
 Junior Camp I /Horse II (ages 10-12).....June 26-July 3
 Wheels/Sports Camp.....June 26-July 3
 Tween/ Horsemanship III (ages 12-14) July 3-10
 Teen (ages 13-16) July 10-17
 Teen Extreme Adventurer Horse Camping
 Trip/Mt. Biking Trip (ages 14-17) June 17-25
 Family Camp July 18-22

GULF STATES

Camp Alamisco, Dadeville, AL
 [Details: www.Alamisco.org]
 Camp Alamisco Staff Week May 29-June 4
 Adventure Camp (ages 7-10)..... June 5-12
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12)..... June 12-19
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16)..... June 19-26
 Family Camp (all ages) July 4-10

SOUTH ATLANTIC

River Oaks Campground, Orangeburg, SC
 Junior Bible/Summer Camp (ages 8-17).....June 26-July 3
 Basketball Camp (ages 8-17) TBA

FLORIDA

Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, FL
 [Details: <http://summerncamp.campkulaqua.com/>]
 Horsemanship Beginner Week (ages 10-14).....June 5-12
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9) June 5-12
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12) June 5-12
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16)..... June 5-12
 Athletics Camp I (ages 13-16) June 5-12
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9) June 12-19
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12) June 12-19
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16)..... June 12-19
 Athletics Camp II (ages 13-16) June 12-19
 Horsemanship Intermediate Week (ages 12-16) June 5-12
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9) June 19-26
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12) June 19-26
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16)..... June 19-26
 Basketball Specialty Camp (ages 13-16)..... June 20-27
 Horsemanship Advanced Week (ages 12-16) June 19-26
 Wheels Specialty Week (ages 13-16) June 19-26
 Cowboy Adventure Week (ages 13-16) July 10-17
 Teen Mountain Adventure (ages 13-16)..... July 31-Aug. 7

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Indian Creek Camp, Liberty, TN
 Blind Camp (mixed ages) June 12-19
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9) June 12-19
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12) June 19-26
 Family Camp I (all ages) June 28-July 3
 Tween Camp (ages 12-14)..... July 3-10
 Teen Camp (ages 14-17)..... July 10-17
 Family Camp II (all ages) July 17-24
 Extreme Outpost Camp (ages 13-17) July 24-29
 Hispanic Child/Youth Camp July 25-31

SOUTH CENTRAL

Camp Thunderbird, Chattanooga, TN
 Camp Orientation July 3-11
 Conference Camporee July 8, 9
 Friendship Camp (ages 6-17) July 10-16
 Sports Camp (ages 6-17)..... July 17-23

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Cohutta Springs Adventist Center, Crandall, GA
 [Details: www.cs-yc.com]
 Camp Staff Training May 26-June 5
 W.I.T. Camp (ages 15+) Every week, June 5-July 17
 Junior I (ages 10-12)..... June 5-12
 Golf Camp I (ages 13-17)..... June 5-12
 Paintball Camp I (ages 13-17) June 5-12
 Rock Climbing Camp (ages 13-17)..... June 5-12
 Fit for Life I (ages 10-13) June 5-26
 Junior II (ages 10-12)..... June 12-19
 Mountain Bike Trip (ages 13-17) June 12-19
 Paintball Camp II (ages 13-17) June 12-19
 Skateboard Camp (ages 13-17)..... June 12-19
 S.I.T. Camp (ages 15+) June 12-19
 Adventure Camp (ages 7-9)..... June 19-24
 Horse Pack Trip (ages 13-17)..... June 19-26
 Paintball Camp III (ages 13-17) June 19-26
 Wakeboard Camp I (ages 13-17)..... June 19-26
 C.I.T. Camp (ages 15+)..... June 19-26
 Tween / Pathfinder Honors (ages 12-13)..... June 26-July 3
 Ultimate RAD Camp (ages 13-17)..... June 26-July 3
 Fit for Life II (ages 13-17) June 26-July 17
 Basketball Camp (ages 13-17) July 3-10
 Rock Solid Basketball Camp (ages 16-18) July 3-10
 Whitewater/Kayak Camp (ages 13-17) July 3-10
 Gym-Masters Camp (ages 12-17)..... July 3-10
 Teen I (ages 13-17) July 3-10
 Rock Solid I (ages 16-18)..... July 3-10
 Gym-Masters DAY Camp (ages 7-18)..... July 4-8
 Golf Camp II (ages 13-17)..... July 10-17
 Wakeboard Camp II (ages 13-17) July 10-17
 Teen II (ages 13-17) July 10-17
 Rock Solid II (ages 16-18)..... July 10-17
 Surf Camp (ages 13-17)..... July 17-24
 Family Camp (all ages) July 19-24

SOUTHEASTERN

Southeastern Conference Campground, Hawthorne, FL
 Junior Camp July 10-16
 Summer Camp July 10-23

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