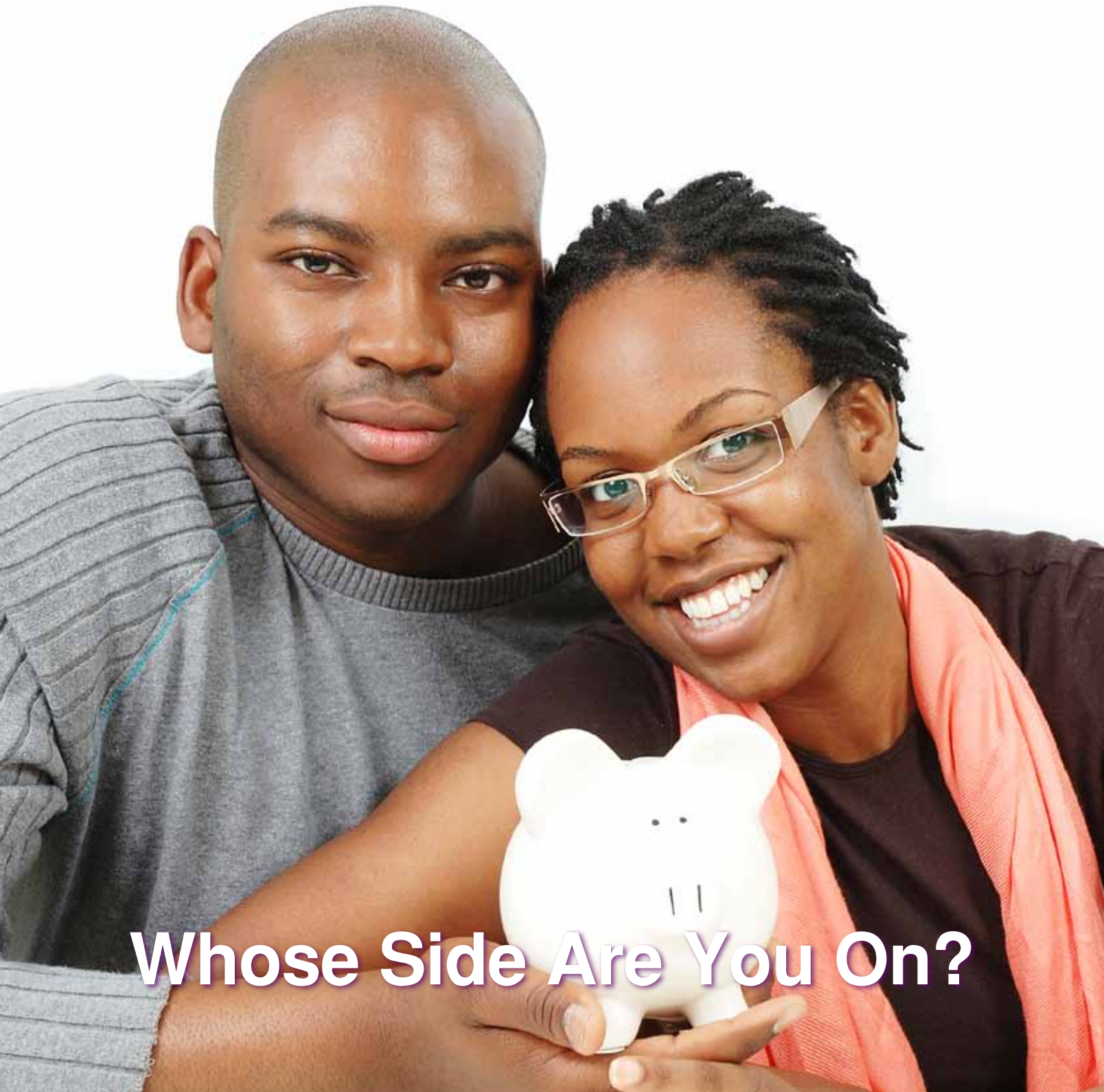


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**Whose Side Are You On?**

# Davidson Accepts Executive Secretary Position

Churches can run without prayer. Whole denominations can run without prayer. The question is this: Is what they're doing worth doing, if they can do it without prayer? Probably not! Jesus commissioned His Church to storm the gates of hell. In this 21st century culture, evil and darkness are as intractable and entrenched as they were in the first century when Jesus encountered a demonized boy. Do we really believe that programs and committees are going to change that? Jesus doesn't. Nor should we believe in them. "This kind" will come out only by the power of God — that is, by prayer!

So we must pray, because the work of the Church is God's Work, not ours. We must also pray because prayer actually gets God's Work done. That's the way prayer is seen in Heaven.

Picture the members of the Church huddled in their Prayer Meetings. If their experience of prayer is anything like mine can be, they may often feel their prayers are barely making it to the ceiling, or are dribbling out and rustling across the floor like dry leaves. Prayer doesn't frequently bring with it the sensation of cosmic power unleashed. But that is exactly what is happening. The whole creation is shaken by the prayers of the saints. Something is happening as we pray. Work is being done, whether we see it or not.

In the Southern Union, we've prayed for a prepared spiritual leader to help create and sustain an environment where the invitation to an intimate relationship with Jesus would be a priority. God answered our prayer through his provision of our new executive secretary, Elder Jim Davidson, and his wife, Bonnie, who will assist with shepherds and women's ministries.

Davidson is a graduate of Columbia Union College (now Washington Adventist University), with a bachelor's degree in theology, and Andrews University Theological Seminary with a master of divinity degree.

He has pastored in Pennsylvania, Florida, and Tennessee. He has served as ministerial director, executive secretary, and most recently, president of the Carolina Conference.

Bonnie has ministered alongside Jim throughout his ministry in varied capacities. She is a graduate of Southern Adventist University with a bachelors of science in nursing. The Davidsons have two children: Sarah, who is completing a doctor of pharmacy degree at the University of Tennessee; and Jonathan, who graduated from Southern Adventist University with a bachelor in theology and is currently serving as the manager of the Adventist Book Centers in Loma Linda and Riverside, California. We welcome Elder and Mrs. Davidson to the Southern Union administrative team.

Finally, I invite all to join me in the exciting journey of intimacy with the Great God of the Universe through an active prayer life. I assure you of unprecedented favor from Heaven.



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# Whose Side Are You On?

BY DAVID A. LONG SR.

Have you ever played a team sport? Have you ever watched two teams compete against each other? During the game, each team member is expected to fulfill the responsibility of their position, and is supposed to give their best to help their respective team sing the victory song.

Yet in every game that is played, someone will make a mistake and sometimes commit blatant errors because of anger and frustration. It is usually at such times that the one who caused the team to lose points, or even the game, may be looked at with consternation, frustration, and disbelief. More often than not, when an egregious and unnecessary infraction takes place, someone — usually the coach or captain of the team — will ask the offender, “Whose side are you on?”

Even though the offender is wearing the team uniform, his action displayed an affinity for the opposing team. Though the offending team member may have said all the right things before entering the game, his actions did not live up to the passionate words he shouted as he ran on to the field.

The coach will usually not question the loyalty of a team member who is wearing the team uniform but did not get a chance to play. Even if the one chosen to play is not the most talented, his allegiance to the team is not questioned because of his limited ability if he does his best. The burning question, “Whose side are you on?” is usually asked of one who wears the same uniform as their teammates, but whose intentional and costly actions caused the team to be penalized and possibly lose the game.

Every human being is involved in the game of life, and no one will be exempted from having his actions examined. In 2 Corinthians 5:10, Paul wrote, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.” As Christians, we recognize that we are engaged in the great controversy between Christ and Satan.

When Jesus walked the Earth, He made statements that made it clear that He demanded total commitment. In Matthew 12:30, He said, “He that is not with Me is against Me, and he that gathereth not scattereth abroad.” In Matthew 6:24, He declared, “Ye cannot serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”

In the great controversy between Christ and Satan, each leader demands extreme loyalty. Jesus did not lightly regard feigned commitment. In Matthew 15:8, He said, “This people draweth nigh unto Me with their mouth, and honoreth Me with lips; but their heart is far from Me.” His harshest criticism was toward those who gave the appearance of being on His side, but their hearts and actions were on the side of evil.

## Jonathan and David

When Jonathan came to understand that Heaven had chosen David and rejected Saul and his descendents to reign over Israel, he chose to be on God’s side. In spite of the uneasiness it brought between him and his father, Jonathan made it clear where

he stood. When we declare our allegiance, it often comes at a cost and sometimes a very high price. Jesus said, "I came to set a man against his father and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, and a man's enemies will be the members of his household. He who loves father or mother more than Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me," Matthew 10:35-37. In what is the strongest language possible, Jesus makes the case that, in choosing Him, we have to be willing to experience separation of family. Our God is jealous and He will not accept divided allegiance.

Jonathan did not back down from his allegiance to David. He unfurled his banner in honor of David and unashamedly allowed it to wave in the sight of all men.

### **Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego**

The three Hebrew companions were willing to let it be known whose side they were on. When King Nebuchadnezzar set up his golden image on the plain of Dura for all to see and worship, he was certain there would be no dissenters. No doubt there were many captive Jews who physically bowed that day, but in their hearts were saying to themselves, "Though I'm bowing outwardly, inwardly I serve the true and living God." Such supposed allegiance is not allegiance at all. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to be misunderstood or misidentified. Even in the face of a fiery furnace, increased sevenfold, they steadfastly held to their position. They respectfully responded, "If it be so, our God Whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning furnace, and He will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, let it be known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou has set up," Daniel 3:17, 18.

[A] decree went forth that on the day of the dedication all should show their supreme loyalty to the Babylonian power by bowing before the image...but God decreed otherwise.

Not all had bowed the knee to the idolatrous symbol of human power. In the midst of the worshipping multitude, there were three men who were firmly resolved not to dishonor the God of Heaven. Their God was King of kings, and Lord of lords; they would bow to non other, *Prophets and Kings*, pages 505, 506.

### **Elijah and Ahab**

After the three-and-a-half-year famine, Elijah commanded Ahab, King of Israel, to summon his subjects and the prophets of Baal to meet on Mt. Carmel. As he stood before the vast multitude with no human support, but countless invisible beings that excelled in strength, Elijah boldly declared, "How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow Him, but if Baal, then follow him," 1 Kings 18:21.

It was time for Israel to choose whose side they were on. The prophets of Baal were given an opportunity to "work their magic" and bring forth fire to consume their sacrifice. After hours of screaming uncontrollably and cutting themselves until blood gushed out of their bodies, they received no response at all from their gods.

After they conceded, the faithful prophet arose and built up the broken down altar. Then he surprised the people by digging a trench around the altar. In an effort to astound them further and to reveal God's power more gloriously, he asked that 12 barrels of water be poured upon the altar. After the trench was completely filled, Elijah prayed, "Hear me O Lord, hear me." At that very moment, fire from Heaven consumed the burnt sacrifice. "Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench," (v. 38). With great reverence, the people fell on their faces and cried, "The Lord, He is the God; the Lord, He is the God," (v. 39).

Have you chosen the God who could not only close the heavens, but could also open the heavens? Have you chosen the God who not only stopped the rain, but had the power to start the rain? Have you chosen

the God that openeth and no man shutteth; and shutteth and no man openeth?" Revelation 3:7.

### **The Ten Virgins and Us**

They all looked the same. All of them had lamps. It appeared that they were all on the same side. From their outward appearance, everyone was ready for the wedding, but upon closer examination, five of the virgins were not prepared; they had no oil. As we approach the end of another year, what will a closer examination reveal regarding our allegiance? Will we be found on the side of Christ or the side of Satan? What does the use of the funds allotted to us declare? Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Are you saying all the right things with your mouth, but your financial records reveal "robbery" of God's resources. Malachi 3:10 says, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in mine house."

All ten virgins appeared to be on the side of righteousness. It's not about appearance. It's about obedience to the Creator and Sustainer of all mankind. Don't be satisfied with looking like you are on God's side. Take time to examine your books before the books are examined in heaven. "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil," Ecclesiastes 12:14.

*David A. Long Sr., is Southeastern Conference stewardship and trust services director.*

### **North American Division Stewardship Resources**

[iGiveSDA.org](http://iGiveSDA.org)

iGiveSDA: an iPhone app which has a list of Sabbath offering appeals and a video clip explaining the offering. Apps for Android phones will be available next year.

iGiveCam: for short offering appeals that will be on the website and the iPhone app.



# ASI Convention Draws Record Numbers in Sacramento

BY CONNA BOND

Record numbers of attendees and exhibitors participated in the 2011 Adventist-Laymen's Services & Industries (ASI) International Convention, August 3-6, at the Sacramento, California, Convention Center. They also gave approximately \$2.1 million — well above the \$1.5 million goal — to support 47 carefully selected ministry projects around the world. ASI leaders were both surprised and gratified that their planning efforts were enjoyed by so many, despite a volatile economy and uncertain times.

Significant support and attendance from California locals also drove numbers higher this year. Extra chairs had to be set up for the more than 3,300 people who came to hear Ted N.C. Wilson, Adventist World Church president, on Sabbath morning. The exhibit hall had a record-breaking 338 booths representing 221 ministries and organizations from all over the world.

The convention messages presented by eight general session speakers and 24 seminar presenters were marked by a common sense of urgency. In his keynote address, Amazing Facts speaker/director Doug Batchelor spoke of the need for courage. On Friday night, Ivor Myers, a California pastor and ministry leader, packed the entire

Great Controversy theme, including all major doctrines and prophecies, into 38 breath-taking minutes that left listeners with a clearer understanding of the significance of the Adventist movement.

To Terry Anderson, ASI vice president for evangelism, Sabbath afternoon attendance at the "ASI Presents" testimony program was most telling. "That's the time when people usually go back to their hotel rooms and take a nap," he said. "But this year, many more stayed by to hear the afternoon testimonies. It seemed to indicate a seriousness about the times we live in."

Vyn Gordon, a health educator from Wildwood, Tennessee, attended the ASI Convention for the first time this year "because of the amazing reports I would hear from people who had experienced ASI International before."

"The strongest elements of the convention were the inspirational testimonies of real experiences in the field and workplace," Gordon said. "Then the booth area — it was amazing! There is much strength in numbers, and to see ministries not competing but sharing the same goal is simply outstanding. As for the spiritual messages, I was inspired, challenged, and for the first time in a while I felt excited about being part

of the Advent movement."

The annual ASI convention has been likened to a worldwide Church camp meeting. Some who attend experience a sense of calling or mission for the first time, and find themselves establishing medical outreach centers in Zimbabwe, ministering to the needs of orphans in Haiti, or simply sharing their faith with friends with a new sense of purpose and understanding. For many families, attending the ASI convention takes the place of a family vacation, with all the attendant costs but more eternal blessings.

During the convention, ASI officers were elected or re-elected for two-year terms, with Frank Fournier of Eden Valley Institute in Loveland, Colorado, taking the helm as president. "My heart's burden is to bring the focus around to spiritual preparation of God's people to ensure success in our ministries," said Fournier, who presented the convention morning devotionals.

All general sessions and seminars from the convention are available for online viewing or download on the ASI website at [www.asiministries.org](http://www.asiministries.org). The 2012 ASI International Convention will be held August 8-11 in Dallas, Texas.

*Conna Bond is ASI communication director.*

## Dr. Frank Wilbur Hale Jr. Tribute

# “His Work Was Always Groundbreaking”



Frank W. Hale Jr., Ph.D., was born March 24, 1927 in Kansas City, Missouri, to the late Frank W. and Novella Banks Hale Sr., he died July 27, 2011.

He attended the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, earning B.A. and M.A. degrees in communication, political science, and English. In 1955, he was awarded a Ph.D. degree in communication and political science from The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. In 1960, Hale earned a post-doctoral fellowship from the University of London, where he received a Certificate in English Literature. Marking a stellar career in academia, he was granted six honorary doctoral degrees.

A lifelong member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Hale served its educational arm as professor of speech and English at Oakwood University (formerly Oakwood College), Huntsville, Alabama. In 1966, he accepted the appointment as president of Oakwood, serving until 1971. These years saw a record expansion of the campus, as Blake Center, Peters Hall, and Carter Hall were erected. Other construction was planned as the campus layout was revised to allow for future increases in enrollment. Hale also drew Oakwood under the umbrella of the United Negro College Fund, which during the ensuing years



*Hale (right) chaired Jesse Jackson's presidential campaign in Columbus, Ohio.*

has brought great financial benefit to Oakwood and its students.

Hale left Oakwood to become vice provost at The Ohio State University, where he served from 1971 to 1988, and 1999 to 2005. During these years, he broadened his impact in society, as he was recognized for leadership in the civil rights struggle,

as well as academic advancement.

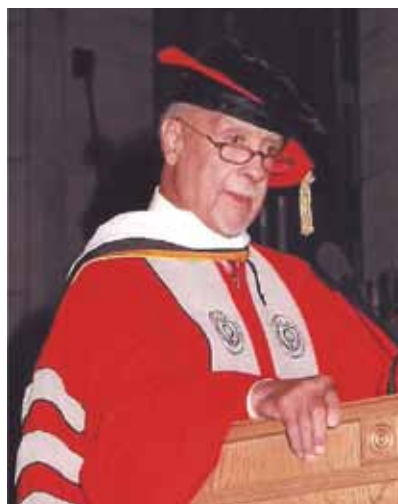
Under his direction and influence, opportunities for African-American students to attend The Ohio State University and other institutions were notably enhanced. In an effort to sum up Hale's 54 years of teaching, administrative, and mentoring service, Mervyn A. Warren, Ph.D., professor and former provost at Oakwood University, recalled, "His work was always groundbreaking."

Hale authored and edited 11 books and more than 50 articles in professional journals. He lectured at more than 300 colleges and univer-

sities, and at 50 state and national conferences. He received numerous awards and citations, including the United Negro College Fund's Distinguished Service Award, The PUSH for Excellence National Recognition Citation, the post-doctoral British Council Award, the Charles E. Weniger Award for Excellence, Honoring our Elders Award for the City of Columbus, the African American Role Model Award of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, and the Living Legends Award by Youth Connections, Inc., to name a few.

His first wife, Ruth Colleen Saddle Hale, preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Mignon Scott Hale; one son, Frank W. (Irene) Hale III; two daughters, Ifeoma Kwesi and

Sherilyn Renee (Allen) Wilkins; two stepsons, Oliver (Erika) Palmer and Michael Palmer; two granddaughters, Renee (James) Price and Christina Thomas; two step-granddaughters, Ashley and Rebecca Palmer; two grandsons, Frank W. (Shiloh) Hale IV and Charles Thomas Jr.; three great-granddaughters, Jordan Price, Maya Price, and Justice Hale; one great-grandson, Ryan Price; two step-great-



*Frank W. Hale Jr., Ph.D., was inducted into the Ohio Civil Rights Hall of Fame in 2010.*

grandchildren, James and Cadence Wende; brothers-in law; sisters-in-law; cousins; godchildren; a host of other relatives; and friends.





*Phaedra Jones and her mother, Renee Saunders-Jones, pause for a picture at the 2011 Oakwood University Commencement event.*

## Two Generations of Oakwood University Social Workers

BY GEORGE ASHLEY, PH.D.

The 2011 social work graduating class was unique for Phaedra Jones. Not only was she graduating with a B.S.W. degree, but she had successfully duplicated a similar feat that someone very special to her had accomplished almost 30 years earlier — her mom!

In 1979, Renee Saunders-Jones graduated from what was then Oakwood College, as a psychology major and social work minor. She later completed her M.S.W. graduate degree in 1985 at Eastern Washington University, where she specialized in children and family and substance abuse studies.

Renee served as a director for Karma Academy for Boys in Rockville, Maryland, for 20 years before moving to Washington, D.C., where she works with teen mothers in foster care at Fihankra Place, Inc. She also maintains a private practice for clients who have special needs.

Renee chose social work because it allowed her to use the natural gifts that God gave her, which are talking, writing, networking, crisis intervention, and problem-solving. Renee believes that when a family is healthy, the church and the community will

benefit positively. Renee is also a gifted preacher, speaker, seminar presenter, and teacher. She has shared those gifts both on the west and east coasts.

Who would guess that years later, her daughter, Phaedra Jones, would follow in her footsteps. When asked why she chose social work as a career, and what she would like to do with her life, Phaedra stated, “I chose social work because I wanted to make a difference in young people’s lives. I grew up watching my mother work with young people, and felt a calling to do the same type of work. I plan to work with clients who have been victims of domestic violence. The program at Oakwood University prepared me for a career in social work by [identifying] my strengths and weaknesses. The professors truly cared about me as a person. I felt their prayers, and they made course work really speak to all of us, as students. I am thankful and grateful for their professionalism and patience toward me. God blessed me with a full scholarship to the University of Connecticut, where I will earn my master’s in social work, with a concentration in group work, beginning this fall.”

In Proverbs 22:6, the Bible states, “Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” Renee Saunders-Jones is living proof that this text can also apply to careers. So many parents are oblivious to the fact that their children actually observe every aspect of their lives, including their careers and how they conduct themselves within their professional roles. Renee made a positive impression on Phaedra, and as a result, the profession of social work is blessed to have another talented young, Christian social worker who has dedicated her talents in service to God.

Parents, let us never forget the influential power that God has given us with our children. Let us strive to serve as constant models of Christ’s character. Phaedra was impressed to choose her mother’s profession based on her mother’s personal example of commitment to service and observing the changes that took place in the lives of others because of her mother’s dedication. It would do us well to be ever mindful of the examples we set for our children, not only in the home, but in the workplace, as well.



Joan Smith, preparing for baptism by Dave Swinyar, pastor, serves the Ocala, Florida, Church in communication, and developed an interactive website with hopes of making members' lives easier. "I hope their smiling faces on the pages will lead someone else to our church, just as it was their faces on the website that invited me in when I was searching for truth."

# My Journey Home: How Did God Get Me Here?

BY JOAN SMITH

My journey started a little more than a year ago. Life seemed fine the way it was; yet, God obviously had different plans.

I had settled spiritually into New Age after years of searching different denominations and facing disappointment in teachings and people. It seemed being alone with God and my books was enough.

For years, a friend tried getting me to church. I didn't want to hear of it, but God kept working on my heart. Lying in bed one morning, I prayed, "If You want me to change course, then You have to show me the way. Just show me the truth, and I will follow wherever You lead."

God started to do just that in a peculiar way. He began waking me each day at 3 a.m. It was perfect — no distractions, just learning at the computer. I thought at the time He was validating my beliefs in New Age.

One day, I heard a speaker say the Garden of Eden wasn't real. I knew this was untrue. Here, my journey took a new path as I began searching on my own instead of waiting for direction.

While sitting at the computer one

morning, I typed, "What is truth?" in the search box. A list of comments about truth appeared, and two words caught my eye: *Amazing Facts*. I had watched this program some 15 years earlier and thought it interesting. I went to their web site and, day after day, listened to sermons.

Soon, *Amazing Facts* led me to 3ABN (Three Angels Broadcasting Network). Then, my search led me to other ministry sites. I couldn't satisfy my thirst.

After months of studying, I knew I had found the truth. I started observing the Sabbath at home, but Doug Batchelor and Ken Cox kept telling viewers to become involved with a church.

The day I chose to visit Ocala Seventh-day Adventist Church, my true journey began. When my husband dropped me off, he said he'd wait for 10 minutes in case I decided not to stay. I told him, "Don't worry, I'm staying."

As I walked through the doors, I was greeted by warm, smiling faces. I explained I was new and was given a welcome packet. Heading for the sanctuary door, frightened to death

of unfamiliar surroundings, I approached a gentleman who greeted me. I explained it was my first time to visit the church.

Jay Dewitt took my hand, said, "Come with me," and led me to his wife, Joan, which caused us both to chuckle that we shared the same first name. Jay whispered in his wife's ear, "She is new." From that day, they have taken me under their wings and guided me through my journey.

When I recall that first Sabbath, tears fill my eyes. If I hadn't been treated so kindly, I may not have returned. I'm a testimony that a simple smile or friendly gesture to a new face can literally save a person's spiritual life.

After studying God's truths for several months with Pastor Dave Swinyar, I was baptized December 10, 2010. The church members, surely a chosen generation of people, have accepted me so warmly.

Now, I pray for God to show me how I can be an active part of this body of Christ. My desire is to serve God with love, compassion, and grace.





ERIC GRACE

As Carlton Byrd, D.Min., gives his final message, Greater Atlanta Adventist Academy Choir prepares to sing the finale.

# Breath of Life Christmas Special on NBC Television

BY JAMES LAMB

It felt like the Christmas holiday season was in full effect at Atlanta Berean Church, Atlanta, Georgia, on Saturday evening, October 15, 2011, for on that night the Breath of Life Television Ministry produced a special live recording of “The Present: Unwrapping the Gift of Christmas.” This holiday program featured the preaching ministry of Carlton P. Byrd, D.Min., speaker/director of Breath of Life and senior pastor of Atlanta-Berean, along with the music ministry of the Grammy award-winning group Take 6, Jennifer LaMountain, Jaime Jorge, and the Greater Atlanta Adventist Academy Concert Choir.

With the sanctuary filled to capacity and arrayed with festive holiday decorations, Byrd explained the significance of the three gifts, gold, frankincense, and myrrh, given to



ERIC GRACE

The bell choirs from Greater Atlanta Adventist Academy and Atlanta Adventist Academy combined in the preconcert portion of the program.

Jesus at His birth, coupled with the greatest gift of all — Jesus Christ, Himself. This was done through four spoken homilies and interspersed with holiday music from the aforementioned artists.

NBC Television will carry this program produced by Breath of Life on Christmas Eve this month, to its affiliates across the United States. As one church member stated, “Praise God for this awesome opportunity to

positively witness and increase the awareness of the Seventh-day Adventist Church by sharing the gift of Jesus! Adventists across the North American Division will be able to proudly invite their family and friends to view a program provided by ‘their’ church on a major network. This is evangelism at its finest!”

Early in 2011, NBC Television contacted the Adventist Media Center in Simi Valley, California, about providing Christmas programming during the upcoming holiday season. NBC wanted a 60-minute program taped in a church setting

and later broadcast on NBC affiliates across the United States. The Breath of Life Television Ministry was a perfect fit as it is a church-based media ministry of the North American Division.

For a list of stations and air-dates, please call 805-955-7681 or visit [www.breathoflife.tv](http://www.breathoflife.tv).



## Florida Hospital for Children Receives Magnet Nursing Recognition

The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) has officially named the Walt Disney Pavilion at Florida Hospital for Children, Orlando, Fla., as a recipient of Magnet® recognition status, which recognizes hospitals for excellence in nursing. Florida Hospital for Children is the first hospital in Central Florida to receive this prestigious recognition. Only seven percent of the nation's hospitals have received this designation.

"We are so proud of our nurses and know that they are crucial in caring for our patients," said



*Florida Hospital for Children is the only children's hospital in central Florida to receive the highest-ranking recognition for outstanding nurses.*

Marla Silliman, administrator of the Walt Disney Pavilion at Florida Hospital for Children. "Each day, they deliver exceptional patient care and live the mission of 'Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ,'

and we celebrate their contributions to excellence."

The Magnet Recognition Program® honors the outstanding contribution of patient care clinicians demonstrated through excellence achieved in leadership, clinical practice, innovations, and positive outcomes. Florida Hospital for Children also received exemplary status in six areas, including community and educational partnerships, analysis and tracking of nurse satisfaction, and strategic planning in regards to leadership roles.

Receiving six exemplars is above the national average and adds to the recognition received from ANCC.

"I am so excited for the entire team because it has taken a lot of hard work and dedication to get to this point," said Lisa Bowman, RN, chief nursing officer at Florida Hospital for Children. "To be the only hospital in Central Florida that has this recognition, speaks volumes about the nurses that we have here. Our journey to receive Magnet recognition has been incredible, and I am so proud of all of our nurses."

—BY SARA CHANNING

## Florida Hospital Wauchula Radiology Receives National Accreditation

Florida Hospital Wauchula, Wauchula, Fla., Radiology Department has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in ultrasound as the result of an extensive review by the American College of Radiology (ACR). With this recognition, Florida Hospital Wauchula joins other Adventist Health System hospitals with this awarded accreditation. Ultrasound imaging, also known as sonography, uses high-frequency sound waves to produce images of internal body parts to help providers diagnose illness, injury, or other medical problems.

"We started this journey

last year when we challenged all our technologists to become registered," said Zbig Nawrocki, director of ancillary services. "The Wauchula radiology team rose to the challenge, and we are proud to announce that all of our full-time employees are registered in their specific modality. This is a tremendous accomplishment for our team and also Florida Hospital Wauchula."

The ACR gold seal of accreditation represents the highest level of image quality and patient safety. It

is awarded only to facilities meeting ACR Practice Guidelines and Technical Standards, following a

peer-review evaluation by board-certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field. Image quality, personnel qualifications, accuracy of facility equipment, quality control procedures, and quality assurance programs are assessed. The findings are reported to the ACR Committee on Accreditation, which subsequently provides the practice with a comprehensive report they can use for continuous practice improvement.



*The Florida Hospital Radiology Team: Stephanie Britt (left), ultrasound technologist; Crystal Negron, ultrasound supervisor; Sheila Brown, clerical supervisor; Jennifer Meeks, Wauchula lead technologist; and Laren Chester, CT Technologist. Missing from the photo are Andrea Cox, radiology manager, and Tina Nelson, clinical specialist/CT, MRI supervisor.*

## Students Raise \$2,500 for Susan G. Komen



*Students from the Department of Radiologic Sciences baked and sold treats for an entire week to raise money for breast cancer research and treatment.*

Students from the Department of Radiologic Sciences raised more than \$2,500 for Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure during their Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraiser the week of October 16, 2011.

What started as a small, annual tradition of Florida

Hospital College employees paying \$5 to wear jeans and a pink T-shirt to work during fundraiser Friday, turned into a full-blown bake sale, raffle, and penny fundraiser thanks to Leslie Whalley, second-year radiologic sciences major.

“Our profession sees lots of women get diagnosed or treated for breast cancer,” Whalley said. According to the American Cancer Society, nearly one in eight women undergo the experience at some point in their lives. Through the fundraiser, the department hoped to

increase awareness about breast cancer risk, prevention, and detection, as well as raise money for research.

Though radiologic sciences students were not required to get involved, nearly all of them did, said Deena Slockett, co-chair of the Department of Radiologic Sciences. “You only had to ask ‘em once and suddenly they were showing up saying, ‘What can I do? I can come before class, I can come after class,’” Slockett said.

The participation — both of volunteers and bake sale patrons — surprised everyone, and helped the department surpass their original goal of raising \$500. But the bake sale

did even more than that; it provided an opportunity for breast cancer survivors at the College to share their stories and offer encouragement to others. By the end of the week, a large pink ribbon bore the names of 37 members of the College family who have battled the disease, in some cases winning, in some cases paying with their lives.

The spirit of the fundraiser, Slockett said, is right in line with the College’s mission. “We always teach students that, though they may not be able to cure people or fix them, they can still serve them.”

—BY RAINEY PARK

## International Food Festival Unites College Family

Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences hosted its 11th annual International Food Festival on Thursday, October 20, 2011.

“We host this event every year to give our students some exposure to other cultures, other foods. And, it’s a way of embracing all the diversity that we have here within the College and within our Orlando community,” said Ruby Gutierrez, director of student experience at FHCHS.

The 16 booths showcased food from countries as diverse as China and Jamaica to Turkey and the Philippines. Roughly half of the booths were organized

and hosted by College employees, while the other half were run by students and area restaurants.

Semline Delva, first-year pre-professional studies major, was one of the students who prepared food for the Haitian booth.

“You don’t come across a lot of things like this where you get to experience different foods from everywhere,” Delva said. “So, it’s like a little trip around the world when you go around the booths.”

In addition, the festival featured a capoeira group from Capoeira Brazilian Pelourinho. Jessica

Ortiz, one of the performers, who’s also a second-year biomedical sciences major at FHCHS, explained how the dance originated in Brazil.

“Slaves used it to liberate themselves,” Ortiz said. “The only way they could

do it was they had to hide it from the slave master, so they disguised it as a dance form.”

Throughout the event there were smiles and laughter as College students and employees enjoyed each other’s fellowship.

“I like seeing all the cultures come together,” Ortiz said. “It’s really — I never knew there was such diversity here in the school.”

To see video clips from the event, visit [on.fhchs.edu/food-fest](http://on.fhchs.edu/food-fest).

—BY RAINEY PARK



*Students and employees unite at the annual International Food Festival, where food from 16 different countries is served.*

## Arden FLAG Camp Breaks All Records

The Arden Church is praising God for His blessings during its 8th Annual 9-week Summer Day FLAG (Fun Learning About God) Camp. It was very apparent this summer that everyone was having fun, including the staff, campers, the camper's parents, and church members.



The budget was based on an average attendance of 60 campers each day. The actual average attendance was 69.4 campers per day, with the highest attendance day being 93 campers.

One of the goals of FLAG Camp is to provide mentorship and leadership training to the student youth staff. Directors Tim Cove, pastor, and Mary Beth Hagan report that the growth and leadership demonstrated by teen

counselors shows what God can do with willing hands and open hearts. God reached through the staff this summer to His children.

Happy campers are another goal. Cove reports, "If we'd had a smile meter at camp, it would have been topped-out constantly." One parent was so happy with the program that she talked three other families into sending their children to camp. Campers also tell their friends about FLAG Camp, who

then talk their parents into sending them to camp. Campers came from as far away as Florida, Nebraska, and Russia. Ninety percent of the campers were not Seventh-day Adventists.

The main goal, however, is for the campers to see that God is love and that He loves each of them very much. Parents reported seeing real life changes and growth in their children. This included improvement in eating habits, language use at home, and their singing songs about Jesus.

FLAG Camp is a lot of endless hours and dedicated hard work, but seeing the young campers and their families in Heaven will be worth it all.

—BY OWEN SPENCER

## Wilkesboro Spanish Organizes as Company

Sabbath, October 15, 2011, was a very important day for the members of the Wilkesboro Spanish group as they were organized into an official company in the Carolina Conference. Nearly 30 members signed the charter.

The Wilkesboro group began because some members of the Hickory Spanish Church had to travel an hour each way every Sabbath to be in church. After a couple years they decided to start their own group and have a



Samuel Romero (left), Carolina Conference Hispanic ministries director, looks on as members sign the charter document.

little light in Wilkesboro. They began giving Bible

studies and searching for Hispanics in the area to

invite to worship with them.

The group began growing and, very soon, they told Hickory pastor German Morell that they were ready and met the criteria to be officially organized.

Additionally, there are many visitors in the stages of preparation to be baptized in the near future. The members of this new light in Wilkesboro are excited to see how the Lord has greatly blessed them.

—BY MARY ROMERO



## Students Publish Devotional Book

This year more than 200 students and staff of Mount Pisgah Academy (MPA) have become published authors. P2P (Peer to Peer), the Junior daily devotional for 2012 published by the Review and Herald Publishing Association, was written by Mount Pisgah Academy.

In 2007, Stella Bradley, who teaches English at the school, asked her students to write a devotional-style testimony for a class assignment. While grading their assignments she felt convicted to try to publish their writings. With limited school funds, it seemed like an impossible feat. But

with God all things are possible! Later that year Mount Pisgah Academy published their first *Summer Devotional*. It had 85 devotionals, one for each day, from graduation to the first day of school. Every year since, MPA has published a summer devotional booklet.

Then in 2009, while taking a tour of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, Bradley once

again felt impressed to mention the devotional project. It was not planned — she had no appointment or example to show — yet the outcome was that MPA was asked to

write the 2012 Junior devotional. Bradley, the editor of P2P, wrote, “I am really proud of our project. Participating in this project has been a personal growth opportunity. We have made our message a matter of prayer. We did not take lightly the responsibility that our words will represent Jesus. This has been an awesome and exciting undertaking.”

—BY BETH GRISSOM



STELLA BRADLEY

Some of the students who participated in the P2P project

## Blessings Abundant at Carolina Women’s Retreat

“Taking Time to Dine” was the theme of the September 30-October 2 Carolina Conference Women’s Retreat that more than 300 women attended at Nosoca Pines Ranch.

Kelly Mower and Marla Samaan Nedelcu were used by God to bring His message of hope, love, encouragement, and enlightenment to the women. Many, many women came away hearing the voice of God directing them. Nedelcu shared that it is never too late to change unwanted habits and behaviors, with selves and others, so that God’s grace can be extended. Negative emotions which keep us from moving forward with Christ can stop. And as

you dine with the Savior, you see yourself through His eyes.

At the rose ceremony, attendees had a chance to recognize that special something in the death of Christ which opened the door for all to be saved. Laura Smith Southern Union women’s ministries director, was a guest speaker on Sunday morning, giv-



ing her practical advice on “Dining with Jesus.”

One attendee said, “No stone was left unturned. The spiritual power of the weekend was beautiful. Every detail was perfection.”

Faith and worship joined hands in praising God for his marvelous works. This weekend compelled the women to ask Him to take up permanent residence in their hearts.

—BY DEBBIE RAPP

## Simple Church: A Very Old/New Idea

Simple Church is a term used to refer to small congregations that primarily meet in homes. These Sabbath home gatherings start with a team of four missionary-minded Adventists (commonly called a CORE 4 missionary team) who focus on reaching 90 percent of America's



*Unchurched, secular, and front-line missionaries meet in homes on Sabbath.*

population. This group of people typically will not walk into a conventional church on a given weekend. Simple Churches are not small groups because they are not a side activity of a regular church. They are full churches on par with conventional churches whose congregations own, lease, or rent a building where worship and ministry are conducted. Simple Churches tend to be smaller in membership

and have a simpler worship format and organizational structure. Research by George Barna at [www.barna.org](http://www.barna.org) reveals nearly six million Americans currently attend a church of this kind.

Simple Church is more effective at reaching some groups than a conventional form of church, especially for the unchurched and younger adults. Since the largest number of Florida's

residents are not active in any religious congregation, this is an approach that can be used to successfully achieve the mission of the Adventist Church in Florida.

This is not a new form of church. The New Testament clearly reveals that early Christian believers met for worship in homes (Romans 16:5, I Corinthians 16:19, and Colossians 4:15).

Surprisingly, this is not

in homes or rented lodge halls. In fact, this concept lives on in Adventist heritage under the old-fashioned terminology of cottage meetings. Current church attendance statistics indicate it is time to dust off this old concept and reinvent it for the 21st century.

"Milton Adams has had success with a pilot project here in Florida where Simple Church was first birthed," says Florida Conference President Mike Cauley. "He is also directing a Simple Church global network for [www.Adventist-Mission.org](http://www.Adventist-Mission.org) and the North American Division. The

Conference is now inviting lay people to explore and pray about the possibility of becoming modern-day missionaries."

More information and online training is available at [www.SimpleChurchAtHome.com](http://www.SimpleChurchAtHome.com)

—BY MILTON ADAMS



a new form of church for Adventists. During the early decades of the movement, most local churches met

## Bellevue Members Break Ground

After many years of planning, it was a joyous day for members of Bellevue, Fla., Church as they broke ground on June 12, 2011, for a new 250-seat sanctuary. Mike Cauley, Florida Conference president, participated in the groundbreaking service.

The 160-plus members and Ric Pleasants, pastor, expressed excitement that their dream

for a new sanctuary will soon be realized. The new edifice will be built on the present church property.

—BY ZLATA SABO



*Thirty years of saving and planning for a new church sanctuary led Bellevue, Fla., Church members to the joyous June 12, 2011, groundbreaking.*



## Bill and Mavis Sager Celebrate 60th Anniversary

Bill and Mavis Sager were married September 2, 1951, at Oakdale Sanitarium, Oakdale, Iowa. After graduating from high school, Mavis worked in this Sanitarium where her mother was a patient.

During their early years together, Bill drove a delivery truck for Loma Linda Foods and owned a service station in Iowa. In December 1958, he sold the station and began working for the denomination at Oak Park Academy in Nevada, Iowa, where he wore several hats. Among them were operator of a commercial laundry that

serviced motels, hotels, and the hospital in the area; assistant boys' dean; and bus driver for student trips. In 1965, he

helped build and administer a 70-bed nursing home on campus that provided work for students.

In 1967, Highland Hospital, Portland, Tenn., called Bill to be administrator. During the 12 years he served there, the Sagers'



Mavis and Bill Sager

five children grew up, and Bill became involved with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Tennessee, Rotary, and other community

organizations.

In 1979, Bill accepted a call to become the administrator of Walker Memorial Hospital in Avon Park, Fla. He continued his involvement with Rotary and Salvation Army, and he served on hospital boards. He was

also in charge of the building of Florida Hospital Lake Placid.

Bill and Mavis so loved their church family and the community, they chose Avon Park as their place of retirement in 1991. For a number of years afterward, Bill served as treasurer for Walker Memorial Academy and, until this year, Mavis served as Sabbath School superintendent.

The Sagers have five children: Mark, Kyle, Scott, Jan, Brent, and Pat; 16 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

—BY NAOMI ZALABAK

## Call to Service is Issued, Accepted



Marvin Williams (left), Florida Conference ministerial field secretary for North Florida, offers a prayer for the ministry of Claudette Aleman (center) and her husband, Rene. Also present are Bill Kilgore, Aleman's Southwestern Adventist University mentor and former teacher (right); Tampa First Church Pastor Brad Cassell (behind Kilgore); and representatives of Florida Conference administration: Mike Cauley, president; Tim Nichols, vice president for pastoral ministries; Carmen Rodriguez, executive secretary; and Duane Rollins, treasurer (background, left).

At Tampa First, Fla., Church, they call her Pastor Claudette. Around the theology department at her alma mater, Southwestern Adventist Univer-

sity (SWAU), she was affectionately nicknamed the Apostle Paulette. "She told people about Jesus everywhere she went," explains Bill Kilgore, D.Min., Claudette Aleman's mentor and former teacher at SWAU.

For Aleman, the call to ministry began as a little girl when

she and her mother first moved to the United States. She had a hunger for God and a craving to learn more when an

Adventist family adopted them and offered fellowship and Bible study.

The seed planted in her heart during her young years, blossomed even more on August 27, 2011, when her family, dear friends, and members of the Florida Conference gathered for her commissioning service.

In his message about the call to ministry being a call to service, Kilgore reminded the church that the first criterion for ministry is to be a Christian. We are all called to minister in some way, and we should let the Holy Spirit be our guide. "Claudette may be a small lady," says Kilgore, "but she is powerful on the inside." Speaking directly to her, he offered the assurance,

"Know that God will continue to lead you."

Mike Cauley, Florida Conference president, and other ordained ministers joined Kilgore in laying on of hands and saying a prayer of dedication for Aleman. She was welcomed into the ministry, and Carmen Rodriguez, Florida Conference executive secretary, presented her with the official credentials.

The service ended with a celebratory rendition of *He Lives*. For Aleman, her true purpose is to let this message ring clear to whomever she meets, and it is a motivating factor in her ministry.

—BY DEENA KEMP AND KARMIN REMPFER



## Women's Fall Retreat Brings Delight

God's presence melted over the atmosphere inside the room at the Lodge at Valley View in Townsend, Tenn., as the 155 women inside laughed, worshiped, shared stories, and nibbled on chocolate. They had gathered for the annual Women's



*Women took time to pray during a meditation prayer time Friday night and Sabbath morning at the Women's Fall Retreat in Townsend, Tenn., October 7-9, 2011.*

Fall Retreat, held October 7-9, 2011, delighting in the opportunity to relax and recharge.

"In today's busy world, it is easy for us to live our lives 'out of balance.' We become physically, emotionally, and spiritually depleted," said Jo Dubs, director of women's ministries for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. "Retreats provide an atmosphere for rest and renewal to take place."

This year's theme was "Cheap Chocolate Chick in a Lady Godiva World,"

and guest presenter Dee-Ann Bragaw, an admitted chocolate-lover and self-proclaimed "professional messer-upper," coated the weekend with the sweet message that you don't have to be a perfect "Lady Godiva" to find peace and beauty in God's love; He has a ministry and a plan for every one of His daughters, including His "Cheap Chocolate Chicks."

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Hustad recognizes the deeper importance of the retreats. Hustad, only 18 and the youngest lady present, was introduced to women's ministries events when she attended the Spring Retreat held earlier this year in March.

"[The Spring Retreat] was the biggest life-

changing experience I've ever had in my life," she said. "When I got home, my family just saw that I was different. It changed my life so much."

She said the retreats are meaningful to her because of their spiritual emphasis.

"It's important to grow as a person — to have that spiritual voice. There are so many things in the world that just bring you down, and you need to be connected with God. [The retreats] get my focus back

on what's important."

Hustad said she's hooked and plans to attend as many retreats as possible in the future, something Carole Arellano can relate to. Arellano, a member of the Douglasville, Ga., Church, has been coming to the women's retreats for more than 20 years.

"It's like drinking water and eating. I'm addicted," she said. "You need it in your life!"

Arellano said everything — from the speakers, to the camaraderie, to the food — is a blessing and it gives women an enthusiasm to take home to their families and churches.

"[The retreats] fill our needs," she said. "It's just wonderful. It's something we all need, and I would love to have more women here because it's a very positive thing in the women's lives."

—BY BRITNI BRANNON

## Clarks Celebrate 60 Years of Marriage

Ernest Clark and Freda Shunk were married August 26, 1951, at the Wichita, Kans., Church. They met while serving as chorister and pianist in the junior room. After they were married, Ernest attended Union College in Lincoln, Nebr., and graduated in 1953. He

pastored 43 years in several different conferences: Oklahoma, Missouri, Potomac, Arkansas, Florida, Indiana, and Kentucky. Ernest and Freda retired in 1996 in Collegedale, Tenn. Ernest visits shut-ins for the Collegedale Church.

They have one daughter, Daina, and one son, Dennis. They also have

four grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and three step-great-grandchildren. Ernest loves to garden, especially growing tomatoes, and plays the musical saw and sings. Freda

enjoys the computer and playing the piano.



## Witnessing Happens Before the Sun Comes Up

The cover of a *Steps to Christ* with a motorcycle on the front began the outreach to the annual Trail of Tears Remembrance Motorcycle Ride that begins in Chattanooga, Tenn., the third Saturday of every September. Bikers come in from multiple states to ride one of the routes taken by the Native Americans headed west from their homes.

Months in advance the Chattanooga North River Church began to think of ways to make this outreach effective.

Jesus commands in the Bible to go out by two's, or maybe by three's or four's if it worked out that way. Mike Pettengill, pastor, took "Control Central" duty with his cell phone so that, with the multiple teams out hunting for bikers, he would be available if needed.

Since the ride began at

8 a.m. on Saturday, the group could not go out after church. The team decided to go out Friday afternoon to find bikers. Beginning at 12:30 p.m. and going until after 6 p.m., there was disappointment because they did not find any large biker groups.

Now the teams would have to go out early Saturday morning before they left on the ride. It meant waking up about 5 a.m. and getting into the city pre-dawn. No one wanted to do that. Well, almost no one.

Alesia Overstreet spoke out: "I want to do it in the morning." Bonnie Matheus also offered to go along with Jeff Choice and Sue Bingman.

Sabbath morning, the four met and went where the bikers would be. There were a few bikers and a



*Bikers come to Chattanooga, Tenn., to ride the Trail of Tears Remembrance Motorcycle Ride. Why not share Jesus? asked church members.*

police officer who said they could not pass out literature. But the officer also told them where the bikers were.

The team of four passed out literature and talked to people as fast as they could. The reception was very warm and some bikers actually said, "Bless you for the work you are doing."

Occasionally there would be a refusal. One

biker said, "No, don't give it to me. I'm a Christian already. Give it to him" and with that he pointed to his buddy and continued, "He is not converted yet."

The line was preparing to move and the team had to stop. Between Friday and Saturday, they gave out two pieces of literature to each of more than 450 people, most of it distributed Sabbath morning

The project was a success. Half of the people who attend the Chattanooga North River Church were involved. They are already planning for the next Biker Outreach.

The teams are eagerly waiting and praying for the Bible study requests to come back to their newly established North River Bible School.

—BY BONNIE MATTHEUS

## Campos Holds Evangelistic Campaign in Atlanta

Evangelist Adly Campos held an outreach campaign, September 3-10, 2011, in the Evangelistic Metropolitan Center in Atlanta, Ga.

All the churches in metro Atlanta joined with Ivette Figueroa, lay leader for Georgia-Cumberland Hispanic women's ministries, coordinating the campaign in conjunction with the women's ministries directors of different churches.

During the week there was an average attendance

of 500 people. Children had their own evangelism campaign directed by Karen Gonzalez and team, as well as teens who had a special preacher, Alvin Payne.

At the end of the campaign six teens were baptized. As a result of the evangelism



*Evangelist Adly Campos recently spoke during a metro Atlanta Hispanic Evangelistic Campaign. Campos is possibly the most recognized female evangelist among the Hispanic population.*

campaign, there was a harvest of 22 precious souls. The final weekend also featured a renewal of wedding vows that included 15 couples that had never been married through the church.

At the end of September and as a result of the campaign, 75 individuals were baptized.



## Virtual Church Members Meet at Prayer Summit

More than 150 individuals met in Montgomery, Ala., on September 9-11, 2011, for the Gulf States Conference Prayer Summit. The focus for the weekend was "The Power of Prayer for Emotional Healing." Dennis Smith, who wrote the two *Forty Days* books, was the keynote speaker. His messages on "Deliverance" were profound and very uplifting. Richie Halverson, pastor of the Montgomery First Church, spoke on Friday night, and again Saturday night. On Friday evening Larry Owens, pastor of Tuscaloosa Skyland Church, filled in for Smith whose flight was delayed. Owens also spoke on Saturday night and led out in the testimonies.

Anita Pembleton, who serves as family ministries director for Gulf States Conference, gave a presentation on Sabbath afternoon titled, "So, You've Forgiven Me...I Think You Forgot to Forget." Pembleton also met with some of the attendees for one-on-one counseling.

Attendees enjoyed an anointing service and opportunities for testimonies afterward on Saturday night. The "Virtual Church" members finally got to meet face to face for the first time, and some brought friends who were seeking emotional, spiritual, and physical healing. The virtual church is



*Amy Mapp is the prayer ministries director for Gulf States Conference.*

has transformed the lives of many of the callers. We are all praying to be baptized by the Holy Spirit daily as we embrace the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Demons were cast out of some, and everyone experienced the Spirit moving in a powerful way. Pastors and elders took part in the anointing service, and many got in line to be anointed." She adds, "I think just about everyone there came forward, including people who were not members of any church."

The Prayer Summit was organized by Amy Mapp, who serves as Gulf States Conference

prayer director. Larry Owens, pastor; Ann Anderson; and Ed and Diane Sturges are facilitators of the virtual church. Mark your calendars for September 8-10 of 2012 for the next Prayer Summit.

Prayer conference calls are held Monday-Friday at 5:30 a.m. (CST); in addition, two more groups meet each Sunday-Thursday at 7 p.m., and again at 9 p.m. (CST). The virtual church extends an invitation to anyone who desires to be in the Word daily with fellow believers. For more information, check the Gulf States Conference site at [gscsda.org](http://gscsda.org) and then select Prayer from the Ministries selections.

—BY JENNIE BUNTON

a "grassroots" group of people who meet each morning on a teleconference to study God's Word and pray for the needs of the group. They have been studying books 1 and 2 of Dennis Smith's *Forty Days*. Jennie Bunton, a member of the group, explains, "Our time together each morning



*Attendees had many opportunities to pray together. For many it was the first time to meet the ones they had prayed with each week via telephone.*

## Piedmont Church Members Worship in Almost Rebuilt Church

The Piedmont, Ala., Church members were ecstatic: After five months they were home in their own sanctuary for the first time since a tornado devastated their church building.

“The new church building is about 85 percent finished ... but we’re in,” stated Rick Blythe, pastor of Piedmont and Gadsden, Ala., churches. In his prayer he reminded those attending of that glorious homecoming when Jesus comes



*The Piedmont members enjoyed worshipping in their almost completed church five months after a tornado devastated their church building.*

one day soon, to take His people to their heavenly home.

Members did many of the final touches. Lay pastor Mike Duman worked many

long hours. A custom-made pulpit was built by another member, David Hamilton. Chairs for the sanctuary and fellowship hall, and a double oven had been delivered only a couple of days earlier.

Piedmont Funeral Home owners Bryan and Shari Folsom were in attendance. The Folsoms were first to hear of the church being destroyed by the tornado, and offered their chapel for worship services. Bible studies and a close friendship have developed.

Bryan Folsom said, “I have been touched by the love of the members, and I consider them my family.” The members are planning a grand reopening celebration on January 14, 2012.

This first worship service was made special with another new beginning. A baby dedication for Jackson Lee Golden was held. Jackson’s parents are Rodney and Dena Golden.

Both sets of grandparents were present: Lee and Patsy Waites from Gadsden, and David and Debbie Beyerstedt from Eavensville, Ind.

—BY LINDA FREEMAN

## Church Opens DISC (Frisbee) Golf Course

The ribbon was cut when a group of energetic disc (frisbee) golf players gathered on September 25, 2011, for the grand opening of the Discovery Disc

Golf Park located on the property of Opelika First Church in Opelika, Ala. This was a dream come true for Lee Whitman, pastor, after several years

of designing the plans for a community outreach for the area.

Neighborhood families shared in the fun for the day. The children, after playing golf, entertained

themselves on a swing set which was given to the church.

This newly constructed Disc Golf Park is the first course in the Auburn/Opelika area. The park is open daily to the public from



*Lee Whitman, pastor, tossed a frisbee as the Discovery Disc Golf Park opened.*

sunrise to sunset, and closed on Saturday. It is designed for family fun time together, and also includes a quarter-mile walking trail marked for a healthy walk.

Following the fun-filled

afternoon, the women from the church provided finger foods and drinks for time to relax and socialize together.

—BY SAUNDRA KROMMINGA



*Church members and neighborhood families gathered for the ribbon cutting for the Grand Opening of the Discovery Disc (Frisbee) Golf Park.*



## Appalachian Outreach Witnesses Miracles

For the 23 years, students from Madison Academy, near Nashville, Tenn., joined by students from other Adventist schools, have been making a difference in Appalachia. Between October 16 and 19, 2011, 74 students and 26 adult staff converged on Manchester, Ky. The Adventist Community Services Center and the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Manchester became home base during those four days.

Students and staff were divided among several different projects. Two groups worked on homes in the rural Clay County areas known as Spring Creek and Ulysses Creek. Another group worked at Appalachian Christian Academy, the Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School in Manchester. The rest of the groups worked on projects connected with Manchester Memorial Hospital.

This year 12 students came from the Meadow Glade Church in Battle Ground, Wash., and 35 students came from Georgia-Cumberland Academy in Calhoun, Ga.

Alan Craig from Madison, Tenn., has helped coordinate the Appalachian Outreach program for all of the 23 years. He has



Alan Craig (left), with Judy Cusick (Georgia-Cumberland Academy) and Andrew Jamieson (Madison Academy).

worked closely with Don Keele Jr. from Georgia-Cumberland Academy. During the years, these men have witnessed miracle after miracle, not only in the lives of the students who have participated, but in the ways God has provided funds for the projects.

According to Craig, one of the reasons for Appalachian Outreach, at least for the Madison students, is to provide an opportunity for service that is affordable enough so that any



"Measure twice, cut once, girls."

student who wants to can participate — as opposed to overseas mission trips which typically cost much more.

Bruce Watson, an elder and Pathfinder director at Meadow Glade Church, agrees that "it's a pretty good training ground for our youth."

Melissa Hannah from Georgia confessed, "You come wanting to give and serve, but I feel like I am the one that wins and gains the

most in return."

The feeling is the same among the students.

Chris Caldwell is a senior at Madison Academy and has come for four years. He says, "I enjoy helping people, and I enjoy getting to know people from my sister schools in different places."

Michael Santos, another student from Madison, agrees: "It's really about service to others and taking time out of our lives to help others."

Janice, the owner of one of the homes on the list of projects this year, lives in the

Spring Creek area about 30 minutes from Manchester. Her husband is a disabled veteran. She admits that having the students come

is a big help to them. At her home, students put on a new roof, replaced the ceiling and floor in one room, repaired plumbing, replaced the stairs leading to the front porch, and cleaned up the yard. She was amazed at how hard the students worked and what they were able to do in such a short time.

Don Keele says that he promised the Lord that as long as the He provided



One of the homes that students worked on was in the rural Spring Creek area.

the means, he would continue to be a part of Appalachian Outreach. He sums the reason for the program this way: "I wanted to give young people a chance to serve, to learn what it is like to serve, and to learn what it's like to live on the other side of things. In other words, we want to create an attitude of service and be grateful for that they [the students] have."

Anyone who witnesses the students at work cannot help but see that the mission is being accomplished.

— BY MARVIN LOWMAN

## Madison Blazes Technology Trail

In an effort to improve the technology program at school, Madison Academy has made the switch from laptops to a one-to-one iPad program — the first of its kind in the metro Nashville, Tenn., area and one of only two such programs in the Southern Union. The advantages of the iPad over the laptop are its relative simplicity, ease of maintenance and security, and usability in a classroom setting.

Already, there has been a significant increase in the

use of the technology in the classroom and for school projects. Students are taking notes, recording classes, recording video, creating movies, and performing many other classroom-related tasks on a daily basis. In general, the response has been very positive, as students have appreciated not having to carry heavy book bags all around campus every day. They have also enjoyed the freedom they have to be more creative in



*Sophomores Jordan Bardo (left) and Shelby Lam have fun with the new iPad.*

the classroom assignments they are given.

Teachers are also discovering their creative side more and more. Many have assigned video projects for the students to complete,

and it is not unusual to see a student or group of students carefully reviewing the day's notes on their device. Of course, some students have figured out the benefits of recording their classes (audio and video) for later review.

All the potential of these devices has not yet been seen, but enough has to know that they have been a huge plus for the school!

—BY DAVID DENTON

## Leach Church Sends Care Packages to Troops

Members of the Leach Church at Cedar Grove, Tenn., recently teamed with their neighbors at Cool Springs Presbyterian Church in a joint project to send 50 CARE packages to U.S. National Guard troops serving in Kuwait.

Under the direction of Sandra Gentry, project leader, church members collected items from a list

provided by the National Guard for approximately two months. Twenty-five members from both churches met on August 14, 2011, to assemble the items in boxes and prepare them for shipping to soldiers from west Tennessee.

—BY DEBORAH BARGER



*Harold Powers (left), Ricky Dunn, and Janie Hampton help assemble boxes for National Guard troops in Kuwait.*

## Charles and Rose Bates Together 50 Years

Charles and Rose Beckner Bates celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 26, 2011, at Portland, Tenn., Church. They were introduced to each other by Rose's doctor and were married on June 25, 1961, at First Church in Washington, N.H.

Charles and Rose both grew up in the Adventist Church. Rose attended



Collegedale Academy and Southern Missionary College from 1953-1958.

They worked at the Franklin-Simpson Memorial Hospital in Franklin, Ky. Charles as a lab technician and Rose as the head of the department of environmental services.

Charles has served the local Adventist church as an elder and currently serves as the head deacon.

Rose currently serves in the Sabbath School department and helps with social activities.

They have two grown children and five grandchildren.

—BY PHYLLIS LABRENZ



## Pathfinders Attend Summer Camporee

“God in Nature — Seeking and Serving” was the theme of the South Atlantic Pathfinder Camporee held during the summer of 2011. The event took place at River Oaks Campground in Orangeburg, S.C.

The last camporee held at River Oaks was in 2006, and this year, nature almost caused it to be cancelled. Severe thunderstorms washed out the access road, so the campers were housed indoors. However, the cooking facilities were set up in a regular camping setting.

There were many scheduled events the campers could participate in. The activities included the raising of the flag, team building, honor courses, basketball, canoeing and paddle boats, and devotions. Also, for the first time in the history of South Atlantic, a Literature Evangelism Honor was offered.



Approximately 150 campers participated in the camporee.

Carl McRoy, Conference publishing director, was the instructor for this honor.

Great fellowship was enjoyed by the seven different clubs that participated — three clubs were from Georgia, two from North Carolina, and two from South Carolina.

The Literature Evangelism Honor also included an opportunity for the participants to go into the field and actually meet the

public and sell literature. Pathfinders and Master Guides from all three states worked to distribute 272 life-transforming books, and raise \$452 en route to earning their honor. It was an excellent opportunity, during this year of “Revival and Reformation,” for this ministry to experience a surge of youthful enthusiasm through the ranks of the Pathfinders. Especially noteworthy in assisting

with this activity were William and Terrilyn Cameron, Kelvin Paxton, Lavunda Martin, Luwana McCoy, Olive Sease, Charles Parker, Angela Wakefield, and Todde Bliss.

Every evening all of the campers and even some friends were able to attend the general sessions held. The speakers for the sessions included Spencer Wade; Theodore Middleton; Christopher Whittaker, pastor of Rock Hill/Pageland, S.C., district; and Patrick Carter, Conference youth director. All were instrumental in leading eight of the youth to make a decision for God’s service. Brad Forbes, AdventSource director, was the leadership workshop presenter, and brought supplies needed by different clubs to start the new club year.

—BY ERNESTINE LOCKETT

## Mountainside Church Hosts Vacation Bible School

Mountainside Church in Decatur, Ga., hosted its annual Vacation Bible School during the summer of 2011.

“Inside Out & Upside Down on Main Street,” was this year’s focus. This program did not simply feature fun and games, but was aimed at changing lives and helping the boys and girls to experience



Each evening the children learned about the love of Jesus and how He forgives.

the difference Jesus makes in their lives every day.

There was great participation from the community, and it was a wonderful experience for all involved. Friendships were formed, and relationships were made that will have eternal benefits.

—BY ROSEMERRIE WALTON

## Emanuel Students Taught Science Lessons

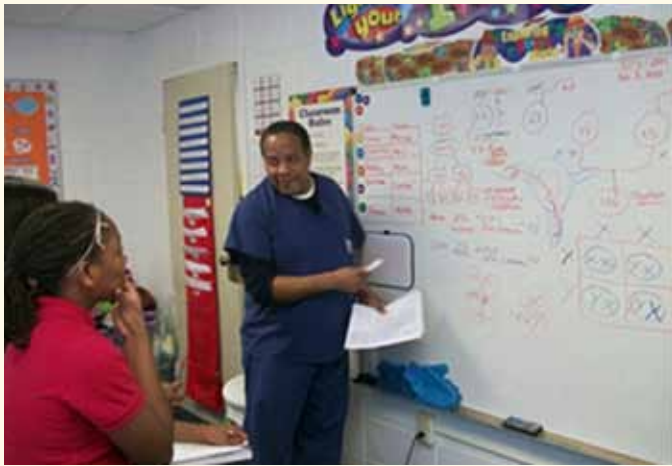
Elroy Dixon, M.D., is an Adventist ophthalmologist in the local community of Albany, Ga., and has volunteered to teach science twice each week for grades 5-8 during his lunch break at Emanuel Adventist Academy.

Dixon appointed eighth grader Diamond Jones to be his assistant.

On Sundays, he conducts a special training session for her to learn the information for the upcoming lessons. The students love the creative ways in which he delivers the lessons. During the first quarter, the students studied the physical make-up of man through lessons on mitosis, meiosis, the structure



*Pictured are some of the students from Emanuel Adventist Academy in Albany, Ga., with Elroy Dixon, M.D.*



*The students listen attentively and are fully engaged in the lessons each day.*

of DNA, and fertilization. Next, they used this knowledge to create models of the division of cells. Then they created their own “kid” in order to show an understanding of recessive and dominant genes.

After gaining the academic knowledge, the students were challenged

to write a composition using Bible text and science vocabulary to explain how God uniquely created mankind. As a result of Dixon’s dedication and innovative techniques, the students are excited about science and can’t wait for the class to begin.

—BY VICTORIA ROBINZINE

## Bethany School Honors Grandparents

September 9, 2011, marked the second annual Grandparents’ Day Celebration at Bethany Christian Academy in Macon, Ga. This year a luncheon was planned with a seating capacity for 90. As the grandparents, students, and parents filled the beautifully-decorated auditorium, all the seats were filled.

Principal Beatrice Banks began the program, and shared with the attendees just why children think grandparents

are special: Target department store generously donated two \$20 gift certificates, which were presented to two grandparents. To test the wits of the grandparents, the game “Are You Smarter than a First Grader” was played, and some very nice gifts were



*The melodious voices of the school choir rang out in honor of grandparents.*

gifts, fun, and laughter, provided an opportunity for grandparents to spend time with their grandchildren in the school environment, and for the grandchildren to say thank you to their grandparents for all the things they do for them.

—BY BEATRICE BANKS

presented to the winners.

This event, which included plenty of food,



## Sevier Street Chapel Hosts Third “Small Church Day”

Sevier Street Chapel, Harriman, Tenn., hosted South Central’s “Small Church Day” on Sabbath, October 22, 2011. Michael Hayes serves as pastor.

This is the third ministry event Dana Edmond, Conference president, has organized with success. This is an annual fall and spring ministry to smaller congregations. The entire office personnel — administrators, directors, and some support staff — travel to the chosen church location, and are on duty to serve the local church as participants in worship the whole day through Adventist Youth service; and, there’s usually a community service event tied to it.



*Conference staff traveled to Sevier Street Chapel in Harriman, Tenn., to serve the local church as participants in worship the entire day.*

Craig Newborn, Ph.D., shared a presentation on the “Seventh Month Movement.” The interesting point about this is that this particular Small Church

Day fell on October 22, 2011, 167 years after that eventful day, the beginning of Christian judgment. Vandeon Griffin, Conference youth director,

was the divine worship speaker. Conference workers served with excitement and vigor.

—BY MICHAEL HARPE

## Bethany Baptizes 18 Individuals

Eighteen precious souls were born again and united with the believers of Bethany Church in Atmore, Ala., on October 29, 2011. The meeting started October 15, and Alfred Miller, pastor, preached the everlasting Gospel night after night in the sanctuary as the Bible workers ministered day after day in the community. Falsehood was exposed and truth was explained, captives were set free, hearts were melted, and lives were forever changed by the power of the Holy Spirit, which was poured out repeatedly.

Daniel Lubega, pastor, and the members have been revived, refreshed,

and renewed as they worked diligently alongside the evangelist and his team, and they have continued the work since the meeting finished. New members and those who have yet to make a decision for baptism are still visited and ministered to, while the new members are nourished in classes designed to ground them in



*Daniel Lubega (left), pastor, is pictured with the candidates ready for baptism at Bethany Church in Atmore, Ala.*

the faith.

The Three Angels’ Message was proclaimed throughout the city as never before, even reverberating in nearby towns that have no Adventist churches.

The stage has been set and seeds have been sown to proclaim the Gospel throughout this territory to the glory of God.

—BY DANIEL LUBEGA

## Three Churches Hold Digital District Day

The Hazlehurst/Brookhaven/McComb, Miss., district conducted a “digital” or virtual district day on Sabbath, April 30, 2011. Edward Harden, district pastor, explains: “Given that many of the leaders were to be in Huntsville for Constituency Meeting, we didn’t want our scheduled district day to add additional travel burdens on leaders. We also wanted to test multi-site video conferencing software to identify whether it is a viable tool for conducting multi-site worship experience that is fully integrated.”

“Oovoo” video conferencing software was used to connect the three congregations. In order to accomplish this, the cameras, sound systems, and computers in each church were integrated and linked to each other via broad and Internet through Oovoo. This enabled each congregation to see and hear the other two.

The day began with Sabbath School being led by the Orion Church members



*Brookhaven members are led by Hazlehurst praise team.*

in Hazlehurst. Tonie Linson led a class in which she had students actively participating 60 miles away. The worship service was designed to be shared between the three churches, with leaders directing their part of the service from their respective location. One of the selected congregational songs, “I Want to Sing, Sing, Sing,” called for each church’s song leader to simultaneously lead each of the song’s three choruses. It was a unique experience given that there was a two- to three-second transmission delay between the churches. The children were not forgotten either. During the children’s story, children at locations remote to the storyteller gathered at



*A view of sister churches during worship.*

the foot of their church’s video screen to hear the story.

The sermon for the day was also delivered virtually. Kymone Hinds, Central States Conference youth ministries director, delivered the day’s message from his Conference’s office in Kansas City, Kans. He was tuned in to all three congregations throughout the service, and was not left out of the worship experience prior to his sermon. During the sermon, each church’s screen was focused exclusively on Hinds while he looked at each congregation. Although he had the challenge of preaching to a computer screen, it was apparent that having the capability for speaker/audience interaction enhanced

the experience for both. The Word was well-delivered and well-received. In keeping with the electronic nature of the day, the speaker’s love gift was sent electronically via PayPal.

Overall, the day was a well-received and a technological breakthrough for the district. “Once a month in our district,” Harden explains, “We use live Internet streaming to allow me to be ‘present’ in all three of our congregations. With streaming though, the communication is one way they see and hear me, but I’m not able to see and hear my audience. This was a completely integrated experience from Sabbath School through the morning worship. It proved to be a significant improvement over simply streaming. I expect it to be the next step in helping us achieve our goal of consistent pastoral ‘presence’ in this large district.”

—BY EDWARD HARDEN

## South Central Hires New Education Superintendent

Eunice R. Warfield, Ph.D., was voted to fill the position of education superintendent. She replaces Erma Lee who retired. Warfield comes to South Central from Southwestern Union Conference in Keene, Tex., where she served as superintendent of education. She holds degrees in the following areas: bachelor’s in theology, master of education for curriculum and

instruction, master of education administration, and a doctorate in education.

Her work experience may be seen in several areas: Bible instructor, elementary/secondary teacher, principal, assistant principal, conference superintendent



*Eunice R. Warfield, Ph.D.*

at Southwest Region Conference, associate director and director of education at Southwestern Union Conference, guest lecturer at Southwestern Adventist University, workshop presenter, and author.

She has been married to Melvin W. Warfield Sr., for 39 years. They have two adult children, Addriene Rhodes, teacher at Sandia View Adventist Academy, Corrales, N.M., and Melvin W. Warfield Jr., pastor of Hillcrest Church, Nashville, Tenn. They also have four grandchildren, Phillip, Christopher, Melvyn III, and Maya.

—BY MICHAEL HARPE



## University Radio Station Celebrates Half Century of Broadcasting

When WSMC Classical 90.5 began broadcasting in November of 1961, the tiny Southern Adventist University radio station was operating on only 10 watts of frequency, and an all-volunteer student staff.

Over time the station grew, not only in the number of watts, but also in listeners. WSMC is currently one of only five stations in the Chattanooga, Tenn., area to have 100,000 watts. This coverage area extends to a 90-mile radius.

“God has His hands on the station,” general manager Scott Kornblum said. “Our opportunity to reach people is incredible!”

For Chattanooga resident Paul Reynolds, WSMC has been his station of choice for the past 25 years. He loves the variety of classical music and listening to the student announcers. These are just

some of the reasons why Reynolds has remained so loyal.

“I’m always in tune to WSMC,” Reynolds said. “I really do appreciate the station very much.”

Brian Lauritzen, ’06, was once a student worker at WSMC, and credits the experience with putting him on the path to his current career as producer and host for KUSC Classical 91.5 in Los Angeles, Calif., one of the largest classical music stations in the United States.

“[WSMC] allowed me the freedom to find my



*Jobnathan Harper, junior music major at Southern Adventist University, spends time on air as a student announcer for WSMC.*

voice as a broadcaster and storyteller,” Lauritzen said.

But it’s not just about what WSMC has done for him that impresses Lauritzen. He’s also seen the community impact of WSMC throughout the years.

“For many [in Chatta-

nooga], their only connection to Southern is through WSMC,” Lauritzen said. “There are folks who think more highly of Southern because of what WSMC provides for the region.”

—BY SHANA MICHALEK

## Southern Maintains Lofty Ranking from U.S. News & World Report

Southern Adventist University has been named one of the “Best Regional Colleges” in the South for 2012 by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Southern is in the top half of the Top Tier, coming in at number 30 of the 73 Top Tier Colleges. That ranking represents a one-spot improvement over last year’s designation, and is

the tenth consecutive year the school has been listed as a Top Tier college.

“This distinction is evidence of the success of our top quality programs, faculty, and the Christian environment we provide for both undergraduate and graduate students,” says Vinita Sauder, vice president for strategic initiative. “We are very pleased to be in

the Top Tier category again this year.”

There are many factors weighed in determining the rankings. The key measures of quality are peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, faculty, financial resources, and alumni participation.

“Hearing we are ranked in the Top Tier solidifies the feeling that I

made the right decision in choosing a college,” says Laurence Clayton, junior marketing major. “I get an Adventist education, as well as a great school to have on my resume.”

To view the complete rankings, visit [www.usnews.com/rankings](http://www.usnews.com/rankings).

—BY CHARLES CAMMACK

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**ARCHER, Sandra Burleson**, 64, born Nov. 22, 1946, died Sept. 1, 2011. She was a member of the Albemarle, NC, Church. She was a 1965 graduate of West Stanly High School in Oakboro, NC, and attended Greenville Technical College in South Carolina. She is survived by two sons: Michael David Burleson and Jeremy Slade Archer; one sister, Iris Burleson Hill; and one brother, Roger Garth Burleson; many aunts; uncles; cousins Linda Burleson Smith and Marilyn Morton; best friends Sally Norton and Sue Fort. Her parents Hazel Griffin Burleson and Liston Hoyle Burleson preceded her in death; as well as her sister, Patricia "Pat" Burleson Harward.

**ASBURY, Lendon**, 70, born Feb. 26, 1941 in Green County Kentucky, died July 30, 2011 in Barren County Kentucky. He was a member of Glasgow Church. He is survived by his wife, Fannie; one son, Lenny (Darla) Asbury; and one grandchild.

**BLACK, Ann Tennant**, 67, born Sept. 25, 1944 in Pensacola, FL, died July 24, 2011 in Pensacola. She was an active member of University Parkway Church in Pensacola. Her career spanned more than 40 years and included work at the County Judge's Court, the Escambia County Sheriff's Office, and the Court of Record, and she last worked at the State Attorney's office as the data processing supervisor for Charles Bourne. There she made many friends and enjoyed and valued her co-workers. She was a caring person, and well known for reaching out to others. She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Gywin; two sons: Craig Stuart Black and Keith Alan (Shelley) Black; one granddaughter, Kaylyn Faith Black; two grandsons: Cullen McKenzie Black and Skyelor Dakota Black; one sister, Charlene (Gary) Sunderland; two brothers: Jack (Jackie) Tennant, and Kyle (Patty) Tennant; sister-in-law, Ingrid Black (Marshall) Whigham; nieces; nephews; cousins; and many friends.

**BOGAR, Goldie M.**, 85, died Sept. 13, 2011 in Chattanooga, TN. She was a member of Avon Park, FL, Church. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Kenneth; two sons: Larry (Anita) of Greenbrier, TN, and Don (Sharla) of Ocala, FL; one daughter, Bonnie (Bill) Hicks of Noblesville, IN; eight grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. The memorial service was conducted by Pastor Mike Pettengill at Valley View Chapel, Chattanooga Funeral Home. Interment was at Lakeview Memorial Gardens in Avon Park.

**BURRUS, Jim**, 70, born Jan. 16, 1941, died Aug. 23, 2011. He was the husband of Yolande; father of Tammy (Danny) Loukota, Jamie Burrus, Monelle (Lonnice) Fore, and Annie Burrus; brother of Emma Lee (Esmer) French, Clara (Jim) Engle, and Donald Burrus;

and grandfather of Megan and Kaitlyn Kirby, Brittany and James Burrus, and Gianna Fore. A memorial service was held Sept. 3, 2011 at Collegedale, TN, Church.

**CARWILE, Juanita Jean Hughes**, 54, died May 23, 2011 in Midlothian, VA. She is survived by her husband, Howard H. "Bo," one son, Taylor; her parents, Dr. Ross and Betty Hughes of Fletcher, NC; two sisters: Sharryn (Barry) Hughes Mahorney of Morganton, NC, and Lynda (Dave) Hughes Seidel of Waynesville, OH; one brother, Glen (Lynn) Hughes of Candler, NC; one nephew; and nieces. She was a graduate of Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, TN.

**CLAPP, Willard Junior**, 79, born Oct. 16, 1931, died Aug. 8, 2011. He was an educator, plant engineer at McKee Baking Company for 28 years, and a home contractor. He was preceded in death by his first wife of 54 years. He is survived by his wife, Joan; five children; 16 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

**CLARK, Jerry**, 54, of Collegedale, TN, died July 20, 2011. A native of Glendale, CA, he was a resident of Collegedale most of his life and a member of the Collegedale Church. He was a certified master technician and was also a member of Master Chorale and the Silverbrass. He is survived by his wife, Lila Clark; four children: Tommy Clark of California, Charel Milks of North Carolina, Andrew Clark of Tennessee, and Ramona Clark of Washington; his mother, Dr. Ann R. Clark of Collegedale; one sister, Alice; and one brother, Danny. His father, Dr. Jerome L. Clark, preceded him death. A memorial service was held at the Collegedale Church with Pastor Dwight Herod officiating, and a private interment was held at Collegedale Memorial Park.

**CLAUS, Alma W.**, 86, born Aug. 8, 1925 in S. Portland, ME, died Sept. 28, 2011 in St. Cloud, FL. She is survived by her son, Richard Whitten of Chiefland, FL; and two daughters: Diane Stiggins of Orlando, FL, and Sharon Miller of Atlanta, GA. The service was conducted by Pastors Don Riesen, Harold Howard, and Floyd Powell at Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Altamonte Springs, FL. Interment was at Highland Memorial Gardens, Apopka, FL. She was predeceased by her husband, Gerry.

**CLAYTON, Lt. Col. Wofford G.**, (U.S. Army Air Corps. Ret), 89, of Aiken, SC, born in Ehrhardt, SC, died July 11, 2011 at Aiken Regional Medical Center. He was a member of Aiken Church. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps, 20th Air Force, flying the "Hump" in the Chinese/Burmese Theatre as a navigator and bombardier in the first group of B-29's that were placed into service. Completing his

active duty, he continued to serve his country in the reserves. In addition to his military service, he worked as an E&I Mechanic at the Savannah River Site from 1953 until his retirement in 1980. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, woodworking, and spending time with family and friends. He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Gloria Dowtin Clayton; three daughters: Pamela Hamilton, Cynthia Clayton, and Carol Clayton; three grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

**CROOMS, Clarice Monroe**, 81, of Claxton, TN, born Aug. 7, 1930 in Macon, GA, died Aug. 26, 2011 in Clinton, TN. She spent a few years in Collegedale, TN, where she worked at McKee's Bakery. She buried four children and is survived by her fifth child, David Newton Crooms of Claxton. Her first child died in infancy and is buried in Macon. Glenn Edward Crooms, her second child, died in 1978 in Monteagle, TN, while residing in Chattanooga, TN. Teresa Lynn Crooms Avant, her only daughter, died in 1998, and is buried in Collegedale. Dwayne Monroe Crooms, her youngest son, died in 1997 in Jacksonville, FL. She was a member of Oak Ridge, TN, Church, and will be sorely missed.

**DART, Sadie Liles**, 94, born Jan. 4, 1916 in Tony, AL, died Dec. 2010. She was a member of Floral Crest Church in Bryant, AL. She was a teacher and taught in Florence, MS, in the 1930's and then in Birmingham, AL, for many years from the 1950's to the 1970's, and in Lihui, Hawaii during the 1990-91 school year. She loved her students. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Raymond Liles and her second husband, Archie Dart. She is survived by one son, Archa Ray Liles; one daughter, Myrlene Murray; and three step-children: Charles Dart, Virginias Collins, and Ed Reese; one sister, Toots Coble; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great grandson; many beloved nieces; and nephews.

**DAVIS, Albert Sherrill**, 91, born May 20, 1920, died Aug. 27, 2011 in Morganton, NC. He was a member of the Morganton Church. He was a retired salesman as well as a colporteur with the Carolina Conference for many years. He is survived by his wife, Jewel Davis; one son, Ronnie Davis; and one daughter, Shirley Bishop. He was preceded in death by one son, Sammie Davis.

**DAVIS, Doris May**, 92, born Nov. 2, 1918 in Decatur, IL, died Aug. 4, 2011. She was a member of Collegedale, TN, Church. As an educator, she taught maternal, infant, and child nursing at Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University). She retired in 1973. She loved her family, church, and nursing. She was also an avid sports fan and recreational golfer. She was preceded



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in death by her husband, Cecil Davis. She is survived by two daughters: Christine E. Sammer of Apopka, FL, and Barbara R. James of Collegedale; one sister, Betty Rose Jutzky of Loma Linda, CA; five grandchildren: Douglas Sammer of Dallas, TX, Marcus Sammer of Chattanooga, Julie Sammer of St Louis, MO, Bryan James of Battle Ground, WA, and Valerie Smith of Battle Ground; and six great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held Aug. 13, 2011 at Collegedale Church in the Gospel Chapel.

**FOLKENBERG, Barbara Andross**, 94, born Jan. 11, 1917 in Glendale, CA, died July 1, 2011 in Dayton, MD. She was the widow of Stanley Folkenberg and a descendant of the Miller and Andross families who lived in the Milton-Freewater/Walla Walla area during the last two centuries. She is survived by three children: Robert S., Donald L., and Barbara Jean and their families; five grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. She met Stanley while they were students at Pacific Union College in northern California. They were married June 5, 1938 and began 24 years of mission service in Latin America and Europe. They also spent many years in pastoral and evangelistic ministry in California, New York, and the state of Washington. While in New York, she completed her college education and earned a master's degree in teaching English as a second language. While in Europe she learned German and French in order to lead out in Bible studies. Her spiritual life and witness was extraordinary. She spent many hours every day in Bible and devotional studies. When they retired they settled in Spokane and continued ministry until Stanley died in October of 1991. She moved to Washington, DC, to be close to her children and then moved with them to Smith Mountain Lake, in southern Virginia, where she spent the last 10 years.

**FOX, Archie Glen**, 92, born Oct. 29, 1918 in Knoxville, TN, died Sept. 10, 2011 in Ooltewah, TN. He was a member of Collegedale, TN, Church. He graduated from Southern Missionary College in 1953 with a bachelor's degree in business. He served in WWII in the Air Force, and worked his entire career for the State of Tennessee Highway Department. He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Lorraine Davis Fox; and two nephews: Robert Glen Fox of Knoxville, TN, and Charles William Fox of Hilton Head, SC. Funeral services were held Sept. 14, 2011 in the chapel of the funeral home with Pastor Dwight Herod officiating. Interment followed in Collegedale Cemetery. Arthur Richert, Miles Garner, Miles Garner Jr., Dennis Ford, Greg Yoeman, and Lincoln Duff served as pallbearers.

**FULLER, Dr. George V.**, 86, born in Collegedale, TN, died July 12, 2011 in a local hospital. Dr. Fuller was a member of

Chattanooga, TN, First Church, and held various church leadership roles including involvement with Pathfinders. He was retired from his dental practice in Warner Robins, GA. He was preceded in death by two daughters: Judy Fuller and Debbie Fuller. He is survived by his wife, Sally Seeley Fuller of Ooltewah, TN; two sons: Steve (Donna) Fuller and Richard (Betty) Fuller; four daughters: Jane (Mike) Barto, Helen Ingle, Annice Fawcett, and Paulette (Ken) Bowles; one sister, Georgene Meyer; two brothers: Fred Fuller and Glenn Fuller; 15 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. Memorial services were held at Chattanooga First Church. Pastor Fred Fuller and Pastor Ralph LaFave officiated.

**GARZA, Dr. Donna Mae Hall**, 82, born Feb. 14, 1929 in Enid, OK, died July 30, 2011 in West Union, SC. She was an avid learner, a creative educator, writer and artist, a gifted musician, and so much more. She is survived by six children: Humberto "Samuel" (Krystal) Garza III of Tennessee, Daniel L. (Myra) Garza of Florida, David M. (Tanya) Garza of California, Susan R. (Edward) Rowe of North Carolina, Stephen G. (LaDell) Garza of West Union, SC, and John A. (Marlys) Hall of Idaho; 28 grandchildren: Krysta, Oriona, Jared, Benjamin, Tiffany, Kyle, Sarah, Andrew, Anthony, David Jr, Timothy, Jonathan, Matthew, Michaela, Angelica, Brian, Allen, Benjamin, Paul, James, Joel, Mat, Joshua, Jacob, Faith, Oren, Clinton, and Jasmine; 22 great-grandchildren; her older sister, Wanda Lee Warner; her ex-husband, Humberto S. Garza Jr.; many nieces; nephews; cousins; and friends.

**GAY, Phyllis J.**, 75, born Jan. 12, 1936 in Moncton, NB, Canada, died Aug. 11, 2011 in Orlando, FL. She was a member of the Adventist Church for 55 years. Her denominational employment as a secretary for 14 years included the General Conference, Pacific Press, Idaho Conference, Southern Asia Division, and Africa-Indian Ocean Division. She is survived by her husband, David; two sons: Kirsten of Apopka, FL, and Bryan of Boise, ID; four brothers: Ronald Trites of Tillsonburg, ON, Herbert Trites of Moncton, NB, Dean Trites of Stellarton, NS, and Allen Trites of Calgary, AB; two sisters: Effie Smith of Avon Park, FL, and Freda James of Middleburg, FL; and six grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Floyd Powell at the Florida Living Church in Apopka.

**HAAK, Harriett J.**, 83, died April 21, 2011, at Fletcher Park Inn in Hendersonville, NC. A native of Hinsdale, Ill., a previous resident of Brunswick, ME, for 18 years, and a resident of Henderson County for the past 21 years. She graduated as a licensed nurse before taking care of her family and home. She was a member of Fletcher, NC, Church. She is

survived by two daughters: Robin Grube and Lori Landa; one son, James Haak; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one sister, Virginia Lyle. She was preceded in death by her husband Rudy Haak in 2003; and one sister, Beulah Woodin.

**HARRISS, Robert H.**, 84, born Oct. 29, 1926 in Springfield, OH, died Sept. 16, 2011 in Macon, GA. He is survived by his son, Robert Jr., of Kila, MT; two daughters: Jean Harriss of Mt. Dora, FL, and Patty Higgins of Orlando, FL; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. The service was conducted by Don Williams at Baldwin-Fairfield Funeral Home in West Palm Beach, FL. Interment was at Chapel Hill.

**HERMAN Sr., James K. (Jim)**, 90, born Jan. 8, 1921 in Cambridge, OH, died April 1, 2011 in Columbus, NC. He was the youngest of 12 children. After finishing high school in his hometown, he joined his older brother at Madison College, where he married Charmain Manzano on Dec. 18, 1941. Military service during World War II interrupted his college education. He returned to Madison after the war ended, and graduated in 1947 with a bachelor's degree in agriculture. He worked toward his master's degree in education. He had enough hours from three different schools, but never completed his degree. He then returned to head the Industrial Arts Department at Madison College for three years, and later served as principal of Adventist schools in Louisiana, Arkansas, Minnesota, North Dakota, Florida, and Alabama. He finished his career in Adventist ministry, ordained in 1984, and served churches in Arkansas, Georgia, and Tennessee. After retiring, he drove an 18-wheeler more than a million miles, and retired a second time to North Carolina. He is survived by his wife, Charmain of Columbus; four children: James K. (Ellen) Herman Jr. of Collegedale, TN, Ronald W. (Linda) Herman of Columbus; Jean (Ron) Smith of Naples, FL, and Gary R. (Dawn) Herman of Arlington, TX; 12 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

**HOLCOMBE, Bessie Sudduth**, 91, born Aug. 8, 1914 in Campbell County, GA, died April 30, 2006 in Moultrie, GA. She was an active member in every church she attended. She worked with community services while at Lakeland, GA, helped those displaced by the flood in Albany, GA, and made many quilts for the boys at Advent Home in Calhoun, TN. She was preceded in death by her husband, George David Holcombe, who died in 1995. She is survived by two daughters: Nina Almand of Moultrie, and Velma Bearup of Collegedale, TN; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. Graveside services were held at Barwick, GA, Church Cemetery.

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**KANTZER, Richard Arnold**, 90, born in 1921 in Peru, died July 13, 2011. He served from 1942 to 1946 in World War II. He was honorably discharged as a sergeant with the 1110th Army Postal Unit after the war. He graduated from Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University), with a bachelor of arts in English, business, and German in 1950. After graduation, he worked in literature evangelism in Berrien Springs, MI, for 55 years selling Bible story books. He married Betty in 1963 and together they traveled many times across the USA and Europe, and had two children. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Betty; his children: Philip and Melody; his grandchildren: Logan, Stephanie, Elizabeth, Hania, and Iona. Services celebrating his life were held at the Goldsboro, NC, Church.

**KENNEDY, Dr. Theresa C.**, 83, of Collegedale, TN, died July 16, 2011 at her home. Services were held July 22, 2011, at the Collegedale Church with Dr. Jack Blanco officiating. Interment followed at Collegedale Cemetery.

**KLUTTZ, Bruce**, 77, born Nov. 1, 1933, died July 18, 2011 in Lenoir, NC. He was a member of the Morganton, NC, Church. He is survived by his wife, Fran Fields Kluttz; five children: Connie, Teresa, Ronnie, Lisa, and Brian; and two grandsons: Christopher and John Kluttz.

**LATHAM, Edwina**, 82, of Ooltewah, TN, died July 8, 2011. She was a member of the Collegedale, TN, Church for many years. She made hundreds of children's dresses during the years for the Samaritan Center in Collegedale, for the local children and for those overseas. She was preceded in death by her husband, David Eugene Latham, and brothers, Kenneth Bowen and Walter Dee Bowen. She is survived by two sons: Craig Eugene Latham of Ooltewah, and David Edwin (Darlene) Latham, of Greeneville, TN; two grandsons: Chris (Emily) Latham, and Jason (Jamie) Latham; three great-grandchildren: Kenzi Latham of Greeneville, TN, and Grant and Garon Latham, of Birmingham, AL; and one brother, Bennie Bowen of Arlington, TX. Funeral services were held at Heritage Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Jerry Arnold officiating. Interment followed at Collegedale Cemetery.

**LLOYD Jr., Madison Henry "Hank,"** 84, born Nov. 5, 1926 in Ware County, GA, died March 22, 2011. He was a native and lifelong resident of Ware County. He retired from CSX Railroad as a mechanic in the Roadway Department. He served in the United States Navy during World War II, and was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He was preceded in death by one sister, Francis Rhodenberry, and two brothers, David "Pee Wee" Lloyd and Harold V. Lloyd. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Gertrude Lloyd of Waycross, GA; one daughter, Brenda (Van)

Spradley of Waycross; two sons: Madison (friend Gloria Johns) Lloyd III and Madison (Donna) Lloyd IV, both of Waycross; three grandchildren: Galen Spradley, Dana (Beaver) Steedley, and Kristy (Josh) Chancey; 10 great grandchildren: Nevaeh Spradley, Ashlee Lloyd, Madison Lloyd, Brooke Lloyd, Haley Steedley, Caitlin Steedley, Colby Steedley, Jacob Steedley, Tristen Chancey, and Dalton Chancey; eight sisters: Lucille Petty of Waycross, Dorothy Dekle of Waycross, Marion (Ken) Music of Waycross, Joann (Ronnie) McQuaig of Waycross, Pansy (Leland) Cox of Waycross, Sandra Henderson of Manor, Janice (Hershel) Hendrix of Blackshear, and Susan (William) Hendrix of Waresboro; one brother, Ray (Janice) Lloyd of Waycross; numerous nieces; and nephews. A funeral service was held at Music Funeral Home Chapel in Waycross. Burial followed in Kettle Creek Cemetery.

**LOPANIK, John**, 86, died July 16, 2011 in Hendersonville, NC. Originally from Newark, NJ, he served as a sergeant in the United States Army during World War II in Japan. After the war, he worked as a machinist, turning metal into working parts for machinery. His favorite pastime was restoring cars. He was the head elder for several years at the Morristown, NJ, Church, and head deacon for the Fletcher, NC, Church, for many years. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Mable, of Hendersonville; four sons: Robert, Bruce, Jon Scott, and Mark; one daughter, Robyn; six grandchildren: Nicole Talafert, Lindsey Literati, Christopher Lopanik, Andrew Lopanik, and Bethany and Timothy Luliano; and two great-grandchildren: Chase and Zachary Literati. The service was held at Fletcher Church, and interment in Restlan Cemetery in Hanover, NJ.

**MASON, Judith Elgiva**, 69, born Oct. 20, 1941 in Shelbyville, KY, died Jan. 24, 2011 in Lafayette, TN. She was an active member of the Lighthouse Company in Lafayette. She served as a literature evangelist and shared the love of God everywhere she went in her ministry. She is survived by her husband, Terry; four children: Chris Wilson, Heather Smith, Darren Wilson, and Todd Wilson; three sisters: Bobbie Smith, Norma House, and Nancy Ellis; four brothers: Donny Tomlinson, Johnny Taulbee, Bill Taulbee, and Steve Taulbee; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a host of nieces; nephews; and cousins. A memorial service was held at Lighthouse Company with Elder Tom Brito officiating.

**MCFADDEN, Gregg**, died June 26, 2011 in Iron City TN. He is survived by three sons: Andy, Zachary, and Collin McFadden; and his ex-wife, Kathi McFadden. Services were held July 6, 2011 in Elkhart, IN.

**MOORE, Carolyn J.**, 78, born Dec. 15, 1932

in Walnut Grove, IN, died Sept. 5, 2011 in Port Charlotte, FL. She was a member of the Port Charlotte Church.

**OAKLEY, Thunie Mae**, 89, born April 28, 1922 in Hickman County Tennessee, died June 24, 2011 in Madison, TN. She was a faithful member of Ridgetop, TN, Church. She retired as a dietitian at Williamson County Medical Center in Franklin, TN. She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert D. Oakley; and one granddaughter, Sherrie Oakley. She is survived by three sons: Douglas (Jane) Oakley, Bob (Carol) Oakley, and John (Betty) Oakley; nine grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; one brother, William R. Clark; and one sister, Betty L. Crafton. Pastor Jeremiah Smart officiated at the funeral service.

**PARRISH, Reba J.**, 80, of Cleveland, TN, died May 15, 2011 at a local healthcare facility. She was a member of Collegedale, TN, Church, and was formally a long-time member of Bowman Hills Church. She graduated from Bosse High in Evansville, IN, and Indiana Academy in Cicero, IN, in 1947. She also attended Andrews University in Berrien Springs, MI. She retired from John Hancock Insurance in 1966. She is survived by her husband, Craig S. Parrish of Cleveland; two daughters: Jana (Jason) Luellen of Hendersonville, TN, and Jennifer (Hal) Coble of Calhoun, GA; four grandchildren: Ashley Coble (Bryan) Birmele, Emily Parker Luellen, Zachary Coble, and Anderson Luellen; two great-grandchildren: Anakin and Ysabelle Birmele; one brother, Jack Blume of Dalzell, IL; and one sister, Betty Ann Lawson of Anderson, IN. Funeral services were held May 17, 2011 in the chapel of Fike Funeral Home with Pastor Harold Cunningham officiating. Interment followed on May 18, 2011 in Chattanooga National Cemetery with Hal Coble, Jason Luellen, Zachary Coble, Bryan Birmele, Doug Veazey, John T. Veazey, and Eddie Neal serving as pallbearers. Gene Veazey served as honorary pallbearer.

**PEACOCK, Martha**, 89, born March 2, 1922 in Orlando, FL, died July 30, 2011. She was an active member of Lighthouse Company in Lafayette, TN. She and her husband, Ivan, served 10 years in the mission fields of Iran. After returning to the states, they lived in Connecticut for three years and moved to Portland, TN, in 1972. They helped plant the Lighthouse Company in Macon County, and for the past 12 years have invested their time, energies, and resources to make this new church plant a reality. She is survived by her husband, Ivan; her son, Danny; one grandson; and two great-grandchildren.

**RICE, Glenn**, 88, born Oct. 3, 1911 in Grinnell, IA, died Feb. 9, 2011 in Avon Park, FL. He was a member of the Avon Park Church. He



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is survived by his wife, Helen; one son, Robert Rice of Irving, CA; two daughters: Karen Liberty of Catal De Casa, CA, and Cinty Clogg of Mexico; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. The service and interment were in Avon Park with the service conducted by Don Copsy.

**RICE, Delores Irene**, 81, born Jan. 27, 1930 in Dimondale, MI, died June 12, 2011 in Collegedale, TN. She worked as a secretary/receptionist, bindery worker, and Children's Sabbath School leader for many years. She loved quilting, working in her flowerbeds, playing the piano, and working jigsaw puzzles. She was preceded in death by her sister, Marion Wilkinson. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Lawrence Rice; two daughters: Diane (Daryl) Crane of Richmond, KY, and Cheryl Peasley of Apopka, FL; two sisters: Marie Brainard of Plant City, FL, and Marjorie Pilbeam of Charlotte, MI; one brother, Roy Elwood (Velda) Satterlee of Sacramento, CA; two step-sisters: Rowena Rick of Breezewood, PA, and Mary Rick of Groveland, CA; one step-brother, Albert Rick, College Place, WA; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; many nieces; and nephews. Memorial services were held at Collegedale Church in the Gospel Chapel. Pastor Don Kenyon officiated.

**RODRIGUEZ, Sixto**, 81, born March 28, 1930 in Peru, died April 29, 2011 in Sebring, FL. He was a member of the Avon Park, FL, Church for 11 years. He is survived by his wife, Gracielo. The service was conducted by Alejandro Morgado at Avon Park Church.

**SHAFFER, Calvin**, 91, born March 14, 1920 in Fallentimber, PA, died Oct. 17, 2011 in Madison, TN. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II and received medals for his work as a dental technician with the troops. He was employed as a dental technician, and eventually operated his own lab, making dentures for several dentists in middle Tennessee. He was a member of Ridgetop, TN, Church, enjoyed music, was in the church choir, and played the accordion. He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Jeanine Shaffer; one son, Tim Shaffer; one daughter, Helen (David) Park; four step-children: Tim (Cathy) Townsend, Danny Townsend, Dale (Janet) Townsend, and Jean (Bernie) Robertson; and three grandchildren. Pastor Jeremiah Smart conducted the funeral service at Ridgetop Church.

**SHERMAN, Beverly Jean**, 86, born Feb. 13, 1925 in Des Moines, IA, died Aug. 6, 2011 in Bowling, KY. Her home was in Rockfield, KY. She devoted her life to the Lord and to her family. She was a retired literature evangelist and member of Bowling Green Church. She was preceded in death by her

husband, Lawrence E. Sherman and her brother, Richard C. Roe. She is survived by five children; 10 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held at Bowling Green Church on Aug. 21, 2011.

**SIEVERS, Miriam Velma**, 91, born Aug. 7, 1919 in Accushnette, MA, died May 4, 2011 in LaGrange, GA. She was a lifelong member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and served the denomination in the New York, Georgia, Mississippi, Florida, and Carolina conferences. For the past 14 years, she lived mostly with her daughter Yvonne and her family in Georgia and Montana. She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law: Yvonne and Jerry Eller, Beth and Jerry Zaffis; son and daughter-in-law, Lester and Zula Pratt; 12 grandchildren: Bucklee, Beaver, Fawna, Phoebe, Shama, Jerry Jr., Tiffany, Bobby, Tori, Savannah, Lezlie, and Lester Jr.; nine great-grandchildren; step-daughters: Barbara Strength, Mavis Dean, Janet (Ron) Wilkinson, Sue (Rick) Bockman, Debbie (Tim) Clark; step-sons: Jerry Sievers and Stacey Lindsey; sisters and brother-in-law: Alice and Burnell Carney, and Barbara Stuart.

**SMITH, Avis L. Skadsheim**, 85, died June 30, 2011. She is survived by two daughters: Susan Monk and Kathryn Diane Pursleyer; two grandchildren: Karen Denice Nunley and Joel Thomas Pursley; and one sister, Eunice Johnston. Services were held July 5, 2011, at Collegedale, TN, Church.

**TAYLOR, Clarence Dean**, 71, born April 21, 1939 in Mayville, MI, died March 31, 2011 in Madison, TN. He was a faithful member of the Cross Plains, TN, Church, where he served as an elder, deacon, and Sabbath School teacher. For many years, he was a home missionary, working in self-supporting institutions in Wildwood, GA, Chunky, MS, and Pegram, TN. He was last employed by Robinette Heating & Air in Springfield, TN. He is survived by his wife, Pearl; two children: Dean (Julie) Taylor Jr. and Karen Taylor; three grandchildren: Kristopher, John, and Cristi; one sister, Carol (Lloyd) Wilson; and other family members. Pastors David Clark and Jeremiah Smart officiated at the memorial service on May 1, at Boulevard Church in Madison.

**ZETTELMEYER, A. Mona H.**, 93, born in Leeds, England, died April 18, 2011. She received her master's degree in biology and zoology in London, England, and later received a master's degree in Boston, MA, in the same field. She was a retired science teacher who worked more than 50 years between the United Kingdom school system in England, and the Cleveland, OH, school system; she later retired from the Lynnfield, MA, school system. She is survived by the Craven family of California; and many friends. Her husband Charles preceded her in death. A memorial

service was held at Hernando, FL, Church.

**ZINKE, Rosalie Mae Haffner-Lee**, 80, born May 12, 1931 in Hooker, OK, died May 14, 2011 in Fletcher, NC. Her parents had a priority of seeing that their five children had a Christian education. Consequently they moved to Keene, TX. She graduated from academy at Southwestern Junior College, and from Union College with a bachelor in religion. She was a member of the Mills River Church. She had been a Bible instructor for more than 50 years. She was also the dean of women at two Seventh-day Adventist academies in California and Nebraska. She worked with Pastor Mark Finley in Chicago, IL, as well as with Dale Pollett in the Carolina Conference. She authored three adult Sabbath School quarterlies, including the July 2011 one. She also wrote several books and articles. Among her most prominent works were *Let Me Tell You about My God*, *Never Far from Grace*, and *Worship*, the companion book for the third quarter. Upon moving to Hendersonville in 1992, she served as a chaplain at Park Ridge Hospital, in Fletcher. She was an executive committee member of the Adventist Theological Society. She was married to Pastor Kenneth Lee for many years; he died in 1996. It is said that wherever they served, the church got two pastors for the price of one. She is survived by her husband, Dr. David Zinke, whom she married in 1999; four siblings: Erma (Jim) Webb of Orlando, FL, Edward L. Haffner of Stockton, CA, Harold L. (Cynthia) Haffner of Rokns, PA, and Carol Ann (Oliver) Hayes of Hendersonville, NC; 14 nieces and nephews; three stepchildren: Ed (Ann) Zinke of Silver Springs, MD, David (Audrey) Zinke of West Covina, CA, and Dan (Jennifer) Zinke of Travelers Rest, SC; seven step-grandchildren; and 15 step-great-grandchildren. Pastor Mark Finley, past speaker for the *It Is Written* television program, was the main speaker for the service.

**ZWIES Ardath Anne Spires**, 75, born July 25, 1935 in Kyger, OH, died Dec. 2, 2010 in Pensacola, Fla. She was a member of University Parkway Church in Pensacola, and a 36-year employee of their Kiddie Korral Day Care Center. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Zwies, and her daughter, Ruth Ann. She is survived by her sons: Msgt. Walter C. Zwies (US Air Force retired) and his wife, Lt. Col. Julie Ferrell Zwies, and Wade C. Zwies and his fiancé, Raeann Arsenaault; two grandchildren: Charles W. and Jessica D. Zwies; one sister, Irma Bales; one brother, Dennis M. Spires; three brothers-in-law: Joseph (Junior) White, Joe Kazora, Teddy (Margaret) Zwies; three sisters-in-law: Patsy Spires, Barbara Zwies (Teddy) Hanus, and Frances Zwies (Victor) Cragnelli; many nieces; nephews; and cousins.

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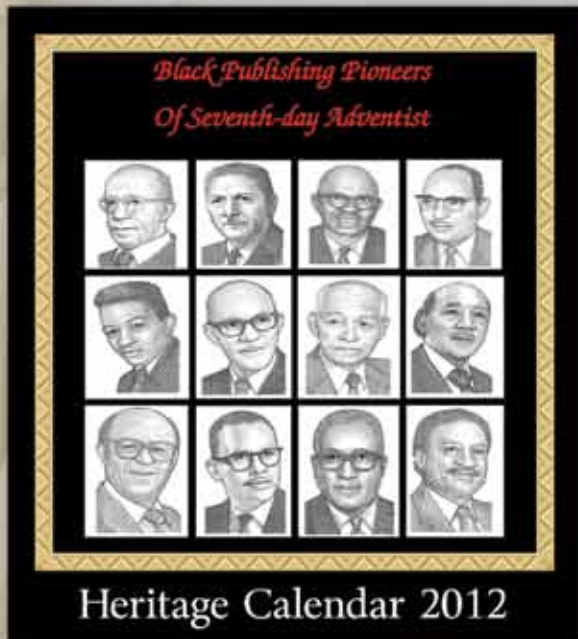
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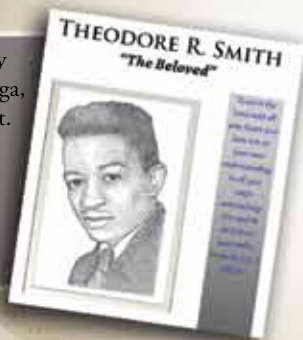


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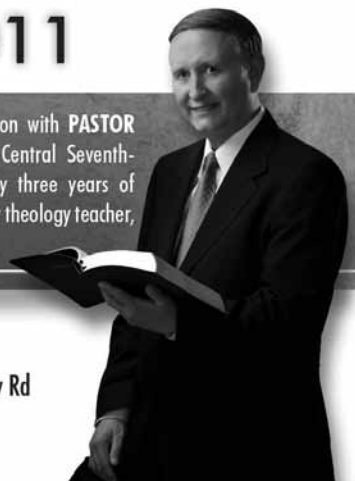
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**Southern Singles Ministries Christmas Celebration Potluck & Program** – Dec. 17 at 1 p.m. Potluck at McDonald Road Church Gym; 6:30 p.m. supper and program at McDonald Road Church Fireside Room. Details: [avocadofiddler@gmail.com](mailto:avocadofiddler@gmail.com) or 423-243-4001.

**Southern Singles Ministries New Year's Celebration** – Dec. 30-Shabbat Shalom; Dec. 31-New Year's Eve Party; Jan. 1-Hike the Walnut Street Bridge, Chattanooga, TN. Details: [avocadofiddler@gmail.com](mailto:avocadofiddler@gmail.com) or 423-243-4001.

**Bowman Hills School Concert Band 25th Anniversary** – Feb. 26. All former members invited to participate in the reunion concert and celebration. Details: [mkorp@gccsda.org](mailto:mkorp@gccsda.org).

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## Carolina

**Walk Through Bethlehem** – Dec. 10, 11. Kernersville, NC. A cast of more than 50 costumed characters, and a variety of live animals help to tell the story of the original meaning of Christmas. Details: [www.kernersvilleadventist.org](http://www.kernersvilleadventist.org).

**Elders' Certification Training** – Dec. 10. Greenville, NC. Topic: Pastoral Duties. Free registration, email [miglesias@carolinasda.com](mailto:miglesias@carolinasda.com).

**Pathfinder Ice Skating** – Dec. 11. Greenville, SC.

**ShareHim Boot Camp** – Dec. 16-18. Conference Office. Learn how to present a ShareHim series. Begins Friday night at 7pm. Lunch and dinner provided on Sabbath. Free registration, email: [miglesias@carolinasda.com](mailto:miglesias@carolinasda.com).

**Pathfinder Council** – Jan. 6, 7. NPR.

**Word of Prophecy Seminar** – Jan. 6-Feb. 11. Kernersville, NC. With Elder Dale Pollett. The series will continue every Fri., Sat., Sun., and Mon. nights through Feb. 11. Details: visit [www.wordofprophecyseminars.com](http://www.wordofprophecyseminars.com).

**Ministerial Workers' Meeting** – Jan. 8-11. NPR.

**Student Week of Prayer** – Jan. 23-27. MPA.

**Romance at the Ranch** – Feb. 10-12. NPR. Spend a romantic weekend with your spouse and be spiritually renewed at the same time! Details: call Jacquie at 704-596-3200.

## Florida

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**Florida Hospital DeLand Support Groups** – Florida Hospital DeLand offers a variety of support groups such as attention deficit disorder,

bereavement, brain injury, celiac disease, diabetes, sleep disorders, and more. Details are available under the "Support Groups" link in the "Patients and Visitors" box at <http://www.fhdeland.org/>

**Personal Evangelism Seminar** – Jan. 3-Feb. 21. Forest Lake Church. Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. A Christ-centered, gift-oriented approach to witnessing and soul winning, presented by Marion Kidder, retired pastor and former director of Atlantic Union College's unique professional training program for Bible instructors. Details: Priscilla Lynn, [discipleship@forestlakechurch.org](mailto:discipleship@forestlakechurch.org) or 407-889-2991.

**Recharge Your Prayer Life.** Two events to experience time in God's presence. Coordinated by North American Division Prayer Ministries and co-sponsored by Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Jan. 7. Tune My Heart Day of Prayer. For the last 16 years, Adventist churches across North America have joined on the first Sabbath of each new year, praying for our countries, our communities, our churches, and our own needy hearts. Event flyer and prayer resources: <http://www.NADPrayerMinistries.org/>

Jan. 12-15. Revolution On Our Knees Prayer Summit. Innisbrook Golf Resort. Guest speakers: Dan Jackson, José Rojas, Jonathon Henderson, Pavel Goia, Jim Moon. Registration: 800-SDA-PLUS (800-732-7587) Ask if you qualify for a partial or full scholarship. Retired Denominational Workers' Retreat – March 16-18. Pine Lake Retreat, Groveland. Guest speaker: Adventist Review Editor Bill Knott. Details: [laura.gonzalez@floridaconference.com](mailto:laura.gonzalez@floridaconference.com) or 407-644-5000 x164.

Forest Lake Academy Alumni Weekend Golf Tournament – March 26. Redtail Golf Club, Sorrento. Breakfast and registration: 7:30 a.m. Shotgun start: 8:30 a.m. Cost: \$125 per golfer or \$400 for prepaid foursome includes lunch and prizes. Company sponsorships available. Details: [lebrunc@forestlake.org](mailto:lebrunc@forestlake.org) or 407-772-3729.

**Greater Miami Adventist Academy Third Annual Golf Tournament** – April 22. Doral

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**Greater Miami Adventist Academy 100th Anniversary Alumni Weekend** – May 18, 19. Greater Miami Adventist Academy. Guest speaker: Carlton Byrd, Breath of Life speaker/director and GMAA alumni. Details: <http://gma.edu/html/alumni09.html>, [ctrevilcock@gma.edu](mailto:ctrevilcock@gma.edu), [cleopatratrevilcock@yahoo.com](mailto:cleopatratrevilcock@yahoo.com), 305-220-5955 x151, or 954-254-9249.

## Georgia-Cumberland

**Pathfinder Teen Leadership Training** – Dec. 2-4. Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.

**Prayer Ministries Day** – Dec. 3. All Nations Church. Atlanta, GA.

**Health and Personal Ministries Leaders Training** – Dec. 3. Stone Mountain, GA.

**Hindal's Messiah Community Sing Along** – Dec. 18. Chattanooga First Church. Collegedale, TN.

## Gulf States

**Executive Committee** – Dec. 13. Conference Office.

**Religious Liberty Retreat** – Jan. 6-8. Camp Alamisco.

**Ministers' Meeting** – Jan. 8-11. Camp Alamisco.

**Pathfinder Council** – Jan. 13-15. Camp Alamisco.

## Kentucky-Tennessee

**Conference Association Board** Dec. 6. Jan. 24. March 13.

**Conference Executive Committee** Dec. 6. Jan. 24. March 13.

**Highland and Madison Academy Boards** Jan. 26. March 15. March 22.

**Ministers' Meeting/Retreat** – Jan. 9-12.

**Board of Education** – Feb. 9. **West Tennessee Festival of Faith** – March 3.

**Eastern Kentucky Camp Meeting** – March 9-10. Prestonsburg, KY.

**Music Festival** – March 5-17. Highland Academy.

## South Atlantic

**Breath of Life Christmas Special on NBC Stations** – Dec. 24. For a list of stations and airdates, call 805-955-7681 or visit [www.breathoflife.tv](http://www.breathoflife.tv).

## Southeastern

**Leadership Summit** – Dec. 9-11. Buena Vista, FL.

**Youth Convocation** – Jan. 27-29. Hawthorne, FL.

## Sunset

	Dec. 4	Dec. 11	Dec. 18	Dec. 25	Jan. 1	Jan. 8
Atlanta, GA	5:29	5:30	5:32	5:36	5:40	5:45
Charleston, SC	5:13	5:14	5:17	5:20	5:24	5:30
Charlotte, NC	5:11	5:12	5:14	5:17	5:22	5:27
Collegedale, TN	5:28	5:29	5:31	5:35	5:39	5:45
Huntsville, AL	4:35	4:36	4:38	4:32	4:46	4:52
Jackson, MS	4:55	4:56	4:59	5:02	5:06	5:12
Louisville, KY	5:23	5:23	5:25	5:29	5:33	5:39
Memphis, TN	4:48	4:49	4:51	4:54	4:59	5:04
Miami, FL	5:30	5:31	5:34	5:37	5:41	5:46
Montgomery, AL	4:40	4:41	4:43	4:47	4:51	4:56
Nashville, TN	4:32	4:33	4:35	4:39	4:43	4:49
Orlando, FL	5:29	5:30	5:32	5:36	5:40	5:45
Wilmington, NC	5:02	5:03	5:05	5:08	5:13	5:18



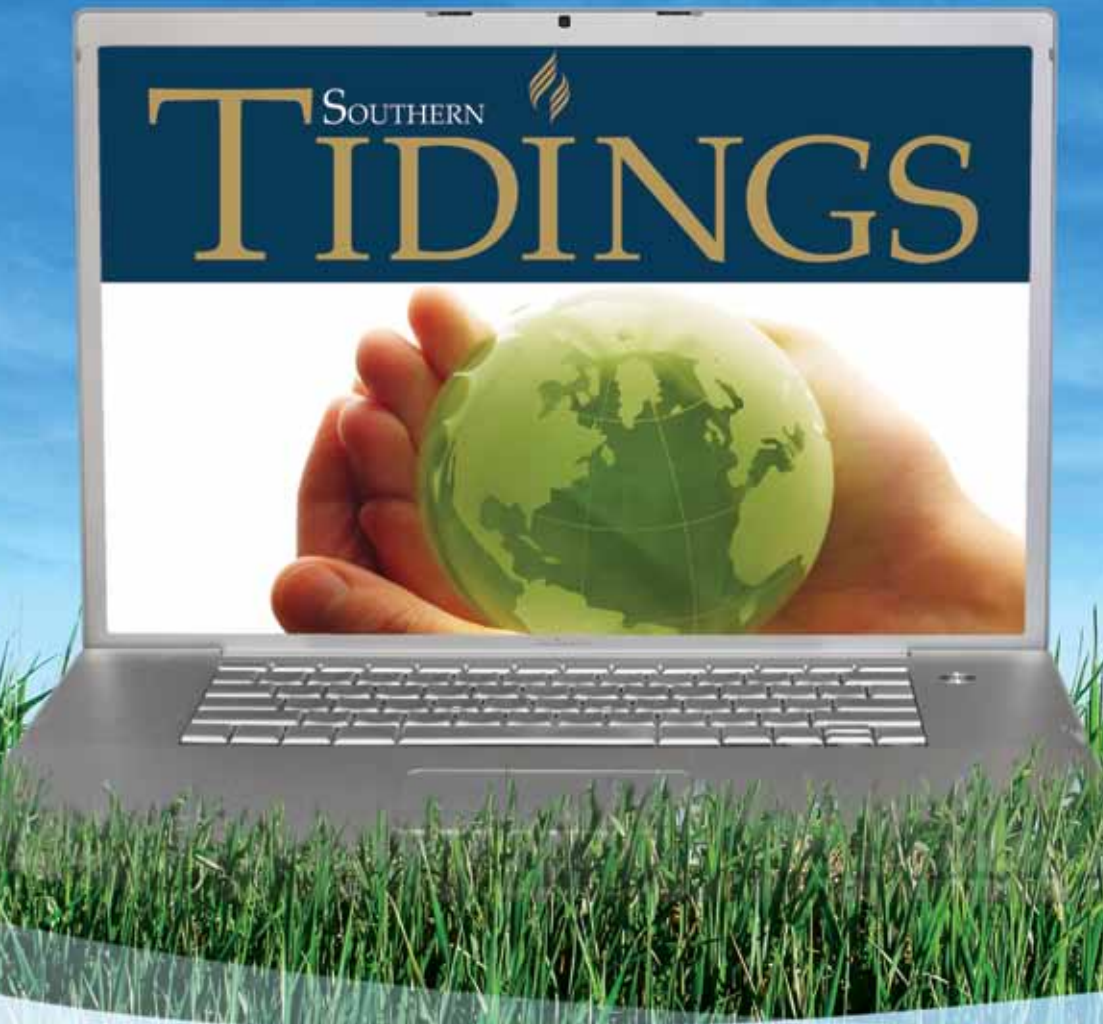
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