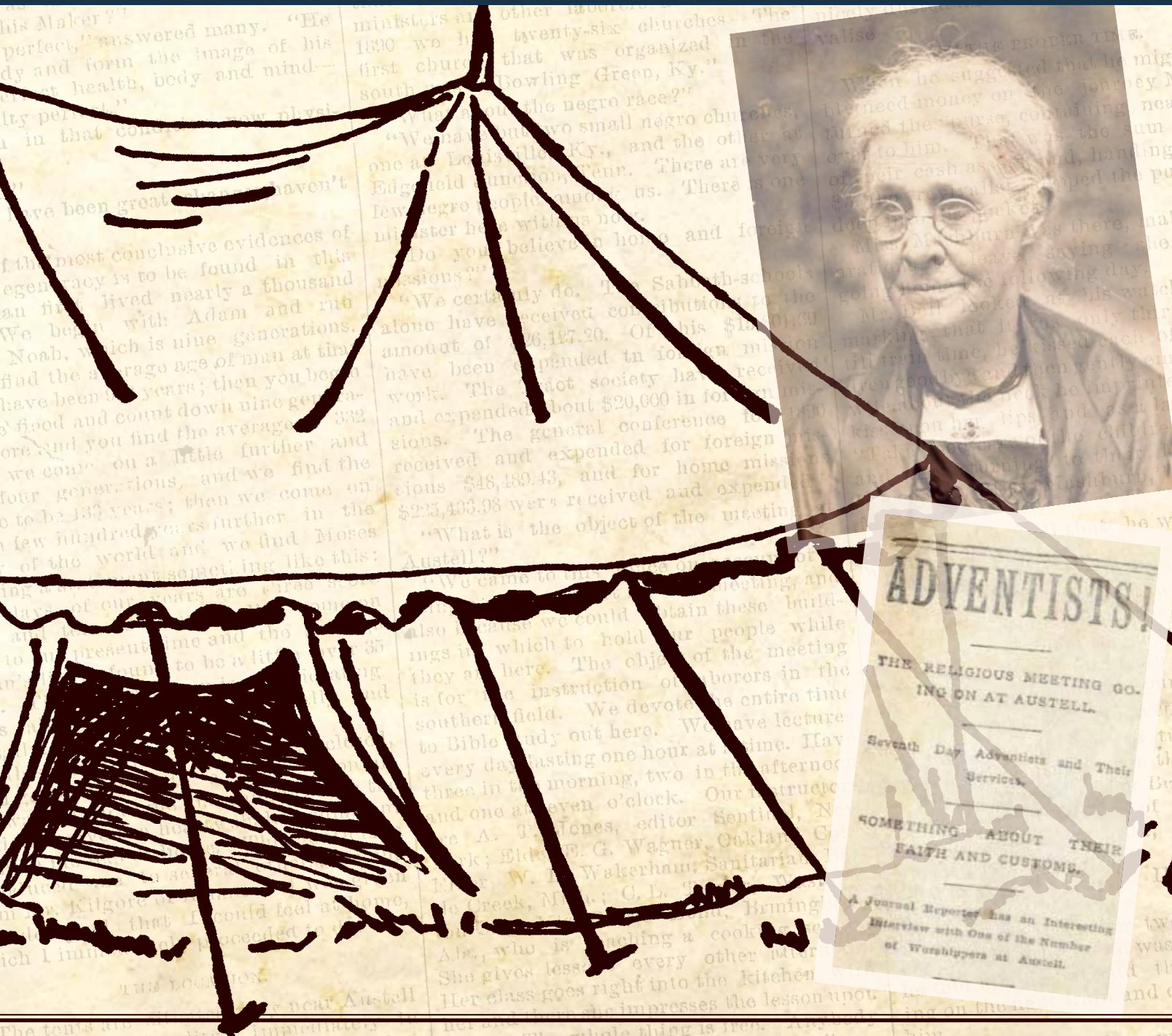


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MEMORIES FROM AN EARLY ADVENTIST CAMP MEETING

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Southern Union Works for Christ, Welcomes New Carolina Conference President

The Southern Union sustains its commitment to inviting our almost 260,000 members to an intimate relationship with Christ; engagement in the work of introducing members to Jesus; and intentionally caring for members of the Church across gender, nationalistic, ethnic, and generational lines. The Southern Union territory is proud to have hosted the North American Division Youth Department's "Just Claim It" Prayer Conference in Greensboro, N.C. Thousands of youth and young adults gathered to pray for a more intimate relationship with our Lord, and for a more powerful and effective youth ministry in North America. There has been dynamic evangelistic activity in Mobile, Alabama, featuring the preaching of Mark Finley, as hundreds of new people have been introduced to Jesus Christ. Ralph Ringer, Jessie Wilson, D.Min., and Southern and Oakwood universities are engaging in evangelistic initiatives to impact Memphis, Tennessee, for Jesus. The Adventist Health System and Florida Hospital continue extending the healing ministry of Christ through "CREATION Health," and intentional partnership with the Florida and Southeastern conferences. There are new and exciting initiatives to impact Tampa, Florida, through the extension of this healing ministry. It gives me a sense of joy to announce that, more than ever, state and regional conferences are working conjointly around evangelistic meetings, youth ministry initiatives, and women's conferences. To God be the Glory!

Leslie D. Louis, former executive secretary for the Gulf States Conference, who served more than five years as executive secretary, is the new president of the Carolina Conference. Louis replaces Jim Davidson, who recently accepted the position of executive secretary for the Southern Union. Before joining the Gulf States Conference, Louis was principal of Madison Academy in Nashville, Tennessee.

During his years at Southern Missionary College, (now Southern Adventist University), he was drawn to the teaching ministry. In 1971-72 he spent a year studying theology and history at Newbold College in England. He completed his B.A. in religion at Southern in 1973. In 1982, he completed a master's degree in education at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

The love of his life, and faithful supporter of his ministry, is his wife, Carole. She is a nurse working for Medical Outreach Ministries. The couple has two adult children, both graduates of Southern Adventist University. Their son, Christopher, along with his fiancée, Rebecka, completed master's degrees in English from Andrews University and are currently teaching English in Korea. Their daughter, Catherine, and her husband, Greg, are physicians in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

We welcome Leslie D. Louis as the 37th president and leader of the Carolina Conference.



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ADVENTISTS!

THE RELIGIOUS MEETING GOING ON AT AUSTELL.

Seventh Day Adventists and Their Services.

SOMETHING ABOUT THEIR FAITH AND CUSTOMS.

A Journal Reporter has an interesting interview with one of the number of worshippers at Austell.

King's Correspondence of The Journal.
Austell, Ga., September 21.—I have often heard and frequently read of the

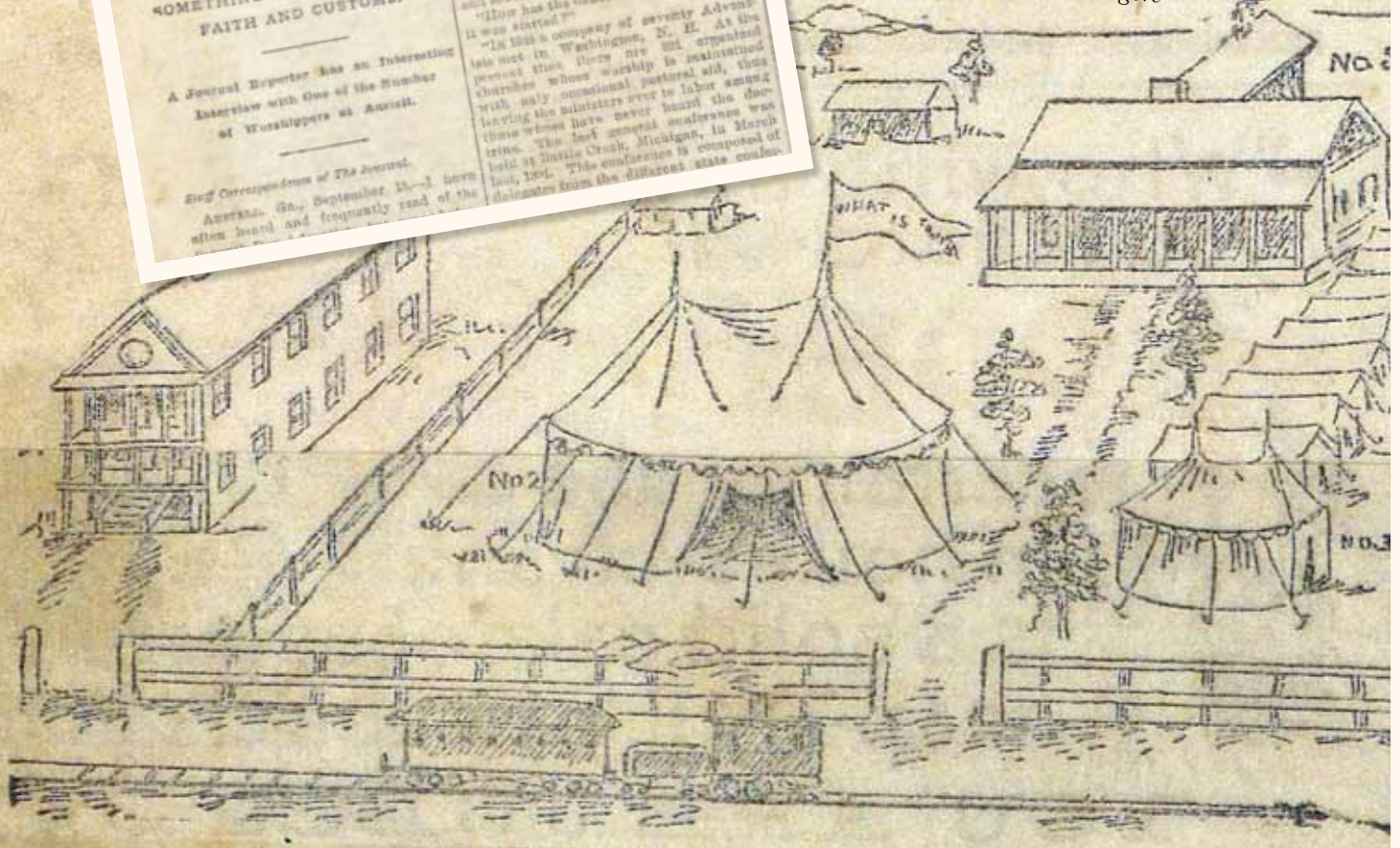
"It originated in its present form in 1845. It was not organized into a conference until 1862. The leading seer in the organization was Elder Joseph Bates, a Bible teacher from the study of the prophecies and took his position that the seventh day of the week is required by the Scriptures and should be observed by all Christians, and especially those that should be prominent in the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Others were mentioned with him. Elder James White was an eminent advocate of the views now held. Elder J. M. Andrews was another prominent part in developing the views which we now hold as a faith. These men were all dead. The wife of Elder J. M. White is still living and has been a prominent worker in this movement from the beginning. She is now on her journey to Australia with her son, Elder W. C. White and several other workers."
"How has the denomination grown since it was started?"
"In 1845 a company of seventy Adventists met in Washington, D. C. At the time that they met were organized churches whose worship is maintained with only occasional pastoral aid, thus leaving the ministers over to labor among those whom have never heard the doctrine. The last general conference was held at Battle Creek, Michigan, in March last, 1891. This conference is composed of delegates from the different state confer-

Sabbath-school contributions to the foreign mission have received in foreign missions and expended."

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Robert Kilgore



THE ADVENTIST CAMP AT AUSTELL.

MEMORIES FROM AN EARLY ADVENTIST CAMP MEETING

By Tom Carter

Can one Camp Meeting make a difference? Recently I found out how much an Austell, Georgia, Camp Meeting, held 121 years ago, meant to my family.

Just last year I realized in a personal way the impact of such Camp Meetings. My cousin, Laverne Kellogg, discovered a newspaper in my aunt's personal effects after her death. It was the September 22, 1891, edition of the *Atlanta Journal Weekly*. It became obvious that this paper had been passed down to my aunt from my great-grandmother, Lou Vansant, who joined the Church the next year, thus becoming the first Adventist in Douglas County, Georgia. In this 1891 newspaper was an article on the Adventist Camp Meeting held just months before she joined the Church.

The article was written by a staff correspondent of the *Atlanta Journal* who had never been to an Adventist meeting before. As you can see by the picture he made a careful drawing of the Camp Meeting held at Austell, Georgia. Shown on the diagram are the sleeping apartments and tents, the boarding hall, the preaching tent, and the book tent. He described favorably the biblical preaching style with an interchange of questions and answers with the audience. He then told of meeting Robert M. Kilgore, who was the first superintendent and then-president of the southern states, which included our present Southern Union plus Louisiana.

Elder Kilgore indicated to the *Journal* correspondent that the Adventist world membership at that time stood at 29,711. He also indicated that in the southern states we had 26 churches and 30 employees, includ-

ing ministers and others. He stated that the first Adventist Church was organized at Bowling Green, Kentucky, and we had only two African-American churches, which were in Louisville, Kentucky, and Edgewood Junction, Tennessee. He was invited to eat a vegetarian meal for the first time. He closed the article: "While the meat was not to be found, I assure you I ate a hearty supper, and enjoyed it very much. Anybody who will visit the Seventh-day Adventists will find them as courteous and hospitable as people can be."¹

Camp Meetings are rooted deeply in the American Religious Experience. "Revivalism [in the 19th century] was most successfully conducted through Camp Meetings. Originating with the Presbyterians, they developed as a Methodist institution."² One of the largest Camp Meetings took place right here in the territory of the Southern Union: "Among the largest Camp Meetings was the sacramental meeting at Cane Ridge, Kentucky, in August, 1801 where about 25,000 people were in atten-

dance, including the Governor."³

Camp Meetings also played an important part in the establishment of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It was during a Camp Meeting at Burton, Maine, that Ellen White gave her young heart to the Lord. Speaking of this experience she wrote: "Soon after this the Camp Meeting closed and we started for home. My mind was full of sermons, exhortations, and prayers we heard....The trees were more beautiful and the birds sang more sweetly than ever before; they all seemed to be praising the Creator in their songs."

Ellen White was in a few



Lou Vansant

weeks to be baptized by immersion at the age of 14.⁴

In 1842, the same year Ellen White was baptized, the Millerite movement conducted its first Camp Meetings.⁵ Leroy Froom describes the use of Camp Meetings in the Great Advent Movement:

“And giant Camp Meetings, together with tent, grove, and tabernacle meetings, began to herald the imminent advent in stentorian tones in the 1843 and 1844. Multiplied thousands now openly declared themselves to be Adventists in expectation. Ministers by the score, some quite prominent, and coming from all the leading denominations, augmented the swelling chorus until its overtones could be heard all over the land, and even across the seas. It had become an amazing movement for the time — 50,000 to 100,000 comprising the loyal core — with some 500 preachers and 1,500 public lecturers proclaiming its urgent message to all men everywhere.”⁶

Five years after the organization of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the General Conference took the following action: “Resolved, that this Conference

recommend to our people to hold a general Camp Meeting annually at the time of the sessions of our business associations.”⁷ From the very beginning, Camp Meetings offered not only spiritual help and instruction to members, but especially *in the 19th century were evangelistic in nature aimed at the community.*⁸ Partly as a result of the 1891 Camp Meeting, scores of us, Lou Vansant’s descendants are members of the Adventist Church today, not to mention the many more who are resting from their labors. Since then hundreds of other Camp Meetings in the Southern Union have impacted thousands of lives. In examining the archives of the *Atlanta Constitution*, I found the evidence of such Camp Meetings. The following are a few samples: A July 27, 1889, article tells of perhaps the first Adventist Camp Meeting in the Southern Union. The headline is, “The Seventh-day Adventists and the Sabbath — A Minister of the Church Talks of the Persecutions They Have to Undergo — They will hold Camp Meetings.”⁹ Then it details the harassment of members who are suspected of violating Sunday Blue

Laws, especially in Georgia, Tennessee, and Pennsylvania.

A July 21, 1912, headline: “Adventists Will Hold Conference - Delegates From All Over State To Meet At Barnesville” [Georgia].¹⁰ The following two articles show Camp Meetings were often combined with the election of officers. An August 4, 1913, article says, “Georgia Adventists Meet At Fort Valley [Georgia] — Annual Camp Meeting and Conference Is Being Held In City Of Tents.”¹¹ And a September 3, 1915 article reports on a Camp Meeting at Union City, Georgia: “Willess Re-Elected To Head Adventists — Great Crowds Throng Conference — Camp Meeting Daily.”¹² An August 6, 1913, article also indicates young people were remembered by a special Camp Meeting Day. The headline stated, “Young Folks’ Revival Held By Adventists.”¹³

Atlanta newspapers even refer to a couple of Camp Meetings in other states. An August 19, 1927, article tells of the Lord’s protection over what could have been a tragedy. The headline read, “Woman Struck by Lightning, Lightly Shocked.”¹⁴ It goes

on to tell how this woman was preparing for Adventist Camp Meeting, with her pastor husband, in Charlotte, N.C. The article continues, “Mrs. Lanier, sitting on the bed, was struck by the bolt which rent her clothing, ripped the bedding and mattress, and tore off the foot of the bed. Physicians attending her tonight characterized her escape from fatal injury as a ‘miracle.’”¹⁵ Finally, it was reported June 2, 1962, that Elder Silas McClamb [who died at 99 in 2010] would speak at the Atlanta-Berean Adventist Church because the pastor, Harold L. Cleveland, was speaking at the South Central Camp Meeting held in Huntsville, Alabama.¹⁶

Adventist Camp Meetings have a rich heritage. Starting in the 19th century they were instruments with strong evangelistic empha-



Lou Vansant’s daughter’s family: Her name was Carie Orelia (Vansant) Woods; she is seated with her husband, Ed Woods. All of their family were either members or attended the Adventist Church. Lou Vansant also had two other children who were Seventh-day Adventists: Sallie Mae (Vansant) Franklin and Paul Henley Vansant. In the picture, I am being held by my father on the right, and Laverne Kellogg is the baby in the center. All four descendants of Lou Vansant who received a copy of the 1891 *Atlanta newspaper*, are in this picture.

sis. They continue as a great source of spiritual enrichment to the members in the various sections of the Southern Union. They also provide an excellent opportunity to invite our non-Adventist friends to share in this rich experience.

Tom Carter is Southern Union planned giving and trust services director.

¹ The Atlanta Journal Weekly, September 22, 1891.

² Lars P. Qualben, A History of the Christian Church, Thomas Nelson & Sons, New York (1942) p. 542.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ellen G. White, Christian Experience and Teachings of Ellen G. White (1922) pp. 19, 20.

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These descendants of Lou Vansant were present at the Centennial of the Douglasville, Georgia, Adventist Church in 2009. Laverne Kellogg, who found the article on the 1891 Adventist Camp Meeting, is seated on the far right.

⁷ Review and Herald, 31:356, May 26, 1868.

⁸ See Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia, Commentary Series number 10, Washington, (1966) pp. 193, 194

⁹ The Atlanta Constitution (1881-1943) July 27, 1889.

¹⁰ Ibid, July 21, 1912.

¹¹ Ibid, August 4, 1913.

¹² Ibid, September 3, 1915.

¹³ Ibid, August 6, 1913.

¹⁴ Ibid, August 19, 1927.

¹⁵ Ibid

¹⁶ Atlanta Daily World, (1932-2003), June 2, 1962.

CAROLINA CAMP MEETING MEMORIES



Carolina Conference Camp Meeting in 1920



Carolina Conference Camp Meeting in 1947

AHS's Conference on Mission

FOCUSES ON CREATION HEALTH

BY JULIE ZAIBACK

As a mission-centered organization, Adventist Health System sets aside time each year to reflect and collaborate on the guiding force behind our work — our mission. The 22nd annual Conference on Mission took place on March 1-3, 2012, in Lake Mary, Florida, and was attended by more than 250 delegates from Adventist Health System facilities, Seventh-day Adventist union conferences, and churches. This year's theme, "CREATION Health: Blessings and Bridges," focused on the possibilities and opportunities inherent in this philosophy as we continue to seek to improve the lives of those we serve. This theme resonated from the start of the conference to the culmination, when Daniel Jackson, president of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, blessed attendees with a restorative Sabbath sermon.

The conference commenced on Thursday evening with the opening session and banquet. The *Benjamin F. Reaves Keynote Address* was presented by Charles Sandefur, vice president of mission and community development for Adventist Health Central Valley Network, on the connection of faith and health. Individuals from Adventist Health System were honored at the evening's award ceremony for services and efforts that demonstrate our mission to extend the healing ministry of Christ.

The Crystal Angel Award — ac-



David Watson (center, left), from Manchester Memorial Hospital, received the Community Service Award, presented by Don Livesay (left), board chairman of Adventist Health System; Dennis Meyers, president of Manchester Memorial Hospital; and Don Jernigan, president of Adventist Health System.



Robyn Edgerton (center), from Florida Hospital Orlando, received the Christian Service Award, presented by Don Livesay (left), board chairman of Adventist Health System; Lars Houmann, president of Florida Hospital; and Don Jernigan, president of Adventist Health System.

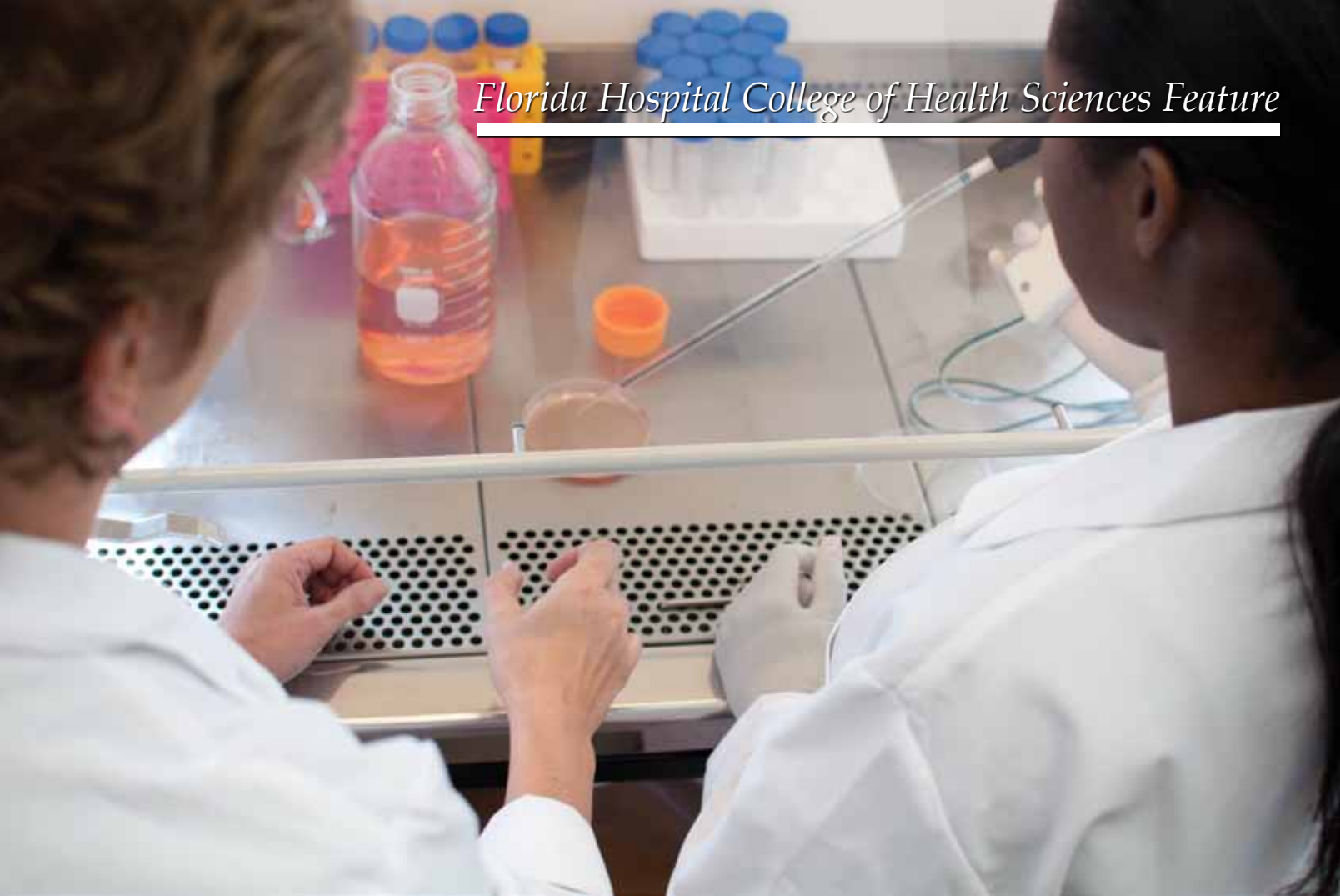
knowledging individuals for their significant contributions to the advancement of the Adventist health care mission and leadership in specific mission-related achievements, projects, and programs, as well as overall spiritual leadership — was presented to Tim Cook from Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center

and Terry Shaw from Adventist Health System's corporate office. The Christian Service Award — highlighting individuals who provide an outstanding Christian example through compassionate service to others — was awarded to Robyn Edgerton from Florida Hospital Orlando and Ted Hamilton, M.D., from Adventist Health System's corporate office. The Community Service Award — recognizing individuals who have made a positive impact on improving the quality of life in the community they serve — was presented to Robyn Sandin, M.D., from Chippewa Valley Hospital and David Watson from Manchester Memorial Hospital.

The Friday working session was dedicated to the business strategy, health promotion, and success stories of CREATION Health. The conference theme carried into the Friday night Vespers program where stories about the impact of CREATION Health were shared. A musical performance by Margie Salcedo Rice complemented the evening program.

Sabbath worship began with an engaging lesson by Ted Hamilton, M.D., focusing on the CREATION Health experience. Dan Jackson closed the conference with a restorative Sabbath sermon titled, "Community of Grace." Attendees left this year's Conference on Mission inspired to weave CREATION Health into the fabric of their lives, and the lives of those they serve.

Julie Zaiback, senior communications specialist, Adventist Health System.



Students Research Cure for Cancer

BY RAINEY PARK

With funds from a Florida Hospital grant, Sue Baker, Ph.D., and her health and biomedical sciences students at Florida Hospital College are researching a cure for cancer. Their study is based on the hypothesis that a recently discovered protein called TWEAK enables cancer tumors to grow blood vessels, and that if blocked, cancer cells could potentially die.

“Working on the project is a thrilling experience because it’s basically a big puzzle,” says Weston Snell, junior biomedical sciences major. “You never know what you’re going to find when you open up the incubator.”

For the past seven months, Baker has focused on teaching students how to grow cells, perform experi-

ments, and prepare slides for microscopic analysis.

“We have to watch the cells so carefully that we’ve taken to affectionately calling them our babies,” Snell says. “If someone sees your cells aren’t doing well, they’ll say, ‘Hey, your babies are dying.’”

How It All Works

In order to survive, tumors send messages to healthy blood vessels asking for nutrient hook-ups. Blood vessels respond by forming a vast network that feeds and grows tumors. If their experiments reveal TWEAK is the message-bearer, students will move into a second level of research, exploring ways to starve cancer by intercepting these messages.

“Having this opportunity to understand at the cellular level exactly how the body responds to medications is going to give our students a huge advantage when they go on to practice medicine,” Baker says.

It also sharpens their critical thinking by requiring them to constantly evaluate data, modify procedures, and make decisions based on unexpected results.

“Suddenly I think like a scientist,” says Lou Santiago, junior biomedical sciences major. “I’m more analytical and detail-oriented than I’ve ever been before.”

Though the grant ends in five months, the project will continue.

“Research is never finished,” Baker says. “It’s just due.”



MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL ADDED AT COHUTTA SPRINGS

TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER

Rob Lang, Cohutta Springs Youth Camp director, has undertaken another new project for summer camp, a six-mile mountain bike trail.

“Cohutta Springs has 750 acres of unbelievable beautiful property,” said Lang. “A lot of it has to do with hills, mountain and streams, and forest. Its extremely beautiful, but it is also beautiful because it is pretty rough. It is difficult to get out and see a lot of it, so for a number of reasons this trail has been on my to-do list for six to seven years.”

Lang says there are three reasons for building the Cohutta Springs Trail Project: One, to open the door to the beauty of the Cohutta wilderness. Two, Cohutta Springs Youth Camp has an environment for exercise and well being, and it goes well with the “Fit for Life” program offered each summer. It will also reintroduce the summer mountain bike program. And three, there is a strong nature emphasis at camp, and they plan to label trees, plants, and fauna in the near future.

The Cohutta Springs Trail Project is possible due to the donations of anonymous donors, and has a bud-



Rob Lang talks with Andy Sowell, trail dozer operator. Lang is coordinating the six-mile mountain bike trail soon to be available at Cohutta Springs.

get of \$30,000. “We are designing the trail so that up to 80 percent of the population can ride mountain bikes, with three to five percent overall slope which is considered beginner type trails,” said Lang.

Jim Johnson, civil engineer, helped Lang with the trail layout. Lang marked the trail with flags, and a group of volunteers came through with chain saws to clear away fallen trees. “We were able to save virtually all of our mature trees. We are tree lovers,” said Lang. “Once the corridor is cut, the trail dozer comes in.” Lang and

Eric Bray, recreation director at Cohutta Springs Conference Center, have worked to smooth out the trail operating a mini excavator and mini skid steer. The key, says Lang, is to create the trail so water drains naturally.

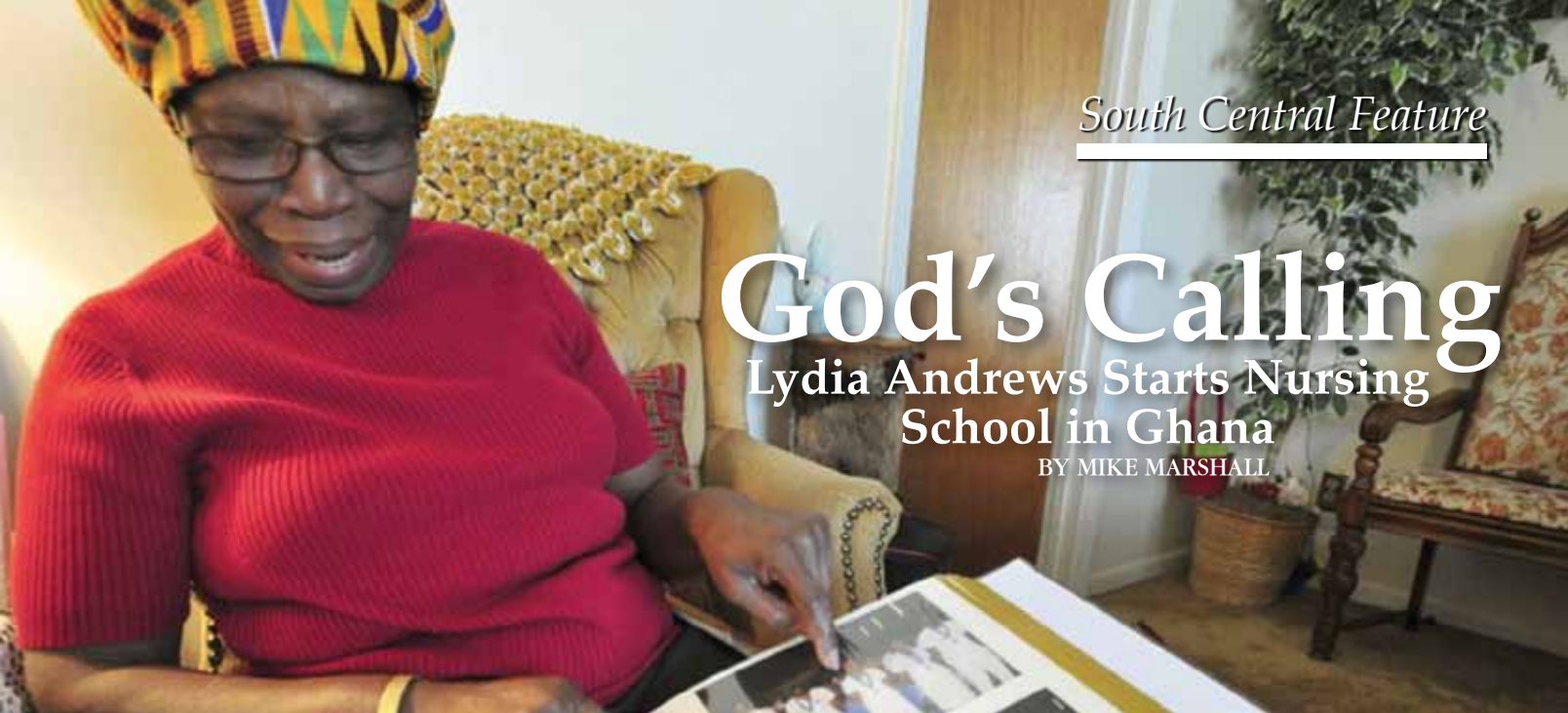
According to Olivier Lemaître, Cohutta Springs Conference Center executive director, the mountain bike trail will be available to guests and visitors who bring their own mountain bikes. “A fee will be charged to the trail users, simply to keep the trails up and improve the quality of this system. An annual pass may also be offered,” said Lemaître. The trail will be available in May for use.



God's Calling

Lydia Andrews Starts Nursing School in Ghana

BY MIKE MARSHALL



Lydia Andrews, Ph.D., is a member of the Oakwood University Church family. Her calling has helped relieve some suffering in Ghana. With God's help, she has accomplished something marvelous for humanity.

The following article is an example of our members in action outside of their normal church responsibilities. Lydia Andrews, Ph.D., was featured in The Huntsville Times, January 30, 2012, for her work in Ghana. She is a member of the Oakwood University Church, Huntsville, Alabama. The article, reprinted with permission, was originally entitled, 'Calling' Leads Woman to Start Nursing School.

There were challenges. Oh, there were challenges. There were, for starters, the almost unthinkable challenges that come with being a nurse in Ghana. There's malaria, perhaps the biggest challenge, and childhood diseases. There are so many childhood diseases, in fact, that many children don't make it to their fifth birthday. There is also typhoid because of poor water quality in rural areas, and there is dehydration, diarrhea, and worm infestation.

"A lot of education is necessary when the students go out to the communities," Andrews said. "They do health talks with mothers. The parents don't see the need for taking care of the children — for sanitary conditions. They are so busy with everyday kinds of things to survive."

The health talks came in the community health nursing courses, part of the curriculum designed by Andrews when she started the nursing department at Valley View University, a

Seventh-day Adventist-affiliated school in Ghana.

Andrews received the offer to start the nursing program at Valley View in 2005. In November 2006, she moved to Ghana. "We had to start the buildings from the ground up," she said. "Everything was [from] scratch."

She stayed at Valley View for about three years, overseeing the construction of new buildings, the new curriculum, and new students.

Recently, Andrews returned to Ghana for the graduation of the first nursing class at Valley View University. There were 15 graduates — 11 women and four men. "I feel very accomplished," she said. "I feel I have accomplished a great deal to relieve suffering [in] humanity."

She Saw the Need

There were also challenges that came with being a woman in her 60's, and starting a new nursing school in a country that was unfamiliar to her. She had been to Kenya in the late 1990's to teach midwifery at the University of Eastern Africa. Starting a new nursing school in Ghana, though, was something altogether different. "We were just getting settled here [after Kenya]," she said.

In February 2006, Andrews went to Ghana to meet with the board of nursing at Valley View and to check out

the surroundings, trying to decide if she should become the head of the nursing school.

"It has to do with what goes along with the calling," she said. "How will it affect your family, your way of life? I saw the need. And when I saw I was available, I said, 'Why not?'"

There were labs to be built and a new library. Johnson & Johnson, legendary maker of healthcare products, chipped in with a \$50,000 donation for a lab for nurses to practice.

"It was challenging because it's so different from what we're doing here, as far as what's required," Andrews said. "At Valley View, there was no science department. It was tough because we had to design their own chemistry and microbiology courses, and anatomy and physiology courses — and to find people to teach them."

The first classes began in August 2007. Thirty-five students comprised the initial wave of Valley View nursing students — 15 remained when the first graduates received their diplomas in November.

Today, Andrews said the nursing school enrollment has grown to almost 150. "I feel God was leading me in the right direction when He called me to midwifery," she said.

Mike Marshall is a staff writer at The Huntsville Times.

Oakwood University President Plans Pastoral Approach to Campus Leadership

BY KAY CAMPBELL

He's an English professor, author, and college administrator with an M.B.A. and a background in healthcare administration.

He's an Oakwood University alumnus, husband to another, father to two more, and former pastor of the campus church.

But, Leslie N. Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., who was inaugurated Oct. 16, 2011, as the 11th president in the 115-year history of Oakwood University, says his most important qualification is that of chaplain-in-chief to the 2,006 students from 40 countries.

"I suggested, and the Trustees approved, adding 'Chief Spiritual Officer' to the official description of my duties," Pollard, 55, said last week in a wide-ranging conversation with *The Huntsville Times* in his modest office.

That conversation included his wife, Prudence LaBeach Pollard, Ph.D., a former nutritionist who holds a doctorate in educational and group assessment. She teaches in the business department and is an associate vice president for faculty development.

Since the couple's arrival in January, she developed and administered a campus-wide poll of students to get a clearer picture of their personal spiritual practices and how the university helped support those.

"I felt someone has to be responsible for keeping

this faith-based institution on mission," said Pollard, who succeeded Delbert Baker, Ph.D., who was called to be a general vice president for the world church. "It's a new paradigm."

Pollard's re-alignment of duties will shift the campus chaplains so that they answer directly to him. Pollard will also add two new chaplains, bringing the chaplain's staff to three full-time chaplains on duty for the students and staff.

Oakwood was founded by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in the post-Civil-War period for the education of former slaves. The college itself is laid out on land that includes the plantation that the slave Dred Scott worked before his master took him to Missouri

and into the swirl of events that would lend his name to a divisive court decision about the agency of slaves in a free state.

Pollard's duty as a Christian leader and as a Seventh-day Adventist, one who believes without question in the soon and literal return of Jesus, is not to retreat from the world, he said, but to work harder to lead the campus community toward God's ideal.

"People who believe in the End Times have a great responsibility to help people find meaning, to serve others, and to make the world a better place," Pollard said. "Part of the power of the apocalypse is to re-cast reality, to take you back to the Book (the Bible), and to inspire you to live your life forward with the perspective of God's vision."

"Growing the University to his ideal of about 3,500 students with a worldwide online presence will take both," Pollard said.

"Our 70 Days of Power are about returning us to our roots," Pollard said, referring to the 70-day prayer emphasis on campus and also to Oakwood's role in educating black students, who still graduate in the U.S. at a rate half that of whites, and centrally to Oakwood's role in training Adventist Christian leaders.

"We have to ask: 'Why are we here? What are we doing that no one else can do? Can we do it better?'" Pollard said. "If we keep the identity of the institution central, I have to believe that has value and people will want to participate in that experience." (Reprinted with permission)

Kay Campbell is Faith & Values editor at The Huntsville Times.



Leslie and Prudence Pollard

Cancer Fight Teaches Oakwood University Student Dependence on God

BY KAY CAMPBELL

Some people, it seems, you can get a sense of the moment you hear their voice or see their face. For me, meeting Oakwood University psychology major and cancer survivor Laurie Smith, even over the telephone, was like that. Her love and faith seem to shine from her face. Here is her testimony.

Name: Lauretta Smith (but most people call me “Laurie”), 19.

Hometown: Port Charlotte, Florida.

Currently: A freshman psychology major at Oakwood University, volunteer at Oakwood University Child Development Lab, and a student literature evangelist. Being a literature evangelist means I work with the Literature Evangelistic Training Center, witnessing to others about the love of Christ and his Gospel of salvation.

What your work teaches you: I realized God’s love for me and how my relationship with Him works. All the infants at the daycare service have to depend on one of the volunteers to do most things for them.

Some don’t understand the principle of sharing, others are not old enough to read on their own – and the biggest help yet others need is to go higher on the swing.

My relationship with God is the same. His love is conveyed the same way that a teacher would give help to a child.

Tough time your faith helped you get through: At the age of 16, I had cancer. After doctors removed the tumor, I was left with limited sight,

speech, and my motor skills are still affected.

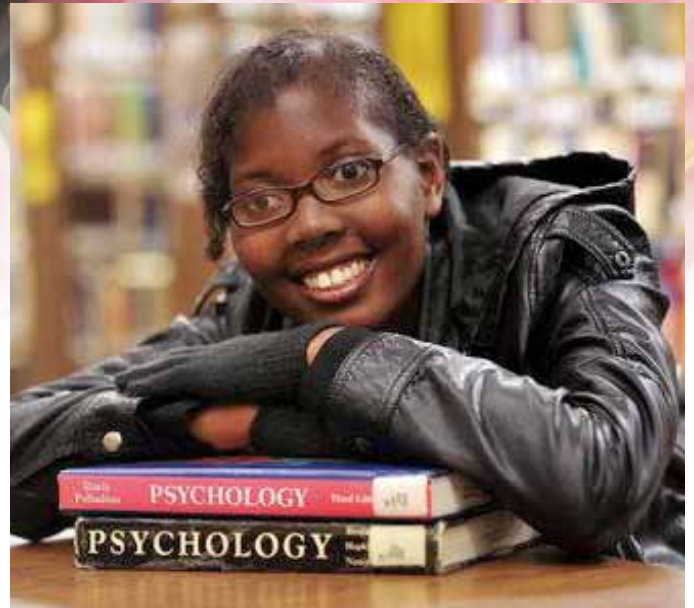
It was during that time that I had to depend on others to do most things for me.

My life went something like this: When I could not walk, my mother and father had to push me in a wheelchair. When I could not see, I had to depend on others to lead me. When I could not pray for myself,

I had to depend on my home church in Florida; fellow members in Bermuda, Canada; students at Andrews University; the youth pastor and members of the Tampa First Church; and the prayers of the people around me and the various church members of the D2L at Forest Lake Academy, which I attended at that time.

Enduring lesson from that time: Now that I am three years clear of cancer, I am still dependent on God to fulfill all of my needs. I figure that I am only here in this world because I depended so much on others and God. What could make me think that I don’t need Him anymore?

How you deal with stress: At this point in the school year, most



Laurie Smith, Oakwood University freshman, overcame cancer as a teenager, a struggle that taught her lessons of faith.

students complain about the stress they have trying to finish their freshman year with at least a 2.5 GPA. I don’t know about anyone else, but I know I can’t achieve that on my own without the help and grace of God. When I am dealing with stress, I just can’t do anything else but trust in Him. That’s what we all need to do: “Let go and Let God,” as DeWayne Woods says.

A favorite verse: Do not be afraid or terrified of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you,” Deuteronomy 31:6.

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Florida Hospital Heartland Division President Receives Patriotic Employer Award

Tim Cook, president and CEO of Florida Hospital Heartland Division, Sebring, Fla., was awarded the Department of Defense's Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve "Patriotic Employer Award" by Bud Wallen of the ESGR on January 26, 2012. Cook

was nominated for the award by Lt. Col. Army Reserve Cary Pigman, M.D., former emergency services director, who recently re-



Tim Cook (left), Florida Hospital Heartland president and CEO, receives the Patriotic Employer Award from Bud Wallen (center), ESGR Committee chairman, and Lt. Col. Cary Pigman, M.D. (right), flanked by the Avon Park High School ROTC.

turned from serving in Iraq with the Army Reserve.

"At all times Mr. Cook has singularly and enthusiastically supported my Army Reserve Service. He

worked closely with me before my deployment to plan for coverage and response to contingencies in my absence. Through all of this he demonstrated a remarkable grace and good humor despite the difficulties and facility hardships consequent to my absence. He was instrumental in arranging a hospital-wide, wonderfully well-received, celebratory send-off at the start of my deployment. He has already anticipated my demobilization, ensuring my return to the organization in an active, fulfilling and challenging role. This is all in keeping with Mr. Cook's well-established practice

and dedication to service to the greater community," Pigman said in his nomination of Cook.

"For these reasons, and many others, he has earned my greatest respect and admiration. Our Reserve Forces of the United States of America are as dependent on these men and women who are key leaders in our civilian work place as we are on our spouses. Timothy W. Cook should be strongly and rightfully considered for the highest recognition offered for his unwavering and absolute support of the United States Army Reserve," continued Pigman.

—BY TIFFANY BENDER

Emory-Adventist Rededicates Hospital with Circle of Prayer

Emory-Adventist Hospital, Smyrna, Ga., rededicated the hospital on February 24, 2012, and invited the community to come out to pray for the patients, employees, and the community. Instead of their standard service in

the hospital, Casey Leno, chaplain, invited members of the community and churches in the area to form a "Circle of Prayer" around the hospital.

Leno addressed the community at the event: "We rededicate this hos-

pital every year to our mission, which is to extend the healing ministry of Christ. This year we really want to make a point from here on out to really connect to our

community by reaching out to you guys. Clearly, that's why you're here. You are the community. You are our hospital."

Attendees circled the hospital and held hands in prayer. Church ministers from many different denominations of 19 churches from around the area led groups of individuals in prayer. While the extended hands of more than 250 people didn't quite circle the 1,200-foot circumference of the hospital, the groups continued their prayer vigil by walking around the hospital and

continuing to pray.

"We felt that this was a nice combination of being able to get rededicated, and get people from the community praying for the staff and patients of the hospital," said Dennis Kiley, chief executive officer.

"This is an example of what Heaven is going to be like," said Moses Edwards, pastor of Shiloh Church in Smyrna, Ga., when he saw the diverse group at the event. "All of God's children coming together for a common cause."

—BY STEPHANIE HAYES



Florida Hospital Performs Central Florida's First Heart Transplant

Last week, Edwin Arce, 49, woke up in his hospital bed surrounded by doctors and nurses.

"I thought, I am either going to die or I am getting a heart today," Arce recalled, reflecting on the moment just before learning he was going to be the first patient to receive a heart transplant in central Florida.

For Arce, it has been seven weeks of waiting for a donor, and years of heart problems that got him to this point.

"My life consisted of walking from the bed to the couch," said Arce. "That literally wore me out. I had no quality of life before now."

For the transplant team at Florida Hospital, Orlando, Fla., it has been four years of paperwork, training, and preparation before the moment finally arrived, just before



Heart transplant patient Edwin Arce is excited about receiving a new heart just prior to being rolled into the operating room.

Valentine's Day.

"We applied to the state for permission to perform heart transplants in 2008," said Lars Houmann, president and CEO of Florida Hospital. "Since that

day we have been putting the team together to make this a reality. Having a heart transplant program here in central Florida is vital because it allows patients to get these high-level cardiovascular services close to home."

Approximately 150 members of the Florida Hospital Transplant Institute and the Florida Hospital Cardiovascular Institute had a role to play in the care of Edwin Arce. "This

truly was a team effort between doctors, nurses, anesthesia, emergency responders, and many more," said Donald Botta, M.D., associate surgical director of Cardiac Transplant and Mechanical Circulatory Support Programs. "It was orchestrated flawlessly with fantastic results for the patient."

"It is such a blessing to be able to have your family around you at a time like this," said Arce. I am not sure what I would have done without them for all these weeks. My children and wife were able to visit me regularly. If I had to go far away, that would not have been possible."

—BY JENNIFER ROBERTS



Donald Botta, M.D., and the heart transplant surgical team, perform central Florida's first heart transplant.

IT Department Donates Computer Lab to Elementary School



Students at Forest City Adventist School received the gift of 36 computers, desks, and chairs from the IT department at Florida Hospital College.

Forest City Adventist School was the proud recipient of 36 flat screen computers, desks, and chairs, donated and installed by Florida Hospital College's Department of Information Technology (IT) on Febru-

ary 28, 2012.

The gift came after the College decided to disassemble its computer lab, since laptops are now a requirement for all students. Not wanting the three-year-old computers to go to waste, IT researched the technology needs of local Adventist schools and selected Forest City to receive the equipment.

"It was an answer to a prayer I didn't even dare

pray," Alipia Gonzalez, Forest City principal says. "The computers we had before didn't even have CD slots because they didn't make CD's when those computers were made."

The new computers now reside in classrooms, on teachers' desks, and in the library computer lab, where students are already using them for English and math practice activities.

—BY RAINEY PARK

Alumni Inspire Students at Nursing Convocation

Nearly 300 hundred students gathered for nursing convocation at Florida Hospital Church on Friday, February 10, 2012. The annual program is an opportunity for them to put aside thoughts of tests and clinicals, and focus instead on the bigger mission of their profession, says Jan Preston, Department of Nursing chair.

This year's event featured talks by Pumla Johnson, Sharon Cooper, and Garry Howard — all

alumni of Florida Hospital College's Department of Nursing. Each shared recollections of trials and successes as students, and told stories of moments on the job that renew their motivation for nursing.

"As you enter a patient's room, you are standing on



Nursing students wash each other's hands in an act of loving service and humility during nursing convocation.

holy ground," Preston said. "God's spirit is with your

caregiving."

Near the end of the program, students ceremoniously washed each other's hands and dedicated them in service to God.

"It was beautiful," says Lidermi Suarez, second-year nursing major. "It made me feel closer to my classmates, and is definitely something I'll remember and talk about in years to come."

—BY RAINEY PARK

College Receives Million-Dollar Gift for Nursing Scholarships

In February 2012, Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences received a \$1 million legacy gift from Louisa Bussing.

Though Mrs. Bussing never set foot on the College campus, she was well

acquainted with its mission and ministry. When her husband, Fred, was a patient at Florida Hospital, the nursing staff's daily kindness left a deep impression. Years later, as she was planning her estate, Bussing decided

she wanted to help more students become nurses.

"She was always a very giving person," says Bussing's friend, Sandra Lundquist. "Quiet, independent, loyal. She lived a modest life, but was a wise

investor."

When Bussing passed away on November 11, 2011, she also left gifts for cancer, heart, and diabetes treatment and research at Florida Hospital.

—BY RAINEY PARK

Lighthouse Members Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Lighthouse Church, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., members celebrated their 25th anniversary on November 19, 2011. Hubert Morel, Southeastern Conference president, was truly under the influence of the Holy Spirit during the celebration service. With his sermon titled, "Let's Go Fishing," the atmosphere was amazing, the singing inspiring, and the fellowship abounding in love. The members were strengthened and encouraged by the Holy Spirit! Morel emphasized that all need to go fishing for souls, because their duty is to be on God's business. He further reiterated that they should plead to God for His divine power as they seek to win souls for Christ. In his sermon, he related the story of the disciples who had fished all night but caught nothing; however, they were instructed by Jesus to, "Throw your net on the right side

of the boat." As they obeyed, the disciples caught so much fish, that they were unable to pull the net into the boat. Morel wanted the members to realize that Jesus is the miracle-working God when the Holy Spirit operates on the hearts of men and women, and wins souls for the eternal Kingdom. He encouraged the congregation to come to Jesus just as they are, and He will apply His cleansing blood to prepare them for His Kingdom.

He further stated that their role is to show love and concern for the new converts, and help them to develop a reason to remain in the Church; however, he reminded everyone that



Hubert Morel, Southeastern president, preached during the 25th anniversary celebration at Lighthouse Church, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

God makes the final decision about who comes and who goes. He speaks to the fact that everything we do should allow us to grow in the Kingdom of God. Morel explains that if the Church could not recognize the power of Jesus Christ as a friend, then the Church has lost its power and influence. All were encouraged not to look on the outward appearance of members and be judgmental, but to accept

them as they are. In his deliberation, he referred to a famous quote of Patrick Vincent, pastor: "When the fruit is ripe, they will come in without any fight." He stated that Jesus should be the center of what they do to grow in His Kingdom.

In conclusion he said, "When it comes to harvesting souls, Church growth cannot survive unless it is nurtured in the proper climate." Church growth can never be a valuable tool for Christ unless it is in the proper atmosphere of love, caring, and sharing. He reminded them that Christ was in the ship — that was what made the miracle possible. Finally, he concluded that they should ask God for the divine resources to go fishing for souls.

—BY JULIET DUNKLEY

Progress Village Feeds America

Progress Village Church in Tampa, Fla., was the site for the "Feeding America Tampa Bay" food bank distribution, spearheaded by Delores Johnson, co-leader of the community services ministries.



The Feeding America trucks arrived on December 29, 2011, with all types of food to accommodate more than 200 families. During the weeks leading up to the event, the members passed out more than 300 vouchers to anyone who would appreciate a 20-pound food package.

Fifteen members interrupted their holiday plans and joined the eight regular community service workers to help. Key people who helped

were Johnnie Johnson III, coordinator of the senior food program; Verna Glenn, Pathfinder leader; Ella Thompson, disaster relief coordinator; and Cynthia Oden, who provided leadership and direction to get the job done.

There were 210 households served, and 30 households signed up to participate in the USDA food program that the community services department handles monthly.

"I am very excited

about the number of people served," said Carl Caples, Food Bank representative. "The church did well for its first time." Caples asked the church to serve again.

On February 29, 2012, the church once again served 200 households. Johnson and co-leader Joyce Henderson are very thankful for another successful community outreach, which involved not only the church members but also volunteers from the community.

—BY M. A. BATTLE

God Continues to Bless Arden Church



When the Arden, N.C., Church members completed their faith-building project of constructing a Community Life Center on their property in 2008, they had no idea they'd own it debt-free within four years.

Church members and officials from the Conference and Union were on hand for the ceremonial burning of the mortgage for the Center on Sabbath, February 18, 2012. Leslie Louis, Carolina Conference president, shared an uplifting sermon during the first worship service, and during the second worship service Rick Russell, Conference treasurer, joined Gail Bremner, church treasurer, for the burning of the mortgage. Gary Moyer, Carolina Conference executive secretary, offered the dedicatory prayer, and Jim Davidson, Southern Union executive secretary, delivered a visionary message to the Arden Church members. He inspired them

to use the new Arden Community Life Center to God's honor and glory by reaching out to the community and witnessing for Christ.

The members felt the need to expand the facility for more than 15 years. There was a need for a new kitchen, fellowship hall, Pathfinder/Adventurer rooms, seminar rooms, and Sabbath School rooms.

As time passed, their faith continued to increase, a site was chosen, and plans were drawn. The first

obstacle was removed in the form of 23,000 cubic yards of dirt on the construction site, which was adjacent to the church. The church advertised for months trying to sell the dirt. (It was estimated it would cost \$100,000 to move it.) Then one day a contractor offered to remove the entire amount at no cost to the church. In addition, God blessed in the fundraising campaign with \$1.2 million in pledges, with the estimated cost



coming in at \$1.7 million. On September 7, 2008, a groundbreaking ceremony was held, and the new Arden Community Life Center officially opened its doors.

The pledge period of three years ended the first part of 2011, but many continued to give even though they had paid their pledge. In December of 2011, the church still owed a balance of \$255,000 on its loan, and with the negative economy, the payoff day seemed far in the future.

Then through God's providence and a member's generosity, a check for \$250,000 was submitted to the church treasurer, and with the other monthly donations, the loan was paid off!

The mood was solemn and quiet as the mortgage was set ablaze that Sabbath morning. As the flames flickered quietly, a voice broke the silence by singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." The congregation immediately joined in. As the song ended, the flame diminished to nothing but ashes. Thus, the mortgage was no more, and joy filled the hearts of all in attendance.

The members' prayer is that this dedicated Community Life Center will live up to its name and bring new life about the love of God to the community.

—BY OWEN SPENCER AND
JONATHAN HARKNESS

Son Shines on Mt. Pisgah's New Outreach

Members at Mt. Pisgah Academy Church, Candler, N.C., said they wanted to “get off the pew and make a difference in the community.” Well, they have done that with the SonRise Community Outreach program.

Every Sabbath morning, from 6-10 a.m., they open the doors to the SonRise Community Kitchen near downtown Asheville, N.C. There they feed 150 to 200 in need of a warm meal. Every half-hour the Mt. Pisgah Academy Church bus rolls in to unload individuals they've picked up at various shelters.

Although Mt. Pisgah Academy Church started the program and invested in it, they're not alone. Various Adventist churches in the area assist and volunteer their help either serving or assisting in the kitchen.

When the program began this past November, they thought they could



Active participants in this ministry include Chris May (front, left), Jeanine Carter, Tricia Markoff, Melody Godfrey, Jim Godfrey, Kevin Carter (back row, left), and David Markoff. Not pictured are Bruce and Phyllis Price, and Jody Gipson.

get things started for about \$3,700, but that never happened. It cost far more than that. When area businesses found out what they wanted to do, the money and supplies began to roll in — including a miracle grant. Patricia Markoff

learned of a foundation that could possibly provide funding. They had only been open a few weeks and didn't feel they would qualify for a grant. However, they presented it to the foundation. To their amazement, the foundation told them this was a wonderful program, and then offered a grant far more than they expected.

Chris May, one of the organizers, shares that several businesses have been extremely helpful. One tile company donated \$7,000 worth of tile for the commercial kitchen. The local Honda dealer

has donated a good deal of material. In addition, he often stops in to see what else he can do.

Michael Brackett, Mt. Pisgah Academy Church pastor, does his best to get around to each table and speak with everyone. When possible, he invites them to church. “This has worked very well,” Brackett explains, “From six to 10 visitors join us each Sabbath.”

Pisgah Academy Church members will tell you, “If you want a community outreach program that really works, this is it!”

To view the video report, simply go to the Conference website at www.carolinasda.org.

—BY RON QUICK



Lauderhill Church Meetings Conclude with 75 Baptisms

A three-week count-down to the End Series, conducted by Shian O'Connor, Cayman Island's family life director, resulted in 75 baptisms and 13 commitments to Christ at Lauderhill, Fla., Church.



Eddie John, whose wife, Angella, waited 25 years for this moment, is baptized by Andrew Nugent, associate pastor, Lauderhill, Fla., Church.

Viewers from more than 10 countries, as far away as Uganda on the continent of Africa, tuned in via the Internet to view, chat, and submit prayer requests.

Highlights of the services: Baptism of Eddie John, whose wife, Angella, had prayed for him to accept the Sabbath for 25 years. Baptism of Elecia Williams, who

drove from Nantucket, Mass., to be baptized after viewing the series on the Internet.

In addition, the Family Life Sabbath sermon, "I'm Getting Married in the Morning," saw husbands and wives in the congregation recommitting to each other.

—BY OLGA SIMMONS

Florida Adventurers Hold Super Fun Day

"Is this the year Florida Adventurers will be coming for their Super Fun Day?" Giles Malone, Space Coast State Fair manager, asked Lisa and Brad Gary, Florida Pathfinder lay Adventurer directors.

For the past 10 years, Florida Adventurers have held a bi-annual Super Fun Day during the Space Coast State Fair in Viera, Fla. Malone graciously provides space within the fairgrounds for the event, food booths, and a parade at no charge.

With Heart of a Hero as the theme, more than 1,400 Adventurers, their families, and more than 50 volunteers gathered to learn about heroes of yesterday, today, and in the Bible. To begin the day, Pedro Perez, Florida Conference youth director, presented a devotional on

how to be a hero to others and, most importantly, to God.

With the mission on helping others on their minds, Adventurers turned in more than 500 pairs of donated glasses to benefit the nonprofit organization, OneSight.

They also came with 12 Bible verses memorized about heroes who relied on the Lord.

Crafts and games were offered throughout the day which highlighted the hero theme. In addition, historical and biblical heroes,



Queen Esther (center), portrayed by Isis Abundiz, and her handmaiden, portrayed by Megan Fortier (left), explain to Adventurers how Esther was a Bible hero by saving her people from Haman's plan to destroy them.

dressed in attire of their day, visited with Adventurers in exhibit areas.

Members of the Sheriff's Department were grand marshals for the parade that included 19 wagon floats illustrating the theme, and pulled by Adventurers through the

fairgrounds. The children and adults distributed Adventurer brochures during the parade, resulting in many inquiries about the ministry from Fair goers.

Following closing thoughts and prayer by Robert Hines, Florida Conference associate youth director, Adventurer families helped

clean up the area which, later in the day, prompted Fair manager Malone to say, "I would always welcome the Adventurer ministries back, as they are the easiest and most pleasant group I ever work with."

—BY LISA GARY

Kissimmee School Hosts Evangelistic Meetings

When Gordon Retzer, former Southern Union Conference president, challenged his staff in 2009 to “find some way to be involved in evangelism,” Diane Ruff, Office of Education associate director for elementary education, listened intently.

Knowing exactly where her energies needed to be focused, Ruff could not resist the calling any longer. “I kept asking myself, ‘What can I do to lead children closer to Jesus?’”

That question prompted a commitment from Ruff to conduct one evangelistic meeting each year in Seventh-day Adventist schools. This year, Osceola Adventist Christian School in Kissimmee, Fla., benefitted

as the third school to host Ruff’s energizing presentations, Truth 4 Youth.

Designed to reach children between the ages of 5 and 13, which researcher George Barna has discovered is the “most effective window” to lead people to make a lifelong commitment to Christ, the series of meetings included memory verses, arts and crafts, prizes, and preaching.

Prior to starting the evangelism series in Kissimmee, Ruff worked in cooperation with five area Adventist churches to form a framework of support for the effort that included a three-week series at the school and a second campaign held on three Sabbaths at Kissimmee Spanish



Diane Ruff, Southern Union Conference Office of Education associate director for elementary education, interacts with students from Osceola Adventist Christian School during the Truth 4 Youth Campaign.

Church. “This gave the church school students an opportunity to share their faith by inviting friends to church,” says Ruff.

At the conclusion of both series, the churches rejoiced together with a joint baptism.

—BY SANDRA DORAN

Red Ribbon Week Observed at East Pasco Adventist Academy

Students at East Pasco Adventist Academy, Zeph-

yrhills, Fla., pledged to keep hands off drugs by

placing their handprint on a large placard displayed in front of the school. They joined others across the nation in raising drug awareness and encouraging healthy choices during the celebration of National Red Ribbon Week.

The highlight of the event was an energetic assembly featuring “The Body Evangelist,” Casio Jones, wellness director at Florida Hospital Zephyrhills. A sought-after health and wellness fitness educator and trainer, Jones has his own fitness television program

entitled *Action 4 Life*. He engaged students with colorful object lessons, a relay team obstacle course, and a rousing exercise session overridden with an inspirational message of living healthy and drug free.

Daily Red Ribbon Week themes included Put a Cap On Drugs, Sock It To Drugs, Shake Out Drugs, and Wear Red Day/Pledge Day. Activities throughout the week included a poster contest and a variety of educational activities in the classrooms.

—BY LISA ZIEGELE



Asblyn Head, grade 7, and Colin Cameron, grade 6, joined other East Pasco Adventist Academy students in pledging to keep their hands off drugs.

Adams Takes Unusual Path to Ordination

Friends and family gathered in support and affirmation of God's calling Mike Adams to ministry, February 11, 2012. The ordination service was a look back at his story of redemption through the many twists and turns the Holy Spirit guided him through.

He retired from 32 years in a public sector job where his wife, Tammie, described him as the guy that "probably invented some of the bad language that's out there," with "such a bad temperament," and at one time "as close to being an atheist as you could be." She continues, "I'm not trying to show all the bad stuff he was, but to show how far he's come. He's a changed man, and I've seen the Lord use him, and to think about how far he's come from back then is just amazing to me."

Adams recounts his call to be a pastor: "Me and my wife had flirted with God for a few years. One year we were living out on my father's farm, which has a pecan orchard. We decided we would help him by cleaning pecans for him. So we set up this table and a cleaning system to clean pecans. This was about a four- or five-week process, and during this process, Tammie and I were working from daylight to dark. We were sitting at this table the whole time talking about God and the Bible. One day, it was a late fall day, and Tammie had gone

inside to cook dinner, and I was just outside praying there on the bench. I quit sitting on the bench and got down on my knees, and I'd never prayed that way before. It wasn't an audible call, but it was such a voice in my spirit that I actually opened my eyes and looked around to see if somebody was there. It just kind of spoke to me and said, 'You ought to be a shepherd,' and that started the argument. I argued with God for about eight months; I had more arguments with God than Moses did. I finally said, 'Okay, Lord, I surrender. Wherever You want me to go, I'll go.'

"Tammie was instrumental in me coming back to the Lord. I've always flirted with the Lord off and on throughout my adult life.

It was a consensus between her and I, that we needed to be closer to the Lord. The closer we got, the more we talked about God, read the Bible, and discussed doctrinal issues, the more we realized God had a plan for us. It came to fruition through a long process, a long journey to get to where I am today, a lot of arguments, and God opened a lot of doors for us. Coming from a Baptist seminary to being a minis-

ter in an Adventist church is a long journey. There's a lot of loving people in the Conference that embraced us and allowed us concessions through love, and that's why we're here.

"Tammie had been to a Sabbath-keeping church, which wasn't an Adventist church, when she was a teenager, and it kind of stuck with her. We were attending a Baptist church at the time, and during a Bible study she asked the pastor's wife why we go to church on Sunday, and I think her answer was 'tra-

moments. She kept sharing them with me, and we discussed doctrinal issues between what she was seeing and what I was seeing during a period of years. Finally, she said, 'Mike I know you've been called into the ministry by God. I know that and I support you in whatever you do, but I'm going to start keeping the Sabbath.' She was so adamant about it and convicted about it, that it made me look at it in a different light.

"I finally had a course I was taking, and the instructor jumped on the Sabbath with both feet and I caught myself defending it. And I said, 'Wait a minute, something's wrong with this picture.' Shortly thereafter we started keeping the Sabbath at home. Eventually we studied some of the doctrines of the Adventist church and decided that's where we

wanted to be. We joined the Moultrie, Ga., Church at that time.

"I graduated from seminary, and five days later, I was baptized into the Adventist Church."

—BY BRIAN YOUNG



Mike Adams, Lakeland Church pastor, Valdosta, Ga., district, shares his life testimony during his ordination service. His wife, Tammie, and Conference president, Ed Wright, enjoy his story.

dition?' You have to know my wife to know that was like pouring gas on a fire; she began to study and to look. During this time I had begun seminary at a Baptist seminary, and she'd gone online and took a study on Daniel, and it went from there. She didn't know it was Adventist at the time, she was just enjoying it and all of these "a-ha"

GCA Celebrates Payoff, Burns Mortgage

A school church was in the original plans for the new Georgia-Cumberland Academy (GCA) in 1965. But it wasn't until 1993, when a small but dedicated group of members from the Calhoun Church began meeting at the school's chapel. It didn't take long to realize the chapel was barely large enough to accommodate the students, much less a growing church.

The members were creative in raising money. There was an ongoing project to grow gardens and sell produce; others sold raspberry bushes. Many committed to collecting their loose change. The fines students paid when committing minor infractions at the dorms were also included. All were dedicated to the new church building. Of course there were also the monthly commitments made by faithful church members.

It was an uphill battle to



Lewis Hill, church treasurer, watches as Greg Gerard, GCA principal, and Don Keele Jr., burn the GCA Church mortgage papers.

build a church at the Georgia-Cumberland Conference's only boarding academy.

Three different times, plans were drawn in hopes of beginning the building.

"The challenge was to get the Conference, the local church leadership, and the school leadership into agreement," said Don Keele Jr., GCA Church senior pastor.

The late Dave Cress, Conference president during that time, "paved the way" to get everyone on the same page by developing a workable financial plan. On December 2, 2004, Cress announced to a group of

Conference pastors, "It is time — no, it is past time — that we do this. We, as the sisterhood of churches, will make this happen."

Later that day, Cress, three other Conference officials, and a pilot died in a plane crash.

"We chose to honor his hard work in making this worship center a reality by naming the building after Elder Cress," Keele said.

Since students are included in all activities of the church, it was fitting that they would also be included on the building committee, as well as the decorating committee. One of the key ground rules was that if there were ever a time when a committee got stalled because of a tie vote, the tie would be broken by going with what the students wanted. This commitment to student involvement was quickly put to the test — the pew ends and the colors in

the foyer are the results of those "tie-breaker" student votes.

Sabbath, November 5, 2005, the David C. Cress Memorial Youth Worship Center opened.

Keele emphasized, "It is important to realize that, first and foremost, this church is for the students of Georgia-Cumberland Academy."

Membership as a whole has grown from 161 members to 233 members. More than 700 students have attended the church.

On December 28, 2011, the church reached a new milestone. Thanks to the efforts of the church members, a generous donor, and the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, the mortgage was paid off.

A mortgage burning ceremony was held Sabbath, February 4, 2012. This church family exists to capture the hearts and minds of young people, and develop them into fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ.

—BY MELISSA HANNAH

Lands Celebrate 65th Anniversary

James and Robbie Lee Land celebrated 65 years of marriage December 28, 2011. They were married in 1946 by W.J. Keith, pastor of First Church, Atlanta, Ga. Their marriage has been a blessing with four sons and their wives: Don and Martha, Charles and Suzanne, Bobby and Marsha, and Fred and Georgia; 13 grandchildren;

and four great-grandchildren.

They have both been active in the Church, having served in Atlanta First, Kirkwood, Atlanta Belvedere, and Conyers churches. They were instrumental in getting the Conyers Church started with 49 charter members (the church now has more than 500 members).

James has been a



certified public accountant since July 1953, and started his own accounting practice in 1971; operating as Land & Land, P.C. He and Robbie Lee still work in their business, as well as sons Charles and Bobby.

Laurel Members Dedicate Family Life/Education Center

A large crowd gathered in the Laurel, Miss., Church's new Family Life and Education Center to attend a dedication service for the new facility on January 21, 2012. A few years ago when Laurel Church began to grow at a rapid pace, the members had to decide whether to enlarge the sanctuary or build an all-purpose building — a place for the young people — with classrooms, bathroom facilities, a new kitchen, and a half-court gym for social activities. The building also had the

potential for being used as a church school in the future.

Business meetings were held and fundraising pledges were made. Under the direction of the Building Committee members, which included Matt Loper, chairperson; Kelly Hamil; Ernie Dobkins; Eric Lowry; Brad Scarbrough; and Bill Devine, pastor, construction began July 8, 2010. The members held their



The afternoon dedication service included special music by the children's bell choir.

Guests attending the dedication included Conference representatives Rick Hutchinson, trust and stewardship services director; Leslie Louis, former executive secretary; Aurturo Ledezma, treasurer; and Mel Eisele, president. The building contractor and the plumber were also present.

—BY REBECCA GRICE

first social in the \$500,000 building in March.

First Church Hosts Church Works Conference

More than 330 members representing churches throughout the Gulf States Conference convened at Montgomery, Ala., First Church on February 17-19, 2012, to attend a Church

Institute (NADEI), is an official meeting sponsored by the local conference for pastors and a mission-focused leadership team of 10-12 from each church or district. The training work-

of NADEI and professor of Christian ministry and pastoral theology at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich.; and Edward Schmidt, assistant professor of personal evangelism and associate director of NADEI, were workshop presenters. Rod Willey, D.D.S., and his wife, Donna, church-planting lay pastors, shared their story of how God has led them in ministry.

After thought-provoking presentations from Clouzet, Schmidt, and the Willeys, church teams worked together to create a vision and strategy for reaching every person in their territory for God. On Sunday morning, team members seemed eager to return to their home churches to share, expand,

and develop their outreach plans with the rest of their members.

A special thank you goes to the team of helpers who, under the direction of Deborah Hutchinson, Conference assistant treasurer, prepared and served meals for the weekend. Besides Hutchinson, volunteers included Montgomery First members Joan Beck; Pat Latham; Heidi McDearmon; Petra Parker; Jerry Long and his grandchildren: Brianna, William, and Danielle; and office staff members: Brenda Crumble, Elizabeth Long, Rick Hutchinson, and Sara Garcia and her daughters: Rebecca and Roobe.

—BY REBECCA GRICE



Local church teams listened intently to the thought-provoking presentations.

Works Conference. Church Works, a program designed by the North American Division Evangelism

shop is designed to help churches effectively reach their territories.

Ron Clouzet, director

Charlie Jobe, the 11,000th Member

On March 11, 1943, Charlie Edward Jobe, a 22-year-old Baptist, tenant farmer, married Mary Berniece Thomas, a 13-year-old, third-generation Seventh-day Adventist. All they brought into their marriage was one horse, one cow, a few personal things, and the clothes on their backs. They decided the horse might come in handy for travel, so they sold Berniece's cow and set up housekeeping with the proceeds.

Berniece encouraged Charlie to join the Adventist faith, but Charlie said if being a Baptist was good enough for his mother, it was good enough for him. He refused to study the Church doctrines and was not interested in talking about it. Berniece remained a faithful wife, prepared meals for Charlie the way he liked them, and brought his meals to the field. She also prayed every day for Charlie to have a changed heart.

Berniece gave birth to seven children, all of which she took to church and had

each of them baptized. But Charlie still refused to become involved with the Church. Berniece continued to pray.

Most of the children eventually stopped attending church except the sixth child, Patricia (Patti). In 1981 Patti was married to Billy Mitchell. In 2000, Billy became a minister in the Gulf States Conference.

Then Annette, Patti's oldest sister became involved in the Church again. Billy and Patti decided to start a weekly Bible study group for the family. Billy chose the Bible study guides from NET '99. Attendance from the family was strong. Charlie was there each night and studied each subject closely. Soon after the Bible study ended, Charlie started attending the Vicksburg, Miss., Church, as well as Berniece, the oldest sibling, and his wife, Sheila.

Charlie began to



Ninety-year-old Charlie Jobe was baptized by his son-in-law on December 31, 2011, becoming the 11,000th member of the Gulf States Conference.

change. His eating habits changed, and his television stayed on 3ABN. He was at church nearly every week. But, baptism remained out of the question. No one forced the issue, but Berniece continued to pray. After a while, Charlie began calling himself a Seventh-day Adventist and talking about baptism. Then around 2008 or 2009 he decided for sure that he wanted to be re-baptized.

The family tried to schedule a day for baptism, but there was always some conflict. Then in 2010,

Berniece passed away, but all things seem to happen for a reason. God's timing is perfect. Billy told Charlie that he would make sure that he was baptized before the end of 2011 — and the only date that worked was December 31. Charlie, at 90 years of age, was buried in Christ in baptism on the last day of 2011, and became the 11,000th newly baptized member of the Gulf States Conference.

If Charlie had been baptized at an earlier time, it certainly would be just as important, but I believe God desired for Charlie's story to be told. We realize that not only Charlie's family, but many others, need to hear his story to give them hope and remember that it is never too late to step up for Christ. My prayer is that through Berniece's example, others will be encouraged to pray ceaselessly for those loved ones who have not experienced the peace found through Christ Jesus alone.

—BY BILLY MITCHELL

Dedication Service Held for New Marine



Pictured are Peter Wisniewski (left), Barry Wisniewski, and Ray Elsberry, pastor.

A special dedication was held in the Tupelo, Miss., Church for serviceman Barry Wisniewski while he was home after basic training with the Marines. Ray Elsberry, pastor, officiated while family members including his father and mother, Peter and Rose Mary Wisniewski, and sister, Natalie, stood

with him. Barry will be serving in the School of Infantry.

—BY REBECCA GRICE

Ridgetop Member Publishes World War II Story

It's a story from World War II. A college boy from the mountains of Appalachia, drafted into the army, sent overseas, shot down and captured by the Germans, winding up in the infamous POW camp Stalag XVII-B.

This is the story of Ernest R. Raines, father of Jim Raines, a member of the Ridgetop, Tenn., Church. His story, assembled and edited by his daughter-in-law, Arlene Raines, has been published and is titled *One Man's Journey: The Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man*.

Trained as a waist gunner, Ernest was part of the crew sent on a bomb-

ing mission in Germany. The Allies lost 60 planes and 600 men on that mission which became known as Black Thursday. His plane was one of those shot down, and after parachuting into the German countryside, he was captured and sent to the German POW camp, one of 4,000 prisoners. Liberation came in May 1945, after 19 months of fear, hunger, suffering, and discouragement.

After retirement, and at his family's urging, Ernest wrote about his experienc-



Arlene and Jim Raines displays a book about Ernest Raines.

es, drawing on a journal he kept while at the POW camp hoping one day to make it into a book. Twenty years passed, and

with his 90th birthday approaching, Arlene volunteered to oversee the task of editing the manuscript and then publishing the book.

On Ernest Raines' 90th birthday last April, she placed in his hands a galley proof of his book which has since been published. Arlene states that the project

was an incredible learning experience. She says she has a much greater appreciation for the complex process of editing and publishing a book.

She did a great deal of research and reading to verify names, dates, places, and other facts mentioned in his journal. However, she adds, "It was also a labor of love for a true patriot — a man who sacrificed much for the love of his country and for the cause of freedom. As he so often likes to say, 'Freedom isn't free!' Getting involved with his book was an opportunity for me to help my father-in-law spread that message."

—BY HELEN KELLY

Leadership Change at Memorial Hospital

Adventist Health System has announced that Dennis Meyers, current president/CEO of Manchester Memorial Hospital in Manchester, Ky., has announced

his retirement, effective July 31, 2012. Meyers has served the Manchester Hospital since 1996 and for the past twelve years as president/CEO.

Erika Skula, current COO/CFO for the hospital, has been named as his successor and will officially begin responsibilities on August 1, 2012. Skula has been at Manchester Memo-



Erika Skula

rial since 2001 serving in multiple roles, including controller, CFO, and last year adding the additional responsibility of COO. Prior to her joining the hospital, Skula served as chairman of

the Business & Communication Department at Kingsway College in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, from 1988-2000. She graduated from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., and holds bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration.

—BY JIMM BUNCH

Memphis Five-Year Evangelism Plan

Beginning in 2011, the North American Division and the Southern Union have adopted the city of Memphis, Tenn., as a special target during the next five years. Memphis was selected primarily because of its lower ratio of Adventists to the general population in the Southern Union.

David Hartman, Kentucky-Tennessee Conference ministerial director, recently met with Memphis pastors Armando DeLeon, Don Ritterskamp, and Marc Lombard. The purpose of the meeting was to brainstorm a five-year Memphis Evangelism Impact Strategy.

Hartman says, "We envision developing a culture of evangelism in the local

Memphis congregations where every member sees themselves as an evangelist and eventually planting a new congregation." This will be accomplished through training events conducted by evangelism, church growth, and church planting specialists. Evangelistic meetings to grow the existing churches will be part of the plan.

Planting a new congregation will require that a significant core group from the existing churches be willing to support the plant. Demographic studies will be done to determine the best area to focus on as well as the best approaches using various felt-needs ministries.

—BY MARVIN LOWMAN

Madison Campus Reaches Out to Honduras

Thirty-four people, most of them members of the Madison Campus Church, traveled to Peña Blanca, Honduras, in February. The team was inspired and led by Maurice Simpson who had dreamed of the Madison Campus Church doing a mission project overseas.



Mike McKenzie baptizes one of the candidates.

During the 11 days the group was in Honduras, they built two buildings, held two Vacation Bible School (VBS) programs each day, conducted a mobile medical clinic, provided daily programs for a Children's Home, and held an evangelistic series.

The construction crew led by Jon Harvey from Dickson, Tenn., built a church and Sabbath School building side by side in Agua Azul Sierra, near Peña Blanca.

Keith DiDomenico and his team held a daytime VBS

program at the public school next door to the churches attended by nearly 350 children. Another VBS program was held each evening during the evangelistic meeting.

The medical team went to four different locations during a period of six days and gave free medical care to nearly 750 people.

Chuck and Janice Hackett, physicians from Cookeville, Tenn., led the medical staff consisting of several nurses and other medical and dental practitioners. The Hacketts are both former missionaries and speak Spanish.

Marilyn White and

her team spent many days at the Children's Home ministering to the children with singing, games, stories, and lots of love.

Keith DiDomenico served as the assistant organizer with Simpson and also organized the evangelistic projects – VBS and evangelistic meetings. Evangelistic meetings were held each evening in a hall on the campus of the school. The hall was full each night with about 600 adults and 250 children.

Mike McKenzie, Madison Campus Church associate pastor, was the speaker for the evangelist meetings.



Mike McKenzie preached each night for the evangelistic meetings.

Two Bible workers started in November 2011, funded by Madison Church for \$300 per month each. One of the Bible workers shared his money with two other workers — three for the price of one! This resulted in many interests who were ready to respond when the evangelistic meetings were held.

By the time the meetings ended, 91 people had made decisions, 73 were baptized or joined by profession of faith, and 18 were ready for baptism but needed to be married first. Among those who joined by profession of faith was an evangelical minister and his family.

Because of the large number of interests that were generated, the Bible workers were hired to continue studying with and preparing many more for baptism. The final total is expected to be about 150 baptisms.

—BY MARVIN LOWMAN

Murray Member Honored

Stephanie Carpenter, Ph.D., a member of the Murray, Ky., Church, recently attended the Phi Alpha Theta 2012 Biennial Convention in Orlando, Fla., with six of her students. An associate professor of



Stephanie Carpenter, Ph.D., was honored at the Phi Alpha Theta 2012 Biennial Convention in Orlando, Fla.

history at Murray State University, Carpenter is the advisor of Murray State University's Xi Lambda chapter of Phi Alpha Theta (national history honor

society).

Four students present-

ed their research in formal presentations, and Carpenter chaired two student panels and participated in a how-to-panel on hosting a successful regional meeting. Carpenter received one of three national awards for Outstanding Service to Phi Alpha Theta. She was praised for her dedication to Phi Alpha Theta, mentoring students, accompanying students to national and regional conferences,

hosting Kentucky Regional meetings, and raising funds for student travel. Carpenter has been a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church since 2004 and is involved in several outreach programs, including CHIP and Bags of Love/It's My Very Own.

—BY MARVIN LOWMAN

West End Members Open Family Life/Community Center



Ron Smith, D.Min., Ph.D. (left), Southern Union president; Angela Brown, community organizer/pastor; Sylvester Powell, project manager; Andrea Boone, commissioner; Calvin Preston, senior pastor; Senator Donzella James; Steve Ruff, South Atlantic Conference executive secretary; and Robert Norwood, associate pastor

Every Sabbath during divine worship, with sunlight illuminating the stained glass windows, the West End Church family can be heard reciting its maxim, "Soul Winning is our Mission; Community Service is our Duty; Love is our Motto; Jesus is our Savior; Heaven is our Goal." The brilliance of the windows, with scenes that depict the life of Christ, seems to make the essence of the maxim more meaningful. At its core is relationship with Jesus and how that relationship affects actions toward others. The maxim is representative of God's call to share Jesus through community service.

God never calls His people to action without equipping them with what they need to fulfill the call. The children of Israel were equipped to journey from Egypt to the Prom-

ised Land. Jesus equipped the Church, through His disciples, to carry the message of salvation to all the world. God equipped West End with what it needed to journey from a tent to a beautiful house of worship. God has now added an additional building to the campus that will make it possible to expand the church's ability to serve the community.

West End members opened the doors to the West End Family Life/Community Center on January 22, 2012. It is affectionately known as the "WE

Center." The building, located at 1191 Donnelly Avenue, is the former Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. When the building became available for purchase, the members, in the name of Jesus, claimed the edifice. The building's proximity and resemblance to the church leads one to believe that it is a gift that God had in store for West End from its inception.

Take a mental tour through the recently renovated facility: Entering the

up one flight of stairs are Bistro 1191 and an executive suite with an office, conference room, and counseling area. Up another flight of stairs is the multi-purpose Restoration Room. Next, are the Uhuru (freedom) Reading Room and the Computer Technology Center. Ascend another flight of stairs and there's the Upper Room with seating for 100. There are 22,000 square feet of floor space, and an elevator to all levels.

The acquisition of the WE Center doesn't mean that the journey is over. Life changes, new needs arise, and God's people must be ready and willing to respond to His call. Praise, honor, and glory to



West End Family Life/Community Center

facility, to the right is the Advent Suite, where televisions suitable for interactive games line the walls; to the left is the multi-use gymnasium. Straight ahead

God, the Almighty Power that has entrusted West End with a mission: To make a difference in people's lives through His Spirit.

Pathfinder TLT/ Leadership Training Held

It was an awesome time had by all as the South Atlantic Conference hosted its annual Pathfinder TLT/Leadership training, January 20-22, 2012, at the Conference's campground in Orangeburg, S.C. The weekend featured in-depth training in various aspects of leadership. "We had a wonderful time. My son, Robert Dinkins Jr., 13, truly enjoyed himself. This morning my son got up early and got ready for school, prepared his breakfast for himself and his younger brothers without any assistance from me or his mother. We are so proud of him. I am seeing some results from the leadership training already. Our TLT Maranatha Pioneers



Pathfinder TLT/Leadership training attendees

Pathfinders are also fired-up for Jesus," said Robert A. Dinkins, Sr., Pathfinder counselor from the Maranatha Church in Atlanta, Ga.

Carl McCroy, Conference publishing director, presented the Literature Evangelism Honor. To

date, there have been more than 26 young people who have earned this incredible honor, and they are excited for what God will do through this new crop of literature evangelists. Antonio Pereira, South Atlantic Hispanic coordinator, also presented a wonder-

ful topic on leadership for the club directors. Great fellowship was enjoyed by the approximately 215 attendees who represented clubs from South Carolina, Georgia, and North Carolina.

—BY PATRICK CARTER
SAC YOUTH DIRECTOR

Atlanta-Berean Chariots Host First Adult Sabbath School

The Atlanta-Berean Adventurer Club is on fire! On January 21, 2012, they hosted the adult Sabbath School. This had never been done at Atlanta-Berean.

The children were ecstatic. The program began with Busy Bees and Sunbeams leading song service. The Helping Hands provided the opening prayer, scripture (Ephesians 6:1-3), and closing prayer. The Builders performed the mission skit, entitled "Finding God in Mongolia." Three special youth, DeeAnn Wallace, Taylor

Cort, and Charis McRoy, each performed a piano piece for special music.

During the welcome, all of the Adventurers and staff assisted by handing out ori-

gami lilies to the congregation. The club is extremely grateful and thankful to Irene Bowden, elder, for allowing them to participate.

The club is under the direction of Samuel F. Cort Jr., M.D. (first row, right). It has been blessed with tremendous growth, and currently has a membership of 57 Adventurers after starting the year with 44. All praise and honor to the Lord!

—BY SAMUEL F. CORT
JR., M.D.



Representatives of Atlanta-Berean Chariots Sabbath School program

Oakwood University Church's New Pastor Introduced



Dana Edmond, South Central president, introduced Carlton Byrd, D.Min., senior pastor, and his family to the Oakwood University Church members and community on Saturday, January 14, 2012. Byrd (right) recently served the Atlanta-Berean Church family in the South Atlantic Conference, Atlanta, Ga. Photos of the event can be viewed on the South Central Conference Facebook page.

The installation of Carlton P. Byrd, D.Min., senior pastor at Oakwood University Church, Huntsville, Ala., is an historical event, as with each new pastor introduced there. However, with him comes an established television ministry: Oakwood Church now becomes the home of the Breath of Life Television — a first. Hence, the televised Gospel will be broadcast to the world from there.

Huntsville is the place Ellen G. White, more than 100 years ago, said that an Adventist school should be located. Look at what God has produced in the Huntsville community be-

cause of a place designated to educate African American children. Several area Seventh-day Adventist churches have been added, an elementary school, academy, and a University — to God be the Glory!

—BY MICHAEL HARPE



Dana Edmond, South Central president, with his wife, Jill, greet the worshippers at the Convention Center for the divine hour.

Officers' Convention 2012: "The Time is Now"

The time is now for God's children to be about the Father's business of preparing people for life on Earth with Jesus and life eternal. South Central held its annual Officers' Convention in Birmingham, Ala., at the Convention Center, January 27-29, 2012. Dana Edmond, Conference president, was inspired with the theme, "The Time Is Now," and a Bible text to guide the venue — "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than



Danny Blanchard (right), representing Robert J. Bentley, Governor of Alabama, presents a Commendation for Outstanding Service to the People of Alabama to Dana Edmond.

when we believed," Romans 13:11.

Officers' meetings are generally regionally divided into three locations: Nashville, Tenn.; Montgomery, Ala.; and Jackson, Miss. However, this year,

like last year, the convention was held in one location. Members traveled from the five-state territory — Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, Tennessee, and northwest Florida — to enjoy the meetings. This year's ministry event sponsored about 30 varied workshops

relating to specialized ministries in the local church for church officers.

The highlight of this year's ministry event was the Saturday evening Presidential Inauguration to

benefit Christian education. Planners (friends of South Central chaired by Shirley Scott, women's ministries director) left no stone unturned in the execution of this celebration. Ron Smith, Southern Union president, the divine hour speaker, was present with other dignitaries to honor Edmond, wishing him well as he proceeds to serve a new term. One special moment came when Danny Blanchard, representing Robert J. Bentley, Governor of Alabama, presented Edmond with a Commendation for Outstanding Service to the People of Alabama Award. This was a grand event that topped off a great convention.

—BY MICHAEL HARPE



Ron Smith, D.Min., Ph.D., Southern Union president, and his wife, Yolanda, congratulate Dana Edmond during the Inauguration.

Classes for Southern's First Doctorate Degree Begin in Fall

The idea for Southern Adventist University to pursue a doctorate of nursing practice (D.N.P.) program quickly came up for discussion after the American Association of Colleges of Nursing moved the recommended level of preparation for advance nursing practice from a master's to a doctorate degree. This transition needs to occur by 2015, but Southern is well ahead of that deadline, and will begin providing classes for this terminal degree beginning in the fall.

The D.N.P. differs from a Ph.D. by focusing

on clinical care rather than academic research. Southern's D.N.P. will prepare students to assume leadership roles through practical courses and relevant clinical experiences that build upon prior nursing work. The degree is structured as a five-semester online program with two tracks available, lifestyle therapeutics and acute care-adult/gerontology.

According to Barbara James, dean of the School of Nursing, the road to getting Southern accepted for a D.N.P. was a long one.



Originally, Southern was approved by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation agency as a Level III institution, which meant a master's was the highest degree it could offer. The proposal for a D.N.P. included an application for Southern to move up to Level V, allowing

for two to three doctoral programs.

The School of Nursing had to get approval from numerous on-campus committees and also worked with the Tennessee Board of Nursing to write a proposal to the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission to become candidates for the D.N.P.

"It was a huge undertaking, but the process has gone smoothly," James said.

For more information, visit southern.edu/graduatestudies.

—BY RAQUEL LEVY

School of Social Work Trains Pastors in Domestic Violence Counseling

Studies indicate that as many as 20 percent of couples in the United States experience intimate partner violence – a figure consistent among both the church and un-church – yet some Seventh-day Adventists still have a hard time believing that those victims might be sitting in the pew next to them on Sabbath morning. A team from Southern Adventist University's School of Social Work is trying to debunk this myth and provide tools for church leaders to better counsel members when the abuse does occur.

Several years ago, René Drumm, dean of the School of Social Work, conducted regional studies of spousal domestic violence in the Pacific Union. Drumm and her team surveyed 49 churches, and more than 1,400 men and women. She found that this type of abuse is as prevalent among

Seventh-day Adventists as it is in common society. From this research was born the Christian Abuse Response Education team (CARE), a group of individuals based out of Southern who are committed to addressing this specific problem in the framework of the Adventist church.

Rick Greve, one of the ministerial directors for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference (GCC), felt all of his pastors could benefit from this training, and on February 15, more than 50 church leaders came to the Collegedale Church, Collegedale, Tenn.,

to learn more about domestic violence. The five-hour session included victims' testimonies, signs of abuse, appropriate and inappropriate responses, approaches to working with abusers, and a call to action. The CARE team encouraged pastors to form abuse prevention and response teams at their local churches, and preach sermons addressing domestic violence.

"Our goal was to help make pastors first responders," Drumm said. "We're not trying to make them experts, just better informed so that they can direct people in the right ways."

For more information, visit sdaabuseresponse.org.

—BY CHARLES CAMMACK



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Primer Congreso de Jóvenes

El sábado 12 de noviembre, los jóvenes de las iglesias de Mt. Olive, Greenville, Dudley y Wilson, NC, tuvieron la oportunidad de asistir al primer congreso de jóvenes titulado “Joven, acuérdate de tu Creador.”



El mismo tuvo lugar en la iglesia de Mt. Olive, y el pastor Elías Sandoval enfocó sus presentaciones en las adicciones; subrayó

la importancia del amor de Dios hacia los jóvenes, y demostró cómo este flagelo interrumpe la relación con Cristo, que depende de las decisiones de una mente clara.

Toda la programación estuvo minuciosamente organizada por el departamento de jóvenes de las iglesias

participantes. El evento fue de bendición para los asistentes, y ya se trabaja en la planificación del segundo congreso de jóvenes del distrito, que se llevará a cabo en la iglesia de Dudley el 7 de abril. El mismo se titulará “Jóvenes al Servicio del Señor”, y se concentrará en la forma de alejarse de todo aquello que es vano.

—ELÍAS SANDOVAL,
PASTOR DEL DISTRITO

Intimidad con Dios

Uno de los aspectos trascendentes en la vida del cristiano es el constante desarrollo espiritual. Para lograr este objetivo, es esencial que se mantenga una íntima relación con Dios.

A los efectos de tratar este tema en forma práctica, el 15 de enero, más de 250 miembros de las iglesias de “Greenville”, “Mt. Olive”, “Dudley”, “Wilson”, “Manteo” y “New Bern” se concentraron en el

templo de Mt. Olive para un seminario a cargo del pastor José Smith, tesorero de la Misión de Honduras.

Smith resaltó tres aspectos importantes en el crecimiento cristiano:

1° Las bendiciones a las que los hijos de Dios acceden cuando buscan Su dirección en las primeras horas de cada día.

2° La posibilidad de

alcanzar una estrecha relación con Dios a través de la oración.

3° La testificación del sublime amor de Dios en el crecimiento espiritual, como

método y resultado.

La invitación final fue despojarse del formalismo en que las iglesias descansan, y dejar que la luz de Cristo viva en los corazones de los creyentes. “Levántate y resplandece; porque ha llegado tu luz, y la gloria de Jehová ha nacido sobre ti”. Isa. 60:1

—ELÍAS SANDOVAL,
PASTOR DEL DISTRITO



Georgia-Cumberland Noticias

Un Paso de Fe

La congregación DE Savannah, GA, a cargo del pastor Aldo Espinosa, dio un paso de fe al desprenderse de la iglesia que los vio nacer, y conseguir un local independiente para

reunirse. Los miembros trabajan con empeño en la remodelación del mismo, y la iglesia madre, que siempre los apoyó con amor cristiano, recogió una generosa ofrenda con la que se compraron

las sillas y se afrontaron otros gastos de la remodelación.

—NEFTALY ORTIZ,
DIRECTOR DEL
DEPARTAMENTO
HISPANO



Congregación de Lawrenceville Organizada Como Iglesia

La Congregación Hispana de Lawrenceville

Central fue organizada como iglesia en diciembre.

Estuvieron presentes en la ceremonia el presidente de la asociación Ed Wright y el vicepresidente, pastor Paul Hoover. La iglesia de Lawrenceville

tiene cerca de 120 miembros y un edificio propio con capacidad para 500 personas.

—NEFTALY ORTIZ, DIRECTOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO



Entrenamiento Para Líderes Femeninos

El último fin de semana de enero, el ministerio de damas llevó a cabo un entrenamiento para líderes femeninos de iglesia, que tuvo lugar en las instalaciones de la asociación. Este entrenamiento fue organizado por la hermana Ivette Figueroa, consultora del Ministerio de Damas Latino-Americanas de

la asociación, y otras colaboradoras.

El evento contó con una asistencia de 90 personas, y mostró el liderazgo como un instrumento en manos de Dios. Se habló sobre relaciones interpersonales, características dadas por Dios a la mujer que la capacitan para

el liderazgo, la necesidad y responsabilidad de una relación íntima con Dios,

la importancia de tener un ministerio que cubra las necesidades de las adolescentes de la iglesia, etc. Todas las asistentes regresaron a sus congregaciones inspiradas a ponerse en las manos de Dios.

—NEFTALY ORTIZ, DIRECTOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO



Nuevos Pastores en el Equipo



Mateus Nanbu



Juan Monsalve

El pastor Juan Fernando Monsalve se ha incorporado al equipo ministerial hispano luego de terminar su curso de maestría en Divinidad en la Universidad Andrews. Monsalve está a cargo de la

iglesia Impact, localizada en el área de Collegedale, y de la naciente y pujante congregación de Ooltewah.

El pastor Mateus Nanbu es el nuevo pastor de la Primera Iglesia Brasileira, en Atlanta. Nanbu es de familia japonesa, nacido en Brasil, y en los últimos 10 años trabajó como pastor y capellán en la isla americana Guam. Componen la familia ministerial su esposa Josie y sus hijos Mathew y Michael.

—NEFTALY ORTIZ, DIRECTOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO

Misión Avivamiento

Durante el mes de noviembre, la iglesia de Knoxville, TN, comenzó una campaña de avivamiento. Se llevó a cabo una cruzada de evangelismo a cargo del pastor Urdaneta, que terminó con un concierto, y siete personas entregaron sus vidas a Cristo por medio del bautismo.

La campaña no terminó con este evento. El plan fue



concluir en febrero, con una fiesta de evangelismo a cargo del pastor Alejandro Bullón, y así se hizo. Cada noche, decenas de miembros e invitados de las iglesias de Johnson City, Morristown y Knoxville asistieron para escuchar los poderosos mensajes. “Fue una experiencia extraordinaria” – dijo Bullón. La participación

y compromiso de la hermandad fue destacable. Mas de 60 personas aceptaron el llamado a entregar sus vida a Cristo y como resultado final del trabajo, 35 almas sellaron su pacto con Dios en el bautismo.

—RICHARD URDANETA,
PASTOR DEL DISTRITO

Pasaporte al Cielo

El entrenamiento anual para el ministerio infantil



se llevó a cabo en las facilidades del gimnasio de la iglesia americana de Duluth, con una asistencia de 175 maestros. El lema fue Pasaporte al Cielo.

Esta actividad fue preparada por

Nancy Ortiz y Karen González, consultoras del departamento infantil latino-americano de la asociación, con la eficiente ayuda de Magdalena De La Cruz, Liby De La Cruz, Vicky Guillen y otros colaboradores. La calidad del programa fue

excelente. Se contó con la presencia del pastor Fernando Verduzco, director del Ministerio Infantil de la asociación.

—NEFTALY ORTIZ, DIRECTOR
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Con la Mirada en el Fin

Octubre fue el mes de evangelismo para la iglesia de Albany, GA. Del 1 al 29 se llevó a cabo una campaña titulada Las Profecías del Fin. Dos fueron los oradores invitados: el pastor Alvaro Sauza, del El

Paso Texas, quien combinó la serie de evangelismo con momentos dedicados a la salud, y brindó 200 consultas gratuitas y el pastor Alfonso Basurto,



de Michoacan, Mexico. El resultado fue de 26 bautismos, y 30 pedidos de estudios bíblicos.

—JOSÉ FELICIANO CASTILLO,
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Dale tu Juventud



El 26 de noviembre la iglesia de Albany, GA, se vio bendecida con una actividad para la juventud, a cargo de Orlando Escalante, quien

presentó la Palabra de Dios e inspiró a la iglesia con su música. Escalante es canta autor, y motivó a los jóvenes a vivir una vida de servicio. En este evento se finalizó el concurso sobre el libro de Eclesiastés, en

el que los jóvenes habían estado participando.

—JOSÉ FELICIANO CASTILLO,
PASTOR DEL DISTRITO DE
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Camino a Belén

Camino a Belén, una actividad navideña que ha sido llevada a cabo por varios años en la iglesia Atlanta Primera, se presentó por última vez el pasado diciembre. Camino a Belén representa las escenas del nacimiento de Jesús en forma interactiva.



El público puede participar de las mismas, mientras camina por las calles de Belén.

Es destacable el esfuerzo de Daniel Figueroa, tesorero de la iglesia, quien cada año ha tomado cargo de esta actividad, y cuenta con la ayuda de gran parte de la iglesia, que participa con entusiasmo. Este año, más de 1.200 visitas pudieron disfrutar del evento

de dos días. Si bien Camino a Belén no se volverá a presentar, será reemplazada por El Rey ya Viene, que tendrá lugar el domingo 8 de abril, en la época de Pascua.

Dos personas se bautizaron como resultado de este esfuerzo en el 2010, y una familia que asistió en el 2011, está estudiando la Biblia. ha sido una forma de dar a conocer la iglesia

en la comunidad, que también ha colaborado de muchas formas para que este evento sea posible.

—JOEL BARRIOS,
PASTOR DEL DISTRITO



Gulf States Noticias

Ancianos Líderes

El plan presentado el pasado julio, (descrito en el número de octubre pasado) en el que cada anciano lideraría un grupo de 15 miembros,

organizándolos en parejas misioneras y grupos de crecimiento, tuvo una acogida muy cálida en las iglesias.

El sábado 21 de enero,

en el templo de Hattiesburg MS, más de 300 personas del distrito Laurel Bethel se dieron cita para orar a Dios y consagrar sus vidas a su servicio. Se presentaron los blancos misioneros de los grupos de crecimiento, equipos de discipulado, y parejas misioneras, en una ceremonia cálida y colorida.

Para el mes de abril, el objetivo es llegar a 94 parejas misioneras, 35 grupos de crecimiento, 367 estudios bíblicos y 65

bautismos.

Este programa de evangelismo personal tiene el lema "Los Valientes de Gedeón", y está basado en Jueces 6-8.

—JOHNNY CASTRO,
PASTOR DEL DISTRITO
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Bautismo en Mississippi Sur

El 10 de diciembre se celebraron 34 bautismos, resultado del trabajo de los miembros y de la ayuda de cuatro evangelistas. Se organizaron campañas en

siete ciudades diferentes. Cada historia de conversión es un milagro. Estas campañas fueron planeadas por los grupos liderados por los ancianos de cada

iglesia.

El distrito bautizó 65 personas en el año 2011, y 279 personas estudian la Biblia con los miembros de iglesia, que están activa-

mente envueltos en la tarea de evangelismo personal.

—JOHNNY CASTRO,
PASTOR DEL DISTRITO
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South Atlantic Noticias

Familias de Esperanza

Con el objeto de fortalecer los vínculos familiares de la iglesia y la comunidad, e incentivarlos en la preparación para el cielo, se organizó una semana de conferencias en la iglesia de Wallace, NC, que duró desde el 28 de enero hasta el 2 de febrero.

El orador fue el pastor Ismael Uribe, y Eduardo Saavedra el coordinador general, en conjunto con la junta de iglesia.

La semana terminó con dos bautismos, y una iglesia gozosa de haber podido disfrutar de temas espirituales que redundaron en un acercamiento a Dios.

—ISMAEL URIBE, PASTOR
DEL DISTRITO DE WASAW



Entrenamiento Laico



Sesenta y ocho personas comprometidas a

trabajar para Cristo en el 2012, se reunieron en las

instalaciones del campamento juvenil adventista Liberty Hill, SC, para recibir capacitación misionera. El pastor Roger Hernández, director del departamento hispano de la asociación de Oregón, fue el orador principal. Carlos Henríquez presentó los temas devocionales, y se disfrutó de la música interpretada por Sandra Catherine, quien vino desde Bolivia y está participando de una gira musical por los Estados

Unidos. El pastor José Reyes vino acompañado de dos personas que entregaron sus vidas a Cristo en las aguas bautismales.

El blanco que se fijó para el 2012, es de 362 bautismos, y la creación de 43 nuevos grupos pequeños.

—EFRAÍN POLOCHE,
DIRECTOR DEL
DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO

Ancianos Activos

Ancianos y líderes de las iglesias Central, Jonesboro, y Maranatha, lideradas por el pastor Luis Espinosa, se reunieron el pasado 22 de enero con el fin de trazar los planes de evangelismo para el 2012.

Espinosa presentó un plan para los ancianos, que incluye visitación a la hermandad, y apoyo a los

cultos, reuniones y eventos de la iglesia. El pastor Poloche tuvo a cargo el tema devocional, e inspiró a los presentes a conquistar un territorio mayor y trabajar para la ganancia de almas.

—EFRAÍN POLOCHE,
DIRECTOR DEL
DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO



Mudanza Para el Grupo de Durham

El grupo de Durham, NC que se reunía en la antigua iglesia adventista de Durham, se ha reubicado en la parte céntrica de la ciudad en un centro comercial que ofrece estacionamiento gratis a los asistentes y provee mayores comodidades



y mejores vías de acceso. La iglesia está entusiasmada trabajando en la preparación de varios candidatos para el bautismo.

—EFRAÍN POLOCHE,
DIRECTOR DEL
DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO

Bautismo en Wilmington



La iglesia de Wilmington, NC, disfrutó de una semana de reavivamiento dirigida por el licenciado Francisco Flores del 17 al 24 de diciembre, que culminó con cuatro bautismos.

—EFRAÍN POLOCHE,
DIRECTOR DEL
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Como en Familia

Los hermanos de Cary, NC, se reúnen en una casa que han convertido en iglesia. El lugar ofrece una atmósfera muy familiar, y las visitas que asisten se sienten cómodas, y regresan cada sábado. Al terminar el servicio, se ofrece un almuerzo en el que se disfruta de una cálida camaradería. El pastor Poloche visitó esta congregación a fines de noviembre. Se tuvo momentos de adoración y agradecimiento, y los hermanos se comprometieron a trabajar duro para que el 2012 sea un año de ganancia de almas.

—EFRAÍN POLOCHE,
DIRECTOR DEL
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Entrenamiento Para Tesoreros

El 14 de enero se citó a los tesoreros de iglesia a fin entrenarlos en el software de contabilidad JEWEL, que ha sido creado específicamente de acuerdo

a las necesidades contables de las iglesias adventistas.

Los seminarios para los tesoreros del área de Atlanta fueron dictados por el tesorero de Carrolton,

Mario Rodas y por el auditor de la asociación, Hubert Thomas. En el área de las Carolinas, los licenciados Samuel Poloche y Doraly Franco fueron

quienes tuvieron a cargo el entrenamiento. El pastor Poloche organizó ambos eventos.

—LADY URIBE, IGLESIA DE
WARSAW, NC

EFESO: QUEMA DE HIPOTECA

La iglesia Efeso celebró la ceremonia de “quema de hipoteca” el pasado 21 de enero. Estuvieron presentes el presidente de la asociación pastor Hubert J. Morel y el director del departamento hispano, pastor Roger Álvarez.

Luego de haber pagado el préstamo hipotecario durante 22 años, y faltando tres años para su cancelación, el pastor de la iglesia y sus líderes se propusieron saldar la cuenta por adelantado. Fue un hecho asombroso; el dinero faltante se juntó en un día. “Con fe, creyendo en un Dios vivo nos unimos para cubrir nuestras deudas juntos”, comenta la tesorera de la iglesia, Maritza López.

En un ambiente emotivo la iglesia escuchó la Palabra de Dios de labios

del pastor Morel traducido por Esmeralda Guzmán. Morel animó a la iglesia a no detenerse, a seguir soñando y recordar que todas las bendiciones que Dios otorga son para que sus hijos continúen siendo “pescadores de hombres.”

La iglesia tiene planes firmes de ampliar y remodelar el edificio para que más personas puedan reunirse a adorar



a Dios. Con el objeto de solidificar el conocimiento de los miembros e instruir a las visitas, se ha organizado

el Instituto Bíblico que se lleva a cabo los miércoles. También funcionan los “Focos de Luz”, hogares que se han convertido en lugares de adoración y salvación. Esto ha incrementado la asistencia, y el sueño de ampliar el santuario se ha convertido en una necesidad inmediata. La iglesia ha decidido llevar a cabo la remodelación del edificio, sin recurrir a un préstamo bancario. “Creemos que unidos, podemos lograrlo.” Dijo Roger Álvarez.



“Animamos a las iglesias de nuestra unión a que crean; que unidos jóvenes, adultos, ancianos, niños y adolescentes podemos hacer nuestros sueños realidad con la ayuda del Todopoderoso, y convertir nuestro lugar de adoración en casa del Espíritu de Dios, donde su gracia pueda moverse en libertad para traer sanidad y salvación a los que asisten” — dijo el pastor de la iglesia, Arnaldo Cruz.

—ESMERALDA GUZMÁN
HARRIS, SECRETARIA DEL
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Southern Union Noticias

Festival de Laicos 2012

El frío fin de semana del 10-12 de febrero, en Toccoa, GA, se llevó a cabo el festival de laicos para las asociaciones Carolina, Georgia Cumberland, Gulf States, Kentucky-Tennessee, South Atlantic y South Central. La asistencia sobrepasó los 700 laicos y pastores.

Se presentaron seminarios de capacitación en

evangelismo, liderazgo y servicio, contando con Alejandro Bullón y Walter Castro como oradores, y la presencia de Ernest



Castillo, director del Ministerio Multicultural de la División Norteamericana. El sábado de noche se vendieron materiales de

evangelismo, que los participantes compraron con entusiasmo para tener herramientas que les ayuden en la tarea que habían sido incentivados a realizar.

Cabe destacar que se presentó la nueva película “El Regreso”, escrita por el pastor Bullón, que estará disponible el próximo verano.

El comentario general de los asistentes, es que este festival se destacó por el compañerismo, y el alto nivel de espiritualidad.

—IVETTE FIGUEROA,
SECRETARIA DEL
DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO

¿Una Aplicación Para la Oración?

Una nueva aplicación está ahora en los mercados Android y iOS llamada "ShareHim," diseñada por Michael Babienco, estudiante de ciencias de computación en Southern Adventist University. "La aplicación fue creada para registrar las peticiones de oración de amigos y familia, y rastrear las respuestas a medida que son respondidas" -dijo Babienco.

La idea comenzó cuando Tyson Hall, profesor en la facultad de informática de Southern, le preguntó a Babienco si estaría interesado en escribir una aplicación de oración para una organización de evangelismo en la asociación Carolina, también llamada ShareHim.

Cuando comenzó, Babienco pensó que el proyecto era demasiado pretencioso para sus conocimientos. "El principio fue muy estresante porque era mi primer año de estudio, sólo había tomado una clase de programación, y estaba tratando de construir una aplicación que realmente funcionara" - comentó. "No

obstante, a medida que avanzaba, la tarea fue tornándose más sencilla."

La página web de la aplicación se divide en cinco pestañas: amigos, peticiones, respuestas, ShareHim, y opciones. Cada pestaña incluye un botón para introducir información nueva, como el nombre y un resumen de la petición o la respuesta a la oración.

Babienco dijo que la aplicación ShareHim es un proyecto del Centro de Innovación y Investigación en Informática (CIII)

de Southern, el cual provee a los estudiantes, experiencia en proyectos del mundo real. Hall, quien está a cargo del CIII, dijo, "Esto es sólo un ejemplo de cómo los estudiantes, están apoyando la labor de la iglesia y, finalmente, la obra del Reino de Dios."

Mario Robles, estudiante de administración en Southern, descargó la aplicación e hizo el siguiente comentario: "La aplicación es algo que creo que definitivamente

me ayudará. Sólo necesita algunos ajustes, pero es una gran idea para rastrear las oraciones. "

ShareHim se puede descargar gratis en los mercados de descarga de aplicaciones de Android y iOS.

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Michael Babienco, creador de la aplicación ShareHim



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Roane Community Church Homecoming and 10th Anniversary Celebration – April 7. Harriman, TN. Details: mikepethel@comcast.net.

Kingsport, TN, Church 60th Anniversary – April 7. Address: 3025 Fort Henry Drive, Kingsport, TN. Details: 423-276-2004 or kingsportsda@yahoo.com.

Union College Homecoming – April 5-8. Alumni, friends, and former faculty are invited to Homecoming 2012. Honor classes: 1942, '52, '57, '62, '72, '82, '87, '92, and '02. Special Unionaires reunion – celebrating 25 years under the direction of Dan Lynn. Details: contact the alumni office at 402-486-2503, 3800 South 48th Street, Lincoln, NE 68506 or alumni@ucollege.edu.

Weimar Center of Health and Education Homecoming Reunion – April 13-15. All academy, college, and staff alumni invited. Honor Academy

and College classes: '82, '87, '92, '02. Info: alumni@weimar.edu, 800-525-9192.

Southern Singles Ministries Welcome Spring Party – April 14. Don Howe's Farm, north of Harrison Bay, TN, off Hwy. 58. Potluck Supper, Vespers, fellowship around the camp fire at 6 p.m. Details: avocadofiddler@gmail.com or 423-243-4001.

Former General Conference Risk Management Employees Reunion – April 18, 19. Silver Spring, MD. Meet at the General Conference April 18, at 5 p.m., for dinner and social time at a nearby restaurant. Tour of the General Conference on April 19. RSVP/Details: Phyllis Morgan, 301-434-7221, gmomgdad@verizon.net.

Southern Singles Ministries Annual Cades Cove Campout in the Great Smoky Mountains – April 20-22. Details: avocadofiddler@gmail.com or 423-243-4001.

La Sierra Academy 90th Birthday Celebration/ Alumni Weekend – April 27, 28. Alumni and friends are cordially invited to attend. Honor Classes 50+, '62, '72, '82, '87, '92, '97, '02. Friday morning golf tournament, evening reception, Sabbath morning alumni roll call, potluck, and reunions. LSA gym. Details: 951 351-1445 x244, email isaalumni@lsak12.com, website: www.lsak12.com/alumni.

Tillamook Adventist School 75th Celebration – May 18-20. Tillamook, OR. All past students, faculty, and friends are invited. Details: visit www.TillamookAdventistSchool.org, join Tillamook Adventist School Alumni Facebook group or call 503-842-6533.

Cohutta Homecoming – June 2. Cohutta, GA (not

Cohutta Springs). Special invitation to all former pastors, charter members, members, and friends. Details: www.cohuttaadventistchurch.org or 706-694-8625 or 706-935-4592.

Ozark Adventist Academy Homecoming – June 8-10. All former faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend the weekend events. Plan to sing with the alumni choir, visit with classmates and friends, and enjoy the beautiful OAA campus. Details: 479-736-2221 #1109, or visit www.ozarkacademy.org.

"Ye Olde" Cedar Lake Academy Reunion – June 8-10. For alumni and warmly welcomed schoolmates of 1962 and earlier at Great Lakes Adventist Academy, Cedar Lake, MI. Honor classes: 1932, 1942, 1952, 1962. Details will be forthcoming by postal service. Also, you may contact GLAA Alumni Office at 989-427-5181 or visit www.GLAA.net for details.

Transforming Lives Through Libraries/ Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians 2012 Conference – June 19-24. Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS); Silang, Cavite, Philippines. Librarians and Information Professionals are invited to visit <http://asdal.org> for details, or contact Christy Scott at Christy.Scott@wallawalla.edu, 509-527-2153.

First NAD Adventist Muslim Relations Training & Networking Weekend – July 26-29. Heritage Academy, TN. Interested in reaching out to Muslim neighbors? Ever wondered how our Adventist theology of mission applies to the Muslim context in North America? Want to be trained by practitioners who will present field-tested, fruitful practices they've discovered? If so, this event is for you! Register early. Contact Heidi Guttschuss at Heidi.NADAMR@gmail.com or 404-558-4682.

LEGAL NOTICES

Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Session

Notice is hereby given that the 31st regular session of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene on Sunday, April 22, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at the Georgia Cumberland Academy Gymnasium, Calhoun, GA. The purpose of this session is to receive reports for the five-year period ending December 31, 2011, elect officers, departmental directors, and the Conference Executive Committee, revise or amend the constitution and bylaws, and to transact any such other business as may properly come before the delegates. Each church in the conference is entitled to one (1) delegate for the organization and one (1) delegate for each fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof.

Edward E. Wright, President
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Notice is hereby given that the legal session of the Georgia-Cumberland Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, and the Cumberland Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, is called to meet on Sunday, April 22, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at the Georgia Cumberland Academy Gymnasium, Calhoun, GA. The purpose of this session is to transact such business as may properly come before the meeting and to revise or amend the constitution and bylaws. Delegates to the 31st regular session of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the delegates to the legal session of the Georgia-Cumberland Association of Seventh-day Adventists, Inc. and the Cumberland Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, Inc.

Edward E. Wright, President
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LEGAL NOTICES

THE KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE CONFERENCE SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the 31st regular session of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Madison Campus Seventh-day Adventist Church, 607-B Larkin Springs Road, Madison, Tennessee, Sunday, April 29, 2012. The Organizing Committee will meet at 8:30 a.m. The first meeting of the session is called for 10:00 a.m. This session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and for transacting any other business that may properly come before the session. Each church in the conference is entitled to one delegate for the organization and an additional delegate for each twenty-five members or major fraction thereof.

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LEGAL NOTICES

REGULAR SESSION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that the 10th regular session of the Southeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at the Mount Calvary Seventh-day Adventist Church, located at 4902 N. 40th Street, Tampa, Florida 33610, Sunday, May 20, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. The Organizing Committee will meet on Saturday night, May 19, 2011 at 8:15 p.m. (Sunset). This constituency session is called for the purpose of electing officers and for transacting any other business as may properly come before the membership. Each church in the conference is entitled to one (1) delegate for the church and one additional delegate for each 50 members or major fraction thereof. For the Organizing Committee, each church is entitled to one (1) delegate for the church and one additional delegate for each 500 members or major fraction thereof.

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Camp Meeting 2012 Schedule

CAROLINA

Portions of Camp Meeting will be viewable at www.carolinasda.org
Hispanic.....May 11-13.....Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, SC
English.....May 27-June 2..... **Theme: Countdown**.....Lake Junaluska, NC
Speakers: Doug Batchelor, Mark Finley, Herb Montgomery, and Richard Ofill
Musical Guest: Charles Haugabrooks
Eastern Carolina.....Sept. 29..... **Theme: Countdown**.....Greenville, NC, Church
Speaker: James Gilley
Musical Guests: Message of Mercy
Eastern Carolina.....Oct. 6..... **Theme: Countdown**.....Summerville, SC, Church
Speaker: James Gilley
Musical Guests: Message of Mercy

FLORIDA

English.....April 12-15..... Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, FL
Theme: Transformed for His Coming
Speaker: Steve Riley, senior pastor of Stanmore Avenue Church, Port of Spain, Trinidad.
Morning Devotionals: Elizabeth Talbot, associate speaker for The Voice of Prophecy broadcast. Details and registration for meals and lodging: <http://www.floridaconference.com/campmeeting/>
Campestre Hispano (Spanish-language Camp Meeting).....April 19-22. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, FL
Theme: Transformados para Su venida
Speaker: Alejandro Bullón, international evangelist
 Registration for meals and lodging: <http://www.floridaconference.com/campmeeting/>

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Korean.....May 18-20.....Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA
GCC.....May 23-26. **Theme: TBD**.....Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, TN
 Friday night/ Sabbath morning **Speaker:** John Bradshaw, It Is Written
Hispanic.....June 8-10.....Georgia Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, GA
Olde Time.....June 7-9..... **Theme: He's On His Way**.....Deer Lodge, TN
Speaker: Lonnie Melashanko
Deaf.....Aug. 9-12.....Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA
Northeast Tennessee.....Sept. 21, 22..... **Theme: TBD**.....The Oaks, Greeneville, TN
Speaker: Jud Lake

GULF STATES

May 26-June 2..... **Theme: TBD**.....Bass Memorial Academy, Lumberton, MS
Speaker 1st Sabbath: Gordon Bietz
 Evenings/ Monday-Friday: Dick Duerksen
Speaker 2nd Sabbath: Jerry Page

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

English.....May 25-June 2..... **Theme: Living Deeper**.....Highland Academy, Portland, TN
Speakers/Seminar Presenters: Steve Wohlberg, Karl Haffner, Dan Jackson, Elizabeth Talbot, Pavel Goia, Jeff Wilson, Eduard Schmidt, Gail McKenzie, and Daniel & Kristina McFeeters
Hispanic.....June 8, 9.....Highland Academy, Portland, TN
Speakers: Peter Simpson and Felipe Garibo

SOUTH ATLANTIC

June 9-18..... **Theme: Seeking the Master's Touch**.....River Oaks Campground, Orangeburg, SC
Speakers: Abraham Jules and Jessie Wilson

SOUTH CENTRAL

Latino.....May 24-27.....Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL
Korean & Haitian.....June 1-3.....Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL
English.....June 1-9.....Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL

SOUTHEASTERN

English.....TBD..... **Theme: TBD**.....Hawthorne, FL
Adult/Main Pavilion
Youth Pavilion..... **Theme: TBD**
Haitian.....TBD.....Hawthorne, FL
Hispanic Convocation.....TBD.....South Florida

Summer Camp 2012 Schedule

CAROLINA

Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, SC
 [Register online at www.nosoca.org]
 Traditional Camps
 Adventure.....June 17-24
 Junior Camp.....June 24-July 1
 Teen.....July 8-15
 Specialty Camps
 Lifeguard Class.....June 3-8
 SIT Camp.....June 10-22
 Horsemanship I.....June 17-24
 Water Sports.....June 17-24
 Horsemanship II.....June 24-July 1
 Family Camp.....July 1-6
 Teen Extreme Specialty Power Pack 5.....July 15-19
 Horseback Mountain Trip.....July 22-29

GULF STATES

Camp Alamisco, Dadeville, AL
 [Details: www.Alamisco.org]
 Camp Alamisco Staff Week.....May 27-June 2
 Adventure Camp (ages 7-10).....June 3-9
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12).....June 10-16
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16).....June 17-23
 Native American Camp.....June 24-30
 Family Camp (all ages).....July 2-7
 Family Camp Weekend.....July 5-7

SOUTH ATLANTIC

River Oaks Campground, Orangeburg, SC
 Junior Bible/Summer Camp (ages 8-17).....June 24-July 1

FLORIDA

Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, FL
 [Details: <http://summercamp.campkulaqua.com/>]
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9).....June 3-10
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9).....June 10-17
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9).....June 17-24
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12).....June 3-10
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12).....June 10-17
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12).....June 17-24
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16).....June 3-10
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16).....June 10-17
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16).....June 17-24
 Horsemanship Beginner Week (ages 10-14).....June 3-10
 Horsemanship Intermediate Week (ages 12-16).....June 10-17
 Horsemanship Advanced Week (ages 12-16).....June 17-24
 Staff in Training (ages 16-18).....(two-week track) June 10-24
 Cowboy Adventure (ages 13-16).....July 15-22
 Spanish-language Family Retreat.....Aug. 24-26
 Family Camp.....Aug. 31-Sept. 3

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Indian Creek Camp, Liberty, TN
 Blind Camp (mixed ages).....June 10-17
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9).....June 10-17
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12).....June 17-24
 Tween Camp (ages 12-14).....June 24-July 1
 Family Camp I (all ages).....July 3-8
 Family Camp II (all ages).....July 8-15
 Teen Camp (ages 14-17).....July 15-22
 Extreme Outpost Camp (ages 13-17).....July 22-27

SOUTH CENTRAL

Camp Thunderbird, Chattanooga, TN
 English/Math Camp (grades 3-12).....June 24-29
 Camp Orientation.....July 1-7
 Conference Camporee.....July 5-8
 Camp "Kids Rock" (ages 6-12).....July 8-14
 Extreme Team Camp (ages 13-17).....July 15-21
 Ultimate Sports Camp (ages 8-17).....July 22-28

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Cohutta Springs Adventist Center, Crandall, GA
 [Details: www.cs-cy.com]
 Camp Staff Training.....May 24-June 3
 Junior I (ages 10-12).....June 3-10
 Golf Camp I (ages 13-17).....June 3-10
 Paintball Camp I (ages 13-17).....June 3-10
 Rock Climbing Camp (ages 13-17).....June 3-10
 Fit for Life I (ages 10-13).....June 3-22
 Junior II (ages 10-12).....June 10-17
 Mountain Bike Trip (ages 13-17).....June 10-17
 Paintball Camp II (ages 13-17).....June 10-17
 Skateboard Camp (ages 13-17).....June 10-17
 S.I.T. Camp (ages 15+).....June 10-17
 Adventure Camp (ages 7-9).....June 17-22
 Horse Pack Trip (ages 13-17).....June 17-24
 Paintball Camp III (ages 13-17).....June 17-24
 Wakeboard Camp I (ages 13-17).....June 17-24
 C.I.T. Camp (ages 15+).....June 17-24
 Tween / Pathfinder Honors (ages 12-13).....June 24-July 1
 Ultimate RAD Camp (ages 13-17).....June 24-July 1
 Fit for Life II (ages 13-17).....June 24-July 15
 Teen I (ages 13-17).....July 1-8
 Rock Solid I (ages 16-18).....July 1-8
 Basketball Camp (ages 13-17).....July 1-8
 Rock Solid Basketball Camp (ages 16-18).....July 1-8
 Whitewater/Kayak Camp (ages 13-17).....July 1-8
 Gym-Masters Camp (ages 13-17).....July 1-8
 Gym-Masters DAY Camp (ages 7-18).....July 2-6
 Teen II (ages 13-17).....July 8-15
 Rock Solid II (ages 16-18).....July 8-15
 Golf Camp II (ages 13-17).....July 8-15
 Wakeboard Camp II (ages 13-17).....July 8-15
 Surf Camp (ages 13-17).....July 15-22
 W.I.T. Camp (ages 15+).....Every week, June 3-July 15
 Family Camp (all ages).....July 17-22

SOUTHEASTERN

Southeastern Conference Campground, Hawthorne, FL
 Junior Camp.....TBD
 Summer Camp.....TBD

Events Calendar

Carolina

- Adventurer Fun Day** – April 7, 8. NPR.
- Elders' Certification Training**
April 7, 8. Arden.
- April 13. Charlotte. Call 704-596-3200 to register.
- Korean Church Retreat** – April 13, 14. NPR.
- MPA Alumni Weekend** – April 20, 21.
- MPA Academy Days** – April 27-29.
- Age Prayer Chapel Dedication** – April 28. NPR.
- Bike for Life**
April 29. Charleston, SC.
May 20. UpCountry, SC.
- July 22-28. "Riding by Faith" Tour.
- Western Area Campout** – May 4-6. Standing Indian Campground.
- Hispanic Camp Meeting** – May 11-13. NPR.
- MPA Graduation** – May 18-20.
- ACBC Closed for Camp Meeting Setup** – May 20-26. Charlotte.
- Camp Meeting** – May 27-June 2. Lake Junaluska.
- Family Camp** – July 1-7. NPR.

Florida

- Complete calendar online** – <http://www.floridaconference.com/calendar/>
- Florida Pathfinder events** – <http://www.floridaconference.com/youth/> or call 407-644-5000, x127.
- Singles' Ministries events and mailing list information.**
Spiritual study groups, fellowship dinners, outings, and more. <http://www.floridaconference.com/childrenandfamily/>, djmiller4000@gmail.com, or 407-703-3050.
- 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/>

- North Florida Oakwood University Alumni Chapter** – membership information and event listings for Oakwood alumni in Florida. Details: <http://www.oakwoodalumninfl.org/>, oakwoodalumninfl@gmail.com, 888-719-7776, or 904-616-1896.
- Greater Miami Adventist Academy Third Annual Golf Tournament** – April 22. Doral Golf Resort and Spa. 12-7 p.m. Part of Greater Miami Adventist Academy's centennial celebration. Reception dinner included. Hotel and spa discounts available upon request. Details: <http://gma.edu/html/pta.html>, ctrevilcock@gma.edu, cleopatratrevilcock@yahoo.com, 305-220-5955, x151, or 954-254-9249.
- 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, cleopatratrevilcock@yahoo.com, 305-220-5955, x151, or 954-254-9249.
- Go Fish Children's Ministries Leadership Convention** – Sept. 14-16. Florida Hospital Creation Conference Center. Workshops and seminars for all classes from Beginners to Earliteen. Cost: \$80 per person, includes all materials and three meals. Lodging information to be announced. Details: rburrill@cfl.rr.com, rhoda.burrill@floridaconference.com, or 407-644-5000, x136.
- Spanish-language Marriage Retreat** – Sept. 21-23. Daytona Beach Resort, 2700 N. Atlantic Ave. Cost: \$310 per couple. Details: rebeca.delosrios@floridaconference.com or 407-644-5000, x138.
- Spanish-language Sabbath School Workshops** – 3:00-6:30 p.m. Details: rebeca.delosrios@floridaconference.com or 407-644-5000, x138.
- Oct. 13. Miami Central Spanish Church.
- Oct. 20. Florida Conference Office.

Georgia-Cumberland

- Executive and Personnel Sub Committee Meeting** – April 4. Calhoun, GA.
- Health and Personal Ministries Leaders Training** – April 7. Greeneville, TN.
- Kingsport 60th Anniversary** – April 7. Kingsport, TN.
- ASI Spring Conference "A Faith That Endures"** – April 12-14. Dalton, GA.
- Health and Personal Ministries Leaders Training** – April 14. McMinnville, TN.
- Pathfinder Camporee** – April 19-22. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.
- Constituency Session** – April 22. Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, GA.
- Collegedale Academy Days** – April 24. Collegedale, TN.
- Cohutta Springs Development Associates Retreat** – April 27-29. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.
- Health and Personal Ministries Leaders Training** – April 28. Austell, GA.
- Mega Sabado** – April 28. Hispanic Feja Norte, TBD.
- Online registration for events available: www.registration.gccsda.com.

Gulf States

- Complete Calendar online** <http://www.gscsda.org>
- Gulf Coast Pathfinder Spring Fling** – April 6-8.

- Education 5th/6th Grade Outdoor School** – April 9-12. Camp Alamisco.
- North Alabama Pathfinder Spring Fling** – April 13-15.
- Couples Cruise** – April 15-19.
- Adventurer Family Fun Weekend** – April 27-29. Camp Alamisco.
- Bass Memorial Academy Days** – April 27-29.
- Hispanic Women's Ministries Retreat** – May 11-13.
- Bass Academy Graduation Weekend** – May 18, 19.

Kentucky-Tennessee

- Conference Association Board**
May 15. July 17. Sept. 18. Dec. 4.
- Conference Executive Committee**
May 15. July 17. Sept. 18. Dec. 4.
- Family Prayer Conference** – April 13-15. Indian Creek Camp.
- Pastors'/Elders' Conference** – April 20-22. Indian Creek Camp.
- 31st Regular Constituency Session** – April 29. Madison Campus Church.
- Highland/Madison Academy Boards** – May 10.
- Camp Meeting (English)** – May 25-June 2. Highland Academy.
- Camp Meeting (Hispanic)** – June 8, 9. Highland Academy.

Sunset						
	Apr. 2	Apr. 9	Apr. 16	Apr. 23	Apr. 30	May 7
Atlanta, GA	7:59	8:05	8:10	8:15	8:21	8:26
Charleston, SC	7:41	7:48	7:51	7:56	8:01	8:06
Charlotte, NC	7:48	7:52	7:57	8:03	8:09	8:14
Collegedale, TN	8:03	8:08	8:14	8:20	8:25	8:31
Huntsville, AL	7:09	7:14	7:20	7:25	7:30	7:36
Jackson, MS	7:22	7:27	7:31	7:36	7:41	7:46
Louisville, KY	8:07	8:14	8:21	8:27	8:34	8:40
Memphis, TN	7:22	7:28	7:34	7:39	7:45	7:51
Miami, FL	7:38	7:42	7:45	7:48	7:52	7:55
Montgomery, AL	7:06	7:11	7:16	7:21	7:26	7:31
Nashville, TN	7:10	7:16	7:22	7:28	7:34	7:40
Orlando, FL	7:44	7:48	7:52	7:56	8:00	8:05
Wilmington, NC	7:34	7:39	7:44	7:50	7:55	8:01

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