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Avoid These Visitors to Your Church

The Troubles and Trophies of Christian Womanhood

Women of every ethnic group, religious orientation, age, and socioeconomic position are on the front line of a societal assault. Academically decorated, professional, church-attending women stand beside poverty-stricken, uneducated, substance-abusing women who all are striving to navigate the dicey waters of 2014. Most women, if not all, are socialized, at least in Western culture, to find satisfaction in intimate relationships. In their quest to make the relationship with their man work, they frequently neglect their own feelings and personal development.

Because of a plethora of forces enshrouding women (i.e., parenting, career pursuits, continuing education), many women experience frustration and anger as they struggle to achieve balance while taking advantage of opportunities for personal and professional development. These opportunities often are sacrificed on the altar of support for family members and significant others.

Researchers describe anger as a state of displeasure often born out of unfairness or the result of a real or imagined threat. They also note that anger cannot be destroyed, but it can be stored, or its form can be changed. Needless to say, stored anger is not helpful. It often is masked through depression, which is a result of anger turned in upon oneself. It sometimes is expressed as self-pity — a result of repressed anger. Impatience also is another byproduct of anger. As women try to make sense of their world, how they address the anger resulting from unmet dreams is absolutely essential to their well-being.

The other major culprit causing difficulty for many women already has been alluded to: anxiety. Anxiety is a fear that saturates the soul and paralyzes the sufferer. It has a tendency of robbing life of good things. Then there is the challenge of competing in a “man’s” world and its attendant stresses. Need we say more?

Has someone injured you — a husband, boyfriend, child, parent, or boss? Before you rob yourself of the trophies of womanhood because of the troubles you face, let God know how angry you are. Ask Him to empower you to let it go. Under His supportive hand, you can forgive and move on to levels of fulfillment never experienced before. “For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,” I Thessalonians 5:9.

If you feel anxious, “do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Jesus Christ,” Philippians 4:6, 7.



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Avoid These Visitors to Your Church

How to Keep Emergencies
and Accidents from
Visiting Your Church

BY DEENA BARTEL-WAGNER



The Anytown SDA Church in Somewhere, USA, was not prepared for several undesirable visitors that came to their church. These visitors — accidents and emergencies — visited the church and school property. Now the church board was struggling with financial decisions resulting from claims on the accidents.

The first accident was a fire that occurred in the kitchen. During potluck, several warming trays and crockpots were plugged into an electrical strip during the worship services. The circuits overheated and fire and smoke severely damaged the kitchen. A total remodel was needed, resulting in thousands of dollars.

Just as the church was recovering from the fire incident, Mabel S. was making her way into the church on an icy winter morning. The sidewalks hadn't been treated and Mabel lost her footing. When she hit the ground, Mabel broke her hip and her arm. Surgery and months of rehabilitation meant another claim against the church's insurance policy.

The church board didn't think things could get any worse, and then they did. Enrollment at the school was at an all-time high. Everyone was excited that so many children were able to receive a Christian education. More seating was needed for the upper-grade classes. In order to have enough seating, classrooms had been rearranged. There was some extra room in the third- and fourth-grade classroom, and several volunteers decided that they could move the six-foot tall bookcases from the seventh- and eighth-grade classroom into that location.

Everything was fine until two of the third-grade boys decided to climb up the unsecured bookcase shelves. Their weight and movement was enough to topple the bookcases. Both boys suffered injuries and spent time in the hospital. The church now faced two additional claims.

Fortunately, Anytown SDA is a fictional scenario, but these incidents could occur in any local church, including yours. These accidents weren't just a string of bad luck for the members of Anytown SDA. Each scenario could have been prevented

with proper oversight by a church safety officer.

What Went Wrong?

The kitchen fire at Anytown SDA was replicated in Adventist churches across North America. In one five-year period (2006-2011), Adventist Risk Management (ARM) received

cal devices. Extension cords are to be used on a temporary basis only. All extension cords should be grounded and UL approved. Multi-outlet power strips should be fused and never connected together in series. Decorative lighting and spotlights should only be used for 90 days or less, unless properly installed and wired



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claims involving 283 fires at Adventist churches and schools. Thirty-four percent of the 283 fires reported were from electrical causes. Some of the most typical irregularities are unsafe wiring, overloaded circuits, and the use of inappropriate electri-

cal devices. A recent visit to a youth Sabbath School room found three power strips plugged together in a series to power numerous pieces of electrical audio-visual equipment. This is a fire waiting to happen.



Scheduled inspections will help you plan your building maintenance. Inspect and repair regularly to keep accidents and emergencies away from your church.

Slips, trips, and falls are a primary cause of church accidents. Checking for worn and torn carpets, treating icy sidewalks and steps, and keeping walkways clear of debris and other items will help to keep claims from being made because someone fell on your church property.

Heavy furniture items, such as the bookcase that was moved, should always be secured.

How to be Proactive

Ensuring safety on the grounds of church and school is good stewardship for everyone. Church mission is impacted through loss of time and money. If injuries occur, those affected lose time from work and may have to spend weeks or even months in rehab. Knowing that the church/school has done all it can to make certain the building and grounds are safe provides peace of mind to church leadership.

Electing a church safety officer (CSO) and committee is a first step in being safety-minded. The primary

role for this position is to prevent accidents within the boundaries of the church/school property.

The CSO and team will be responsible to conduct inspections throughout the facility. These inspections should address any issues that are found. They may include areas that can be prone to slips, trips, and falls; electrical issues; and other physical plant abnormalities.

Another area of responsibility is to ensure that off-site activities are conducted safely. This would include transportation to and from the site, as well as a site inspection. These types of activities would include day camps, field trips, Pathfinder activities, afternoon hikes/trips, bonfires and campfire socials, hayrides, skating, water skiing, etc.

How Much Time Does It Take?

The remarkable thing about a safety program is that it can be done in both large and small churches, and doesn't have to be time or energy intensive. No special training is required. As a special

bonus, you will have the satisfaction of performing work that may save thousands of Church dollars. These can be used for to further telling the story of Jesus in your community. Another benefit is that you have possibly saved people from injury, or even saved a life. There isn't a much better feeling than that.

An effective and proactive safety program at your church or school can be done with a few simple steps. Running an effective safety program also doesn't have to be difficult. Adventist Risk Management (ARM) has prepared the tools and the education to assist you. You may find the resources for each of these elements at www.adventistrisk.org.

There are four essential elements of your safety program: evaluation, emergency planning, maintenance, and training.

1. Evaluation

ARM has created several simple tools for use in the evaluation process. The church self-inspection form and guide is a very easy-to-use tool. The fill-

able digital form can be completed on a computer or tablet. The option to print it and fill it out manually is also available.

The form guides the user through the various parts of a church — from the mothers' room to the sanctuary, the baptismal tank, etc. It shows how to look for potential hazards or maintenance issues. Completing this form at least once a year will give a good idea of what type of risks your church might be facing. It will also help you understand what kind of maintenance issues you should be addressing. This information will guide you and the board to understand the maintenance focus, and how to prioritize these issues.

The length of the inspection will depend on the size and complexity of the church or school building. ARM's professional risk control specialists find that even after conducting a thorough inspection of a facility, the next year they will find problems they missed before, as well as new problems that have cropped up. This demonstrates the importance of regular inspections and maintenance.

2. Emergency Planning

Emergency planning is incredibly important for the local church as well.

Developing an emergency plan may be one of the more time intensive parts of a safety program, but it is well worth the effort. Work with a team of people and develop the plan in a systematic way, rather than trying to muscle through it all alone over a weekend.

The Guide for Developing High-Quality Emergency Operations Plans for Houses of Worship by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is in the Prevention section of the ARM website.

3. Maintenance

Many of the risks and hazards that will need to be addressed will be maintenance issues. Work closely with whoever is responsible for the care and upkeep of the church or school. Conducting seasonal maintenance on different parts of the building such as gutters, walkways, and roofing materials will play a big part in understanding and preventing the property and casualty risks that the church maybe facing.

4. Training

The fourth element to running a successful safety program at your church is to continue to educate yourself. ARM provides Solutions, the

weekly e-newsletter on safety topics relevant to the church, and once-a-month webinars on safety topics specifically designed for safety at the local church and school. You may subscribe to Solutions or enroll in the webinars in the Prevention section of Adventist Risk Management website.

Take advantage of these opportunities. Share the information with your deacons, church leadership, and ministry leaders. The church safety officer can take a real leadership role in building a safety culture in the church. This provides for the safety of the attending membership and visitors. Your church can be a light in the community, emphasizing the fact that you are people who care about the physical and spiritual wellbeing of others.

If you implement these tips, you will improve your chances of keeping emergencies and accidents from visiting your church. ✨

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Church Safety At-A-Glance



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2. **Emergency Plan** – Develop an emergency plan for your church to help your church prevent emergencies, and effectively respond in the event of an emergency.

3. **Maintenance** – Manage the risks and hazards that cause accidents and emergencies by consistent maintenance.

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4. **Training** – Take advantage of the educational brochures, booklets, and webinars on the ARM website. You will also learn a lot at the training opportunities offered by your local conference.

Miracles and Milestones Highlighted at Grand Opening

BY MARTIN BUTLER AND LEE BENNETT



Florida Conference ribbon-cutting participants: Lee Constantine (left), Seminole County commissioner; Duane Rollins, Florida Conference treasurer; Mike Cauley, Florida Conference president; Carmen Rodríguez, Florida Conference executive secretary; and Pat Bates, Altamonte Springs mayor.

“This is a milestone day!” declared Florida Conference President Mike Cauley as he extended a warm welcome to more than 400 well-wishers who gathered June 1, 2014, for the grand opening celebration of Florida Conference’s headquarters and the renamed Adventist Book Center, A Better Choice.

“Who would have thought a few years ago, when the Department of Transportation told us they were going to widen Interstate 4 and we needed to find a new home, that God would lead us in such a marvelous way?” Cauley asked.

“It’s quite a miracle how we ended up with this building,” responded Kathy Deering, Florida Conference property development director. “Scott Fish, president of UP Development, bought this former upscale furniture store for demolition. It was his intention to develop this site for a re-

located Walmart store; however, Scott was not able to get that project off the ground. Later, he suggested all the stars were aligned for us, but we know it wasn’t the stars. God had a bigger and better plan.”

As an afternoon rain subsided, Cauley invited local leaders to say a few words. Seminole County Commissioner Lee Constantine spoke first. “I was four years old when my family moved to Central Florida. Living on Bear Lake Road near Forest Lake Academy, we were welcomed by the Seventh-day Adventist Church family. Thus, today, as a former state senator and now as county commissioner, it is a real honor to welcome you to Altamonte Springs.

“In my younger days, when I was a city commissioner in Altamonte Springs, I had the honor of being Florida Hospital Altamonte Foundation president. The services

your churches and hospitals provide to all of us in Central Florida, and to Altamonte Springs in particular, are such a blessing to this community.”

Playfully chiding the commissioner, Pat Bates stepped forward and declared, “Yes, but I’m the mayor of this awesome city, and this is a good place to be. I attended events here when it was Robb & Stucky, and as I walked into the entrance a few minutes ago, I thought you had razed the building and put up a new one. It’s amazing in there, and I can’t wait to take the tour.

“With Florida Hospital Altamonte and Adventist Health System headquarters already in our city, now we have this awesome building with a deli and a book store which are so badly needed in our community. I can’t tell you how blessed Altamonte Springs is to have Seventh-day Adventists as part of our city.”





The building features eight areas called pillars with raised ceilings and skylights through which an abundance of sunlight streaming in represents our call to go out and light the world. The large central pillar houses a depiction of Jesus as the Water of Life and serves as a casual common area for employees and guests. The fountain was generously donated by Little Diversified Architectural Consulting.



Seven of the building's pillars are themed on principles of discipleship: Teaching, Surrendering to God's Will, Faithfulness as a Steward, The Call to Mission, Growing in Grace, Communion with God, and Service through Ministries of Compassion. Meeting rooms, such as the one pictured above, were created beneath the four pillars within the Conference office. The other three pillars are in the book store.

Humbled by these kind greetings from the mayor and commissioner, it was Adventist leadership's time to seize the moment and represent the Church well. Ken Denslow, assistant to the North American Division president, spoke first:

"We hire architects who help us cast our vision through buildings. We build, and it says something about who we are, what we believe, and what we stand for. This beautiful, beautiful place says much about Florida Conference but, more impor-

tantly, it says much about the God we serve. May this be the center out of which great ministry to communities throughout Florida takes place."

Next, Ron Smith, D.Min., Ph.D., Southern Union Conference president, challenged the crowd: "The Church is not a preservatory for pickled saints or a waiting station for those who quest to sprout wings and halos to be launched into glory. The Church has a real responsibility to be relevant in our culture, introduce men and women to Jesus through our mission, and set men and women with heavy burdens free in our surrounding community.

"It is my prayer that, in this beautiful edifice you've built to God's testament for service to this community, you will operationalize the love of Jesus in a very tangible way."

Spinning off the words of those speaking before him, Lars Houmann, CEO and president of Florida Hospital, told of the vision Mike Cauley shared with the Florida Conference Executive Committee a short time earlier. "Pastor Cauley did a fantastic job. I was inspired as he articulated how this place could become a real presence in the community and move forward in benefit and outreach!

"I really want to see that come true. I encourage all of you to see this location as a place where the community can achieve and receive

grace, nutrition, choice, and all the things we articulate through Florida Hospital's CREATION Health minister. This place has that potential!"

Mike Cauley then gave his closing perspective on the milestone day. "This wasn't a project we went out for. It was something that came to us in terms of opportunity and necessity. If we were going to build an office, we wanted to underscore our reason for existence.

"What you see within this property is about our purpose — making mature disciples, preparing people for the coming of Jesus. We believe God has called us to empower the churches, pastors, educational institutions, educators, and our office staff to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

"So, today is not about us, but about stewardship. This space has been created for service. It is about the privilege God has given us to become the light of the world.

"And now, we pray that people's lives will be restored because of the empowerment of ministry and service that comes out of this place. We pray for the congregations and people who come to churches wanting to find meaning, and for schools where young people are disciplined to maturity, that they will become empowered by the grace of God to do great and mighty things.

"Bless this place. We pray that You'll protect it and make it a lighthouse — a beacon of hope for this community. May the Spirit of God always have His way." ✨

See the entire Grand Opening video at floridaconference.com/?p=7189



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Veteran shoppers and new clientele from the community find the newly renamed location, A Better Choice: Books • Deli • Natural Foods, an enjoyable place to shop or have a healthy lunch.

WORTH THE WAIT

BY LUCAS PATTERSON



After three years of renovations on Summerour Hall, home to Southern's School of Education and Psychology, the University has an improved resource with which to address both student and community needs.

When senior elementary education major Brianna Weaver graduates from Southern in May, she plans to work either in a multi-grade rural classroom, or perhaps teach overseas. Both of those scenarios will test her ability to think independently and troubleshoot problems quickly while under pressure. The newly updated Summerour Hall helps provide an environment that nurtures the educational camaraderie and growth necessary to train her for those challenging days ahead.

Student Needs

Summerour Hall's renovations began three years ago and were

financed primarily through Southern's capital funds. But, as generous gifts from friends of the University unexpectedly came in, the plans — and the budget — expanded. In the end, those additional resources meant that more than 7,000 square feet of space could be added to the structure. The value of that space is impossible to measure.

"With all our classes now being offered in a single building, we are able to build a better sense of community within these specific majors, and provide easier access to professors for our students," said John McCoy, dean for the School of Education and Psychology. "We

have already heard from many of the students taking summer classes about the new building's beauty and improved functionality."

Feeling like you belong is critical on an expanding campus. With nearly 3,300 students enrolled, Southern has witnessed incredible growth in the last two decades. Summerour Hall plays a big role in accommodating this influx, as the School of Education and Psychology is home to some of the most popular undergraduate degrees; in addition, there are more than 100 students pursuing one of several graduate-level degrees offered in this academic area.

While the added square footage is critically important, there are other more subtle upgrades which testify of Southern's commitment to green-friendly design, resource stewardship, and spirituality. According to Marty Hamilton, associate vice president for financial administration, all lighting in the building is LED. The University also installed a high-efficiency, ductless HVAC system that allows for individual offices and classrooms to control their own temperature settings.

But, perhaps the simplest and most well-received nuance of the renovated building has been the Bible verses added on walls in classrooms and hallways. Last year, education and psychology students were asked to submit their favorite Scriptures for just this purpose, and Weaver — who spends time as an office assistant in Summerour Hall in addition to taking her classes there — has found them to be quite a blessing.

"These words from God inspire me every day and are one of my

favorite parts about being in Summerour," Weaver said.

Community Needs

Faculty and students are the primary beneficiaries of Summerour Hall's renovation, but the structure also serves as a beautiful and functional destination to community members. Summerour Hall contains Southern's Teaching Materials Center, which offers more than 15,000 curriculum materials, instructional aids, and creative ideas to undergraduate and graduate students, private or public school teachers, homeschooling parents, and Sabbath School leaders.

Another service available to the community is free counseling by master's-level students who are under the direct supervision of on-staff psychologists. Summerour Hall has a professional office space located in the back of the building with its own entrance, a waiting area, and individual meeting rooms. This setup enables graduate students to work with patients and practice their

counseling skills in a real-world setting. Sessions are recorded by camera and reviewed by professors and psychologists to ensure best practices are being followed, and to encourage student growth. An average of 70 patients, both adults and children, utilize this service during the year.

Summerour Hall renovations began in 2011; the building was more than 40 years old and needed both cosmetic and structural improvements. But, during the process of "simple" changes, the vision continued to grow as faculty, administrators, and donors saw the potential for something greater — both in a building and in the students. And as fall classes have begun, that plan is being realized.

For more information about the building, degrees, and programs in this article, visit southern.edu/ed-psych. ❖

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Education and psychology students selected their favorite Scriptures to put on the interior walls of Summerour Hall.

We Are Blessed

BY MARVIN L. ALLISON SR

Camp Meeting. What a time to be blessed. Each year constituents from all over the South Central Conference come to Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama, expecting to be filled with the Holy Spirit. They come to hear good Bible-based preaching, to hear angelic soul-stirring music. They come to learn new methods and tactics



Nelson Stokes delivers the keynote address.

they can take back to their churches for ministerial growth from the seminars. They come knowing that when they go back home, people will know they have had an encounter with the Lord.

Even though Camp Meeting no longer looks like the past: I'm talking about many moons ago when I was a child, meetings under a big tent with ushers passing out thousands of hand fans to worshippers profusely sweating in hard steel or wooden chairs which are partially leaning from being pressed in the ground, while fanning and rejoicing; chairs spread out under trees with worshippers looking for relief from the sun while anticipating relief from the Son; leaving service and going back to your Camp Meeting tent to set up a table and eat your lunch with the front and back flaps of the tent open, hoping to catch the occasional breeze.

And, to use the facilities meant using a hot smelly Job Johnny or Port-a-Potty — call it what you will — which were lined up all around the campgrounds. And taking a shower? Well, some of you may remember, we did this for 10 full days. There were even vegetarian products we could sample from the ABC — including Soyagen (I am so glad soy milk has come a mighty long way).

Today, we have air-conditioned buildings for worship, air-conditioned dormitories for sleep, no hot smelly bathroom facilities, and we can take hot showers. There are even washers and dryers to clean our clothes. Due to safe food-handling regulations and cost restrictions, we no longer have food product samplings. But, even though Camp Meeting has changed during the years, some things never change. The expectations of blessings and experiencing Jesus never changes, the Spirit-filled preaching never changes, the power-packed ministerial growth seminars never change.

In an era where some conferences are changing the length of their encampments, Dana C. Edmond, Conference president, is determined that South Central will never change, and will have full, 10-day Camp Meetings. The costs are high, but the rewards are worth the expense. And, the blessings are great.

We Are Blessed: This was the theme for the 68th annual Camp Meeting for South Central. Based on the Beatitudes in Matthew 5, each day focused on a different Beatitude.

This year's Camp Meeting was reminiscent of previous encampments, with preaching, ministry growth seminars, fellowship, and fun. It took on the ascribed norm. But, regardless of the norm we were blessed. However, this Camp Meeting did have something different from previous ones. The president is always saying since South Central has

preachers who are requested to go to other Camp Meetings, that our constituents deserve to hear their pastors at their own Camp Meeting, so this year every sermon delivered in the adult services was done solely by South Central pastors. The pastors did not disappoint; they preached as if it were going to be the last time they had to share the love of Jesus. We were blessed.

Our theme song was an oldie, but turned out to be a goody: "The Lord is Blessing Me Right Now," by Nolan Williams Jr. People sang believing the Lord was blessing them right now. The choirs, the praise groups, the soloists, all were enough by themselves to bless the soul. The music was divine. The preaching was Spirit-filled. Wednesday evening even had a "preach out," something that has become a regular feature for Camp Meeting. The ministry growth seminars were power-packed and very well attended, especially the women's ministries, health, Spirit of Prophecy, and prayer seminars. Each night there a communion service was held, and there was even a prayer room opened from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m., where one could go to for any reason to pray. Adding it all up, we were blessed.

The Youth Department services and activities were well planned and profitable for the young people, with the continued theme for the year, "He Deserves It." Camp Meeting for the youth was exceptional under the leadership of Vandeon Griffin, Conference youth director. And, the children's ministries, with the theme "Attitudes to Be-Attitudes," was top-notch. Brenda Harrigan is the Conference's children's ministries director.

If I were to write every way in which we were blessed, I suppose it would take every page in the *Southern Tidings*, so I will simply say we were blessed, therefore We Are Blessed. ❁

Dr. W. Eugene Brewer Retires

For more than 48 years, Wallace Eugene “Gene” Brewer, Ed.D., served the Church faithfully in the ministry of education. However, as of February 2014, he moved into a new phase of his career — retirement.

Brewer started his educational career in the Carolina Conference in a one-teacher school. From 1962 to 1969 he served as teacher/head teacher in three of the Carolina schools. In 1969, he returned to college to complete a bachelor of science degree in elementary education. After graduating he taught in the public school system for the 1970-71 school year before returning to the Carolina Conference for another nine years. During 1974-1980, he served at Mount Pisgah Academy, Candler, N.C., in various capacities, including assistant principal, band director, and chair of the Music Department. While serving at Mount Pisgah Academy, he completed his master of education degree in school administration. He then transitioned to Highland Academy, Portland, Tenn., where he served as principal/business manager from 1980 to 1984. In 1984, he moved to Napa Adventist Junior Academy, Napa, Calif., as band director, and taught private instrument lessons until 1986. From 1986 to 1987, he became the principal/business manager of Valley Grande Academy,

Weslaco, Tex. He then went back to California to be principal of Pleasant Hill Junior Academy, Pleasant



Hill, Calif., from 1987 to 1990.

In 1990, he took a two-year leave of absence from education to write his doctoral dissertation. During this time, he worked as general manager at Best Western Royale Inn and Convention Center, Stevens Point, Wisc. However, because education is his first love, and having almost completed his educational doctorate in curriculum and instruction, he returned to education as principal of Sligo Adventist School, Takoma Park, Md. Brewer says, “Sligo Adventist School was genuinely

a Christian school with an international advantage, representing 54 different nationalities. It was truly an

honor to serve there.”

In 1994, Brewer accepted a call to the Florida Conference Office of Education as an associate superintendent. In 1996 he was elected vice president for education/superintendent, Office of Education, for the Florida Conference.

Brewer received his call to the Southern Union Conference Office of Education in 2003, and served in the leadership capacity as staff development specialist, serving more than 1,000 educators. He was an integral part of the Southern Union Adventist EDGE/Comprehensive

School Reform Plan and the Southern Union Education Marketing initiatives. He worked to strengthen the quality of education in Southern Union schools by contributing to the upgrade of knowledge and skills of teachers, school administrators, and school boards. He supported the development of a quality assurance approach addressing the main issues of excellence at all levels of the education system.

As development specialist, Brewer provided on-going staff development for Southern Union teachers, leading to improved instructional strategies; helped local conferences in the Southern Union to get their staff development plans on track; worked with Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala., and the Education/Psychology Department at Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn., for training teachers and prospective teachers in the elements of the Adventist EDGE; conducted parent seminars and school board seminars; and worked with and assisted the Southern Union early childhood, elementary, and secondary associates in various areas. Brewer has also co-authored several books on brain research.

Last month, he and his wife, Patricia Lanaville Brewer, celebrated 52 years of marriage. They have one adult daughter, Candis Diane Brewer.

Florida Hospital Implants New, Smaller Pacemaker as Part of Clinical Trial

About four million people worldwide have traditional pacemakers, small box-like implants in their chests with wires



connected to their hearts to ensure they beat in a proper rhythm. But, one man in Central Florida has a brand

new pacemaker that weighs two grams (the weight of two paperclips) and sits directly inside his heart.

It is a device called Nanotism that is being tested in the U.S. as part of the LEADLESS II Clinical Trial. Developed for patients with bradycardia — a heart rate that is too slow — the device is designed to be placed directly in a patient's heart without the visible lump, scar and insulated wires required for conventional pacemakers.

The first implant procedure in central Florida was performed by George Monir, M.D., and Scott Pollak, M.D., electrophysiologists at Florida Hospital.

"The traditional pacemaker requires surgery and insertion of a wire called a lead into the heart," said Pollak." Over time the leads can degrade and malfunction. The new technology is implanted through the groin and directly into the heart, meaning there is a decreased risk of this

device failing over time."

James Lowe, 78, of Orlando had no doubts about being the first person in the community to have this new style of pacemaker.

"I'm a three-time cancer survivor," said Lowe. "I think when you have the opportunity to be a part of something on the forefront of medicine, you go for it. Plus, with this device I'll be able to get back to playing golf and working on my ranch."

—BY JEN ROBERTS

Emory-Adventist Hospital Announces Closure

After extensive study and exploration of other alternatives, Adventist Health System (AHS) and Emory Healthcare (EH) have decided to close Emory-Adventist Hospital (EAH), concluding with regret that the hospital is no longer sustainable in today's dramatically changed health care environment. This decision was approved by the EAH Board on July 28, 2014. The hospital will now begin an orderly transition process toward closure by October 31, 2014.

"Along with the dedicated physicians and employees of Emory-Adventist, we have worked hard over the years to make the hospital successful in its mission to serve the Smyrna area community," said Pete Weber, EAH board chair, speaking for the partnership of AHS and

EH. "EAH has earned a well-deserved reputation for high quality, compassionate care. Ultimately, however, the new market conditions in health care have made it impossible for EAH to continue operation."

Dennis Kiley, Emory-Adventist Hospital CEO, said the hospital is committed to a caring and careful transition process, with a continuing focus on quality care for patients and support for its employees.

For patients, there will be no immediate changes. More information about the hospital's continued operation during the closing process, including scheduling of appointments, how to access medical records,



and other details impacting patients, will be announced in the next several weeks. Kiley added that the hospital will be making every effort to help its employees find new jobs, and will host several job fairs with area employers in the coming weeks.

EAH has faced financial challenges over many years in this evolving health care environment, Weber explained. Even though EAH has been able to decrease

costs, the hospital has had difficulty attracting enough patients in this highly competitive market to be financially sustainable.

Weber added that multiple options were explored to avoid closing the

hospital. Since the spring of 2013, AHS and EH have talked with a number of other health care providers to discuss possible partnerships. While there was interest, those talks did not lead to an agreement.

"We are grateful for the support of our community over these many years," Kiley said. "It has truly been our privilege to care for the patients and families of the Smyrna area."

—BY KEVIN EDGERTON

Adventist University of Health Sciences Announces Doctoral Level Approval

Adventist University of Health Sciences (ADU) in Orlando, Fla., has recently been granted Level V status by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Board of Trustees, moving the institution from Level III.

The SACSCOC is the regional body for the accreditation of higher educational institutions in the southern states. Levels refer to the degrees that can be offered by an institution.

Adventist University of Health Sciences moved

from a Level III, which allows an institution to offer master's degrees, to a

way in which ADU is continuing to grow and evolve to meet the healthcare

degree healthcare programs and continue our overall mission of healthcare as ministry."



The University specializes in healthcare education while working closely with Florida Hospital and Adventist Health System to provide students with superior clinical experience. ADU, founded in 1992, currently offers associate, bachelor's, and master's degree programs. Membership at the new degree level will become effective fall 2015.

—BY DALLAS SACHSE

Level V, now allowing the University to provide up to three doctoral degrees.

"Developing our first doctoral-level degree is one

needs of Central Florida," said David Greenlaw, D.Min., president of the university. "Our plan is to develop more advanced

membership at the new degree level will become effective fall 2015.

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Retreat Strives for Christ's Method of Teaching

The 2014 Adult Sabbath School Retreat took

the Monroe, N. Carolina, church, said of Samaan:



BECKY CARPENTER

Pictured from top left, clockwise: Paula and Bobby Gregory, Wayne Joseph, Stan Shireman, Charles Ferguson, Howard and Rosie Andrew, Nyla Shireman, Sharon Ferguson, Cyndi Cox, Philip Samaan, and Norma Bethancourt.

place July 25-27 at Nosoca Pines Ranch, with nearly 50 people in attendance. Retreat speaker Dr. Philip Samaan, professor of theology at Southern Adventist University, presented on the theme of “Christ’s Method Alone.”

Attendee Norma Bethancourt, Sabbath School superintendent of

“He has the ability to engage his audience, and I love that.”

The goal of the retreat was to strengthen local churches by making Sabbath School classes more relational and interesting, something that Samaan is passionate about.

“The bottom line is this: that we are to be able

to . . . taste and see [and] experience God’s Word to energize us. That’s what I’m teaching them,” Samaan said. “Different methods — how we can make the Word of God appealing. Some people believe in eating healthy food without any flavor, but I believe our message should not only be healthy, but also flavored.”

Samaan’s unique perspective resonated with Bethancourt, who was inspired by his call to be more like Jesus in order to meet the needs of others.

Charles Ferguson, Sabbath School director for the Carolina Conference, said that one attendee told him she had developed a burden to start a class for young adults and collegiate-aged youth in her church.

Although the desire to draw more people to Sabbath School and church is admirable, it is even more important for people to truly understand what God is all about. In his messages, Samaan focused on the “Social, Sympathizing, Serving, and Saving” aspect of Jesus’ ministry.

“Those four S’s have been the essence of the en-



BECKY CARPENTER

tire weekend,” Bethancourt said, “because it’s exactly how we then have to go back and teach others.”

—BY AIMEE GARVER

95-Year-Old Still Evangelizing

After 70 years of evangelism and music ministry, 95-year-old Archer Livengood can be seen at Mocksville, N.C., Church still playing the piano or sharing the Word of God with others.

Born in 1919 in Etowah, Ala., Livengood started learning the piano as a child and had a natural ear for music. He became a Baptist Christian at nine



RON QUICK

Archer Livengood

years old, and memorized Scripture at his mother’s instruction.

When in his 20s, Livengood was invited to lead the music for a Winston Salem, N.C., evangelism event. He and his wife, Annie, became Seventh-day Adventists as a result of these meetings, and thus began decades of work for the Adventist Church both in music and in preaching

the Word. His ministry has taken him to other conferences, but Carolina has always called him home.

In 1951, Livengood became Carolina Conference evangelist and served for six years.

To call Livengood retired would be incorrect. Sabbath after Sabbath he is still using his voice to share the truth.

—BY ANNA BARTLETT

Retired Pastor Ascends Mt. Mitchell at 77

Roy Caughron, 77, retired Carolina pastor and resident of Greer, S.C., became the oldest person in his age category to finish the 2014 Assault on Mt. Mitchell in May.

The Assault on Mt. Mitchell is a bicycle race from Spartanburg, S.C., to the top of Mount Mitchell, the highest peak of the Appalachian Mountains, and the highest peak in the United States east of the Mississippi River. Contestants ride 102 miles, ascending 10,357 feet of elevation before reaching the top.

Caughron cycles as a



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three months before the competition, and set a goal to finish the race in 10 hours.

On the day of the race,

“I wasn’t near out of gas when we got to the top of the mountain,” Caughron said. “But, it meant a lot to

turned out that it wasn’t as difficult as a lot of people had led me to believe it was,” Caughron said.

Caughron has led a very active lifestyle since he entered the ministry in 1969. His preferred method of exercise was running, until he started having health concerns with his feet and switched to walking. Now he either bikes 20-40 miles or walks around four miles every day. Inspired by Kenneth Cooper’s statement that exercise will not make you live a day longer, but you will live until you

die. Caughron exercises so he can have the fullest life possible, and never have to wait for death in an inactive state in a nursing home.

Besides living a vibrant life, Caughron has also realized other benefits of exercising. He and



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way to exercise and share an activity with his daughter, Debbie Braddock. Both Caughron and his daughter wanted to climb Mt. Mitchell, so they decided to give it a try.

“I didn’t know whether I could do it,” Caughron said. “It’s a pretty taxing ride.”

The duo started training three times a week,

the father-daughter team had matching jerseys that read “77 and still pedaling” and “Father 77, daughter 48.” As the elevation continued to increase, Braddock had to make frequent stops to rest on the last two uphill miles. She told Caughron to go ahead so he could make their 10-hour goal.

her, and I said ‘no, we are going to finish this together,’ so I stayed with her.”

They crossed the finish line together, making Caughron the oldest person in his age category to finish. Caughron’s response shows that daily exercise makes a difference.

“I don’t think [the Assault] is all that hard. It

his daughter continue to exercise together, riding anywhere from 25-30 miles on weeknights and 40-50 miles on Sundays.

“It’s a good opportunity for us to be together and enjoy each other’s company,” Caughron said.

—BY ANNA BARTLETT

Infinite Praise Choir Serves in Haiti

Infinite Praise Choir of Fort Lauderdale Church traveled to Haiti in June on a mission trip to Haut-Moustiques, where they partnered with the community's development association. The main objectives of the association are improving life for its citizens by allowing children access to school, building a good irrigation system for the farmers, and improving healthcare in the area of Haut-Moustiques—approximately six hours northwest of Port-Au-Prince.

Those joining the trip focused on three main projects: construction, medical, and educational. The construction crew worked toward completing a cultural center for the community, as there is no place for recreation, meetings, or



WISLAIR PIERRE-CHARLES

Infinite Praise Choir members pose by one of the six signs welcoming them to Haut-Moustiques, Haiti.

receptions for ceremonies. Infinite Praise members Delton Francis, James Cooke, Garfield Lashington, and Calvin Murray helped at the construction site.

A one-day clinic was the second part of the project, with more than 100 patients seen by Sylvia Sanderson,

nurse practitioner; Suzette Marseilles, registered nurse; and Tammy John, assistant. Colette Bewry-Cooke, Tasha Rachel, Carl Charles, and Chablis Champagne registered patients at the clinic.

The last part of the project was educational, in the form of a one-day workshop

held for 35 teachers of the community. Choir members Lisa Lashington, Tasha Rachel, and Eleanor Sanderson led Teaching Strategies training.

While these Infinite Praise members conducted the workshop, others sorted clothing, school supplies, and toys for children. Later in the day, they distributed these items after a concert held in the partially completed community center.

Upon the group's return from Haiti, Fort Lauderdale Church leaders commended Eleanor Sanderson for her initiative in coordinating the much-needed humanitarian mission trip, and members of Infinite Praise for their sacrifice and sense of mission.

—BY JEFFREY THOMPSON

Chef Meets People Where They Are

“Let every worker in the Master’s vineyard, study, plan, devise methods, to reach the people where they are.” This statement in *Evangelism*, page 122, is the foundation for health ministry work in Florida Conference, says Joe Holloway, director of health ministries. One of his volunteer health presenters, Chef Julio Barillas, recently put this statement to the test.

While attending a meeting in Winter Park, Fla., Barillas met an Adventist woman who worked at a Social Security Administration (SSA) office. Her supervisor invited him to



JOE HOLLOWAY

Chef Julio Barillas had the opportunity to present health seminars to workers at a local Social Security Administration office.

present a health lecture during their Wednesday training slot at the office.

Holloway accompanied Barillas to the appointment, where they set up a sales

display of MagaBooks and cookbooks.

The seminar was well received. Since that time, Barillas has spoken at two other SSA offices. His program is different than usual. He believes a person is more motivated to get involved if a spiritual message accompanies the health message.

Barillas is one of three volunteer health communicators who are available to present health programs throughout Florida Conference.

—BY GLADYS NEIGEL

Silver Springs Shores Church Hosts Community Service Day



OPALEATHA CLARKE

Among those recognized at Silver Springs Shores Church: Lystra Mulvac (left), social service worker; Mabel Walker, social service worker; Major George Patterson, Salvation Army; Leisa Peterson, nursing home administrator; Pamela Lewin, M.D.; Dawn Prestipino, elementary school principal; Deputy Sheriff Daniel Luiken; and Sheriff Corporal Timothy Andreus.

Silver Springs Shores Church in Ocala, Fla., hosted a Community Service Day on May 17. The event focused on members who made concerted efforts to assist those deprived of basic necessities.

Growth in the Silver Springs Shores community is immense, and includes new agencies to help those with various needs. Helen Shirley, director of community services, suggested extending invitations to the

new agencies. The response was overwhelming. Among those present at the event were teachers, doctors, social workers, and law enforcement personnel.

“The Community Service Day celebration is,

indeed, great,” said George Patterson, a major from the Salvation Army. “It is a good way to help individuals become knowledgeable of available assistance.” He also commented on the warmth and friendliness he encountered, and said he looked forward to visiting the church again.

Silver Springs Shores Church distributes food, clothing, and personal hygiene items the third Wednesday each month. Small books and tracts are also available.

—BY NORMA HENRY

Joseph and Kathleen Saladino Celebrate 60 Years of Marriage

Joseph Saladino Jr. and Kathleen Carol Paul united in marriage on June 12, 1954, in Miami, Florida. Kathy lived in the Florida Keys with her family on West Summerland Key. The couple met on Bahia Honda Key, where Joe was a fishing guide and lived with his uncle.

Joe finished a tour of duty with the United States Air Force in 1956, and the Saladinos came back to the Keys to set up housekeeping



MARY BETH MARTEL

Joe and Kathy Saladino helped plant the Marathon Church.

in Marathon. After becoming members of Homestead Church in 1968, they teamed with other members for worship services at the home of



The Saladinos shown on their wedding day, June 12, 1954.

Don and Mignon Wollard in Islamorada. They later built a church facility.

The fire of Adventist pioneering burned bright in the Saladinos' hearts.

After several years in Islamorada, the Saladinos started a church at their home in Marathon. In 1982, this small company built Marathon Church with the help of Maranatha Flights International (now Maranatha Volunteers International).

The Saladinos raised four children, Joseph, Michael, Raymond, and Carol, and have 10 grandchildren.

—BY JOSEPH ANTHONY SALADINO

Buford Family Presents Health Expo, Rain or Shine

The Buford Family Church teamed up with the Natural Food Center, an Adventist-owned health food store located in Buford, Ga., on May 18, 2014, to present a Health Expo for the community.

Under the leadership of Cyndi Keiser, teams of church members were prepared to serve, including doctors and nurse practitioners helping to diagnose ailments, nurses taking blood pressures and assessing general body health, massage therapists treating each person to a few minutes of relaxation, Breathe Free presenters, Juice Plus presenters, cooks giving out healthy food samples, and even a group of young people that presented the eight laws of health.

As the sun rose on May 18, soggy clouds and heavy raindrops appeared, which initially discouraged the teams because they had planned for this to be an outdoor event. After moving inside and setting



More than 100 people from the community braved stormy weather to attend a local health expo provided by the Buford Family Church and the Natural Food Center on May 18, 2014.

up tables around the store, they prayed and asked God to bring the people that He wanted.

People from the community started to pour in through the doors to see what it was all about. More than 100 from the community came, and they came all day long. As they entered the store, they registered and began to check out the different tables. Many stood around and chatted, asking who was sponsoring the event.

One woman named Bonnie said that she had been

searching for a church that worshipped on Sabbath. She had discovered Amazing Facts, but did not know

about this church. She lives just a few miles from the Buford Church and has been attending church with her grandson ever since. She even came every night to Vacation Bible School.

Keiser has been doing a healthy cooking class every other week at the Natural Food Center, and has had fantastic attendance, including 15-plus potential Adventists each week. Many are people that initially came during the Health Expo, and church members are continuing to build relationships with them.

The Lord is using the health message, the Natural Food Center, and the Buford Family to lead people to Him. It is an awesome feeling to know that God can and will use people to teach others about Him... rain or shine!

—BY MATT SMITH

Drapers Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary



Roger and Linda Draper of Greeneville, Tenn., were honored with a reception on March 23, 2014, for their 50th wedding anniversary.

They were married in the Conference

Center on March 22, 1964, when it was the Greeneville Seventh-day Adventist Church. The ceremony was officiated by L. O. Coon.

The reception was hosted by the Drapers' daughter, Sheila Draper of Longwood, Fla.; daughter Pamela and son-in-law David Nerness of Lake Mary, Fla.; and grandchildren, Noah, Levi, Eden, and Zion

Nerness, also of Lake Mary.

Roger Draper is retired from the laboratory at Takoma Regional Hospital, and Linda Draper is retired from her position as a nurse at MECO Corporation in Greeneville.

They are members of Greeneville Church.

Decatur Church Hosts School's Out Penny Fair



Church members from Decatur, Tenn., Church decorate a booth at the School's Out Penny Fair in early June.

The story began early in January this year for Decatur, Tenn., Church. A small out reach committee met for its first meeting. The discussion centered on ministry opportunities and available resources, and they decided to be in the center of God's Work and use Christ's earthly ministry as the model. Two stories helped formulate the strategy.

The first strategy came from the story of the sheep and the goats in Matthew 25:34-36. This gave them opportunity to work with the needy in the community through the local county ministries.

Services were offered for home repairs for the needy, transportation to the doctor for the elderly, single-parent child care so they can run errands, wheelchair ramps for the disabled, and many others.

The second focus came

from the event described shortly after the Transfiguration in Matthew 10:14-16. Here Jesus invites the children to come to Him. Decatur Church is a small

church, and in need of more children to make it complete. That's where the penny comes in.

To get the children's attention, they decided to do something that had never been done by this church or anyone else in the small town — to host a community-wide family event celebrating the end of the school year and the beginning of summer — a School's Out Penny Fair.

The fair was held the first Sunday afternoon in June after the close of school.

Church members eagerly volunteered to create a carnival-like atmosphere by personally decorating tents and creating an interactive game experience. Some activities included a petting zoo, pony rides, mustache photo booth, football and ring tosses, cake walk, dunk tank, bounce house, trick horseback riding, and more.

The importance of children properly washing their hands and the principles of NEWSTART were featured at the "Germs and Health" booth.

Participation from

80 percent chance of rain).

Why Penny Fair? A penny is not much in today's economy, but it's all God needs. All events cost just one penny, and the church provided the pennies. God provided the miracle! The miracle began within the church. The entire church family participated in either booth preparations, the 24/7 prayer season, or booth duty the day of the event.

Decatur is a city of about 2,000, and it is estimated that more than 15 percent of the town's population, 300-plus parents and children, attended the fair.

There was even an emergency brake job. A college student member of the church discovered a visitor needed their front brakes replaced in order to make it to a job interview on Monday. He immediately offered his tools and expertise to the visitor and solved the problem. And finally, more than 50 community children pre-registered for the upcoming Vacation Bible School program.

It was a blessing to see how the Lord used the talents and interests of each member of Decatur Church as a witness and encouragement to so many children and their families in the community.

—BY DON SHELTON



the community included emergency vehicles from Meigs County Fire and Rescue, and the American Red Cross. Live musicians set a festive tone, as well as providing one-on-one opportunity for each child to play and interact with real musical instruments.

Everyone was treated to food, fun, and fellowship on a sunny afternoon (weather forecast earlier in the week had predicted an

Auburn-Opelika VBS Children Explore the Nature of God

Nature was all around everyone on July 7, 2014, as the doors of Auburn-

They explored God as the King, and that God rules forever in Heaven, accord-



VBS children from four to 12 years old sing "I Can Count on God," "God is Big," and "He Loves Me."

Opelika Metro Church opened to 40 excited Vacation Bible School (VBS) children eager to learn the adventures in knowing God. "On a Jungle Safari" VBS explored the nature of God as the Creator, Provider, Protector, Savior, and King.

The children learned how they could count on God through Bible stories in Genesis through Revelation. The children learned that God is great as the Creator in Genesis 1. They studied the story of Elijah in 1Kings 17, and they saw God as the Provider. They read in Daniel 6 how God is the Protector, and in John 3, 19, and 20, they learned how God saves His children through Jesus.

ing to John 14 and Revelation 1, 4, 21, and 22.

They zipped right to the point with hands-on activities and small group discussions to help them learn how and why they can count on God. They did activities and projects to help put their faith into action and impact the lives of others.

The ages for VBS ranged from four through youth. There was singing and praying as the children discovered the greatest treasure of all. During this large group setting, the children learned Psalms 86:9-12, which talks about who God is and what He means to His people. Yetty Akingbemi and Rhonda Akins tackled the four- and

five-year-olds, with Mary Nelson and Briana Scherrer touching the hearts of the primary children. Renita Jones taught the excited earlitesens how to put God in their lives, and Wanda McPherson led the youth group to a closer relationship with their God.

There was a mission adventure presented with pictures by Indy Rhodes, who just returned from an ADRA mission trip to Tanzania with academy students from Georgia-Cumberland Academy. There they worked on a water

were collected to donate to ADRA to help in drilling a water well for this village. Sabbath morning, July 12, the VBS children were excited to report that they collected \$330 to be presented to ADRA Tanzania.

The VBS graduation was held Sabbath, July 12. Auburn-Opelika Metro Church was filled to capacity with parents. It was evident that God had blessed the one-week VBS. The youth group led praise time by singing "My God is Greater" and "Champion," followed with



The youth group praises God with special numbers led by Taylor Griffith.

project at an orphanage, and they had the privilege of visiting several schools and the Health Centre in the Kwaugoro Village. They have no water supply in this village, and walk for miles carrying water. As a mission project, funds

a saxophone solo by Indy Rhodes, "When We All Get to Heaven." Taylor Griffith, Oakwood University student, led the youth with their music, and they sang "It's Going to Happen to Me" to close the program.

The VBS children from

four to 12 years old sang “I Can Count on God,” and they presented a special part on what they learned at VBS with memory verses. Amanda Carpenter, director, presented their diplomas, and all the VBS children sang “God is Big”

and “He Loves Me” to close the program.

A fellowship dinner for all the families was prepared. Patrick Jones, elder, praised God for the children and dismissed with a blessing for the food.

God richly blessed and

opened the doors to the homes of 40 children. The VBS team hopes to see them back next year, and have their families as a part of Auburn-Opelika Metro Church.

All must go out to the people as Jesus did when

He was on Earth, and reach out to their needs. The seeds have been sown and the harvest is soon to come. God will provide what everyone needs if the first step of service is met.

—BY SAUNDRA KROMMINGA

Southern Student Gets First Taste of Mission Work in Haiti

Many children grow up wishing to become astronauts or sports stars, but from the age of 10, Jonathon Duman had a unique dream: He wanted to be a missionary for life. As a result, he selected nursing as his career so he would have a useful skill set overseas.

Duman, a member of Piedmont, Ala., Church, considered many colleges but ultimately chose Southern Adventist University because he deeply desired to be surrounded by others who shared his faith.

“I love starting each class with a prayer or worship,” he said. “It is a God-centered environment where we are encouraged to grow spiritually. It also helps me connect with others who share my passion. For example, my roommate also wants to be a mission-



Photos of Jonathon Duman during his mission trip to Haiti

ary, so we encourage one another.”

During his sophomore year in 2014, Duman came across a special opportunity to put his dreams into action. Southern’s School of Nursing was going to Haiti on a short-term mission trip, and the generous donations of Duman’s friends and church family made it possible for him to participate.

Although he had been

looking forward to this experience his entire life, he was immediately overwhelmed when exiting the plane. “The first thing that struck me was the poverty. I’d never been in a third-world country before,” Duman said. “I didn’t know people lived like that.”

With open eyes and a compassionate heart, he traveled to Bwe Pen, Haiti, approximately three hours outside of Port-au-

Prince. There the group held health clinics during the day and Vacation Bible School in the evenings. Duman expected to encounter exotic diseases, but was surprised to find that the majority of the local people’s struggles — such as intestinal parasites — were related to the need for clean water.

Currently in his junior year at Southern, Duman plans to finish the nursing degree,

gain a few years of professional experience in the United States, and then begin his mission work overseas.

“I will never forget that initial trip to another country and how it confirmed mission work was what I wanted to do with my life,” Duman said. “I look forward to helping people, both physically and spiritually.”

—BY ANGELA BAERG

Great Things Are Happening at Stateline Church



Baptismal candidate Greg Hargrove (left) stands with Isaac Olatunji Jr., Ph.D., Stateline Church lay pastor.



Worship service at Stateline Church

What started with an average attendance of 30 individuals each Sabbath, has now grown to nearly

100 in attendance at Stateline Church in Ardmore, Ala., where great changes in church growth have

happened. In August 2013, the Gulf States Conference appointed Isaac Olatunji Jr., Ph.D., an adjunct theology professor at Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala., to be Stateline's lay pastor and foster evangelism and church growth in the Ardmore area.

Since Olatunji has begun his pastorate there, the Lord has blessed the church with baptisms on a monthly basis, with many souls coming to Christ and the Adventist message, along with spiritual revival and renewal among its membership. Olatunji recently concluded a 13-week prophecy seminar, titled "Apocalypse Now," where many attended. The first baptismal candidate, Greg Hargrove, is on fire for Jesus and the Adventist message; others are con-

templating their decision for baptism.

It is the goal of Stateline Church to continue the



Isaac Olatunji Jr., Ph.D., lay pastor, baptizes Greg Hargrove at Stateline Church in Ardmore, Ala.

process of evangelism by having evangelistic meetings on a quarterly basis in order to foster growth. Olatunji and Stateline Church solicit your prayers.

—BY ISAAC OLATUNJI JR., PH.D.

Decatur Members Honor Those of 90-Plus Years

Research shows that Seventh-day Adventists live four to seven years longer than the average population. Two members from Decatur, Ala., Church validate that research. Barbara Chapman and Charles Tollerton turned 90 and 95, respectively, in July.

Both attend church regularly. They were honored with a cake reception potluck on Sabbath, July



Barbara Chapman, 90, and Charles Tollerton, 95, were honored with a cake reception at Decatur, Ala., Church this past July.

19, 2014, which happened to be Chapman's birthday. She made the comment, "This has been my best birthday ever."

Decatur members are blessed to do the Lord's work with these two "youngsters."

—BY PEGGY SMITH

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Dan Jackson, Chairman
Leslie N. Pollard, Secretary

MTSA Hosts Inaugural Mission and Awards Dinner

In May, 234 Middle Tennessee School of Anes-



MTSA Mission and Awards Dinner inaugural award recipients include Kent Price, Hampton Bisalski, Vickie Nenner (niece of and accepting for Bernard V. Bowen), Wayne Winfree, and Arthur Runyon-Hass.



Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum

thesia (MTSA) supporters gathered at the school's inaugural Mission and Awards Dinner to celebrate MTSA's heritage and mission, while recognizing outstanding anesthesia providers and clinical leaders who reflect the best in anesthesia education.

Five awards were given during the black-tie optional event, held at

Nashville's Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, to individuals who embrace MTSA's mission of providing a Christian, Seventh-day Adventist learning environment that fosters the pursuit of truth, excellence in and access to graduate nurse anesthesia education, and a life of service.

"The event was a great success," said Kenneth Schwab, president of MTSA. "We are blessed not only with the richness, diversity, and depth of the health care resources in Nashville, but with individuals who have helped transform MTSA, the students who attend, and the field of anesthesia across middle Tennessee by embodying the school's Seventh-day Adventist values."

The five awards given included the Clinical

Excellence Award (Kent Price, C.R.N.A., A.P.N.); the Mission and Heritage Award (Hampton Bisalski, C.R.N.A., M.S., A.P.N.); the Philanthropy Award (the late Bernard V. Bowen, C.R.N.A., D.Sc.); the Mary Elizabeth DeVasher Distinguished Alumni Service Award (Wayne Winfree, C.R.N.A., M.S., A.P.N.); and the Nevin Downs Leadership Award (Arthur Runyon-Hass, M.D., Ph.D.).

MTSA offers two levels of anesthesia education, and has trained nurse anesthetists for more than 60 years. Nearly 70 percent of all nurse anesthetists in middle Tennessee are MTSA alumni, and more than 45 percent of all nurse anesthetists in the state graduated from the school.

—MIDDLE TENNESSEE SCHOOL OF ANESTHESIA

Murfreesboro Hispanic Company Organized

Some members at the Nashville Hispanic Church expressed an interest in a place to worship closer to the Murfreesboro/Shelbyville, Tenn., area. After discussing this project, the Nashville Hispanic Church voted to establish a mission group in Murfreesboro, which would also be near the Shelbyville area.

The Murfreesboro English-speaking Church facilitated meeting space for the mission group at no cost for two years. Eventually the mission group moved to a rental facil-



Carlos Pinto, pastor, baptizes Jennifer Lara, who later signed as a charter member of the Murfreesboro Hispanic Company.

ity, and currently meets at the local Church of Christ facility. With 40 members, the Murfreesboro mission



José Jaso, Alberto Sánchez, Carlos Pinto, Joel Yax, leaders at Murfreesboro Hispanic Company; and Steve Rose, Conference executive secretary

group was granted company status on June 28, 2014. They are so grateful to the Lord for His lead-

ing in growing His Kingdom in the Murfreesboro/Shelbyville area.

—BY CARLOS PINTO

Cooking Classes Change Lives

Daniel and Kristina McFeeters had a conviction to do mission work in Whitley City, Ky., county seat for McCreary County, with 38.8 percent of its population living below the poverty line. The Lord impressed the McFeeters to serve this community through health ministry. So, for the past four and a half years, they have conducted cooking classes. During this time, participants asked how they could purchase the delicious food. But, without a commercial kitchen, it was impossible to fulfill their requests.

On June 11, 2014, the dream of opening a bakery and vegetarian café finally materialized when Kristina's Kitchen celebrated its official grand opening. Those in attendance included Wendy Allen, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Douglas Ste-



Ribbon cutting at Kristina's Kitchen

phens, county judge; and a representative from Senator Mitch McConnell's office, Donna Baker McClure. Gary Shepherd, pastor, offered opening prayer; Kieth Noll, Conference evangelist, shared a brief message; and David Hartman, Conference ministerial director, gave a prayer of dedication and blessing for their ministry and business. Then customers lined up to enjoy a tasty fare of vegetable soup, sandwiches, salads, and baked delights.

One of the guests,

Sharlotte Devine, shared how the McFeeters have impacted her life. Devine visited her doctor

last September because of shortness of breath, lack of energy, and excessive weight. The doctor prescribed a vegan diet



Daniel and Kristina McFeeters (left); Sharlotte, Joshua (front), William, and Matthew Devine

and urged her to try it for three weeks. She gave it a try, but struggled to find appetizing recipes. Then a friend told her about Kristina's cooking classes. Devine and her family checked it out and were amazed at the simple demonstrations and delicious food.

After following the prescribed diet for several months, not only has Devine's health improved, but she has lost more than 20 pounds. Her family's health has also remarkably improved. She testifies, "Kristina's cooking class was a turning point for us; it changed our meals and our lives." Now she is excited that Kristina's Kitchen has opened so she and her family can eat at a restaurant that serves a healthy menu.

—BY DAVID HARTMAN AND
KIETH NOLL

Ridgetop Pathfinders Sponsor 5K Run/Walk



Three generations: Stephanie Bell, daughter (left); Marlana Bell, granddaughter; and Marilyn Kenerson, mother/grandmother participate in the 5K Run/Walk.

The Ridgetop, Tenn., Pathfinder Club, the Ridgerunners, sponsored its first 5K Run/Walk in Ridgetop to help raise funds for the Oshkosh Camporee. The 41 participants ranged in age from seven to 79 years old, including two legally blind runners with their guides, and a grandmother toting her young grandson. The fastest time was 24 minutes, with everyone finishing within

an hour.

The local police department provided road safety, and volunteers



Dewayne Henson, guide for Ricky (left); Cathy Henson with baby Nicholas Jones; Ricky Jones; Christy Ray; Jonathan Jones; and Elizabeth Vassey, guide for Christy

offered cold drinks along the route. Several area businesses sponsored the event with monetary gifts, refreshments, and awards.

According to Pathfinder directors Jeff and Becky Massey, approximately \$1,000 was raised after expenses. The sign-up and information booth received two requests for information on healthful living, and one request for Bible studies.

—BY HELEN KELLY

CAA Celebrates Historic Graduation

The May 2014 eighth-grade graduation at Carolina Adventist Academy (CAA) in Whiteville, N.C., was historic. All three graduates — Matthew Harvey, Isaac Davidson, and Chelsea Dunlap — maintained a 4.0 GPA, and thus were co-valedictorians. All three gave valedictorian speeches as Karen Taylor, CAA principal, and Darryl Howard, pastor of Praise Tabernacle Church, listened approvingly, as well as the teaching staff and supporters.

The morning's baccalaureate message was given by William Winston, South Atlantic Conference president, and the commencement speech later that evening was given by Debra Fryson, Southern Union Conference director

of education. Both messages were inspirational to the eager graduating youth and their elated family and friends. The CAA band and choir performed, as well as the Men of Honor signing group. "Furthering Adventist Christian Education" and "Service to God" were the themes of the services, and the 2014 Class Aim is "To fulfill God's plans for our lives."

Although there were only three graduates, a former CAA chairperson remembered what former principal-teacher Ella Hamer said at their first eighth-grade graduation in 1998, when the school was known as Philadelphia SDA Christian School, "If there's only one graduate, we will have graduation services as if we had 50 graduating."



Darryl Howard, pastor of Praise Tabernacle Church; Zellima Howard; Karen Taylor, principal of Carolina Adventist Academy; Isaac Davidson; Chelsea Dunlap; Matthew Harvey; William Winston, president of South Atlantic Conference; Eula Winston; Charlene Berry; and Richard Berry, M.D.

There was only one graduate that first year; however, since that time many have graduated from eighth and 12th grades at CAA, and have become professors, doctors, teachers, social

workers, and other professionals. It's not always the quantity, but the quality that counts, especially for this Adventist rural school in North Carolina.

—BY CHARLOTTE VERRETT, M.D.

Wrens Church Holds Bible Class Graduation

The culmination of a 10-week Bible study course for the youth of Wrens, Ga., Church was

eight students who completed the course. During the ceremony, the graduates were surprised with a



Wrens Bible class graduates include Vashti Williams (left), Bryce James, Jayden James, D'Erika Lovette, Jarvan Lovette, Christyan Jones, Kevon Brown, and Matthew Jones.

held June 21, 2014, with a formal graduation for

special video message from Doug Batchelor, president

of Amazing Facts, Inc., congratulating them on their success.

"We are incredibly proud of these eight students who did not give up, and made a decision to complete this course of study. They've worked very hard, and we felt they deserved this special recognition as a reward for their perseverance," said Betty James.

Jay James gave a charge to each graduate to use the knowledge and wisdom they gained from the course as a tool of discipleship.

The Bible class began with 15 students, but during the course of 10 weeks, only eight graduates endured until the end. Kevon Brown, Bryce James, Jayden James, Christyan Jones, Matthew Jones, D'Erika Lovette, Jarvan Lovette, and Vashti Williams each received a gold graduation stole, and an official diploma from the Amazing Facts Bible School.

The ceremony ended with a prayer of consecration for each graduate by Stephan Davis, pastor of Wrens Church.

Mt. Olive Conducts Global Youth Day Initiative

Mt. Olive Church members participated in its second annual Global Youth Day on March 15, 2014, in the community of East Point, Ga. Erroll Dunson, personal ministries leader, spearheaded the project with assistance from Betty Weston, AYS leader. The weather was near perfect when the army of participants, children, and adults traveled to the

corner of Stone Road and Washington Road to distribute 200 loaves of bread and



Mt. Olive Church members share spiritual and physical bread with the community as part of Global Youth Day Outreach.

inspirational books to the community. Each family received a Bible and two of three available books: *The Great Controversy*, *Steps to Christ*, or *Bible Readings for the Home*.

A large banner with “Free Bread of Life” and young children excitedly yelling “free bread” directed the flow of traffic to the distribution areas. It was truly a great opportunity for the

youth to experience the joy of sharing the Good News of Christ, and reaching out in service to others. The message of “Each One, Reach One” was well exhibited on the corner of Stone Road and Washington Road. The group, which consisted of approximately 50 participants, assembled and ended their outreach project with a prayer of thanksgiving by Erroll Dunson.

—BY BETTY WESTON

Conference Sets Deaconesses Apart

The South Atlantic Conference (SAC) encouraged its pastors to honor and ordain deaconesses as a result of a 2010 General Conference Session approval vote in Atlanta, Ga.

Hence, “Women Set Apart” was birthed as the Inaugural Deaconess Ordination service involving six area churches in South Carolina: Emmanuel in Loris, Bethel in Bucksport, Mt. Olive in Marion, New Life in Lake City, Andrews in Andrews, and Mt Olive in Hemingway. With nearly 40 candidates pre-approved by their local church boards, aglow in pristine white, and supported by

deacons, elders, and junior deaconess, the Hemingway Mt. Olive Church was

dedicated service, and reminded each one of the awesome magnitude and

to each of his ordination candidates.

Winston lifted a prayer of ordination and blessing for the candidate. Each candidate was anointed and given the hand of fellowship extended by the congregation, and now the ordained deaconesses will continue as charged: faithful women of purpose, called, rightfully honored, and set apart to enhance, edify, and support God’s Work at



Ordained deaconesses from six South Carolina churches include Emmanuel in Loris, Bethel in Bucksport, Mt. Olive in Marion, New Life in Lake City, Andrews in Andrews, and Mt. Olive in Hemingway.

abuzz with excitement, elegance, and the Holy Spirit. William L. Winston, Conference president, affirmed these women of God for their combined years of

depth of God’s call and work. Raymond Johnson, Joshua Nelson, and Kagia K. Scott, pastors of the respective churches, in turn gave personalized tributes

church. This was a long awaited, monumental event, and all were proud to record it in history.

—BY RHONDORA J. SCOTT

New Summer Semester Allows School of Nursing to Accept More Students

Nationwide, the demand for entry into nursing programs is greater than the number of seats available. That dilemma can be seen firsthand at Southern as qualified students are put on a wait list each year. But, starting in May the University will begin offering a 12-week summer term that is the academic equivalent of a third semester, allowing 70 additional students into the School of Nursing each year without straining facility or faculty resources.

Summer provides a much-needed study reprieve for many, and the modified schedule affords that same rest period for all students at staggered times throughout the year. New students enter the nursing program during each of the three semesters and stay on an academic track with others who started at the same time. These cohorts — groups of students who work through the curriculum simultaneously and graduate with the same academic degree together — study for two consecutive terms and then take one term off. So while some students enjoy “summer break” in the actual summer, other cohorts are taking their three-month break during fall and winter seasons.

“We’re excited to offer our students, and potential students, an increased variety of options,” said Marc

Grundy, vice president for Enrollment Services. “Nursing is Southern’s first academic area to try this approach, but there are many higher education institutions across the country

reduced housing costs, and other waived fees total more than \$2,200 per student. This is above and beyond any additional monetary assistance the student has been awarded.



Professor Jaclyn Huse (second from left), works with students practicing on a “patient” in the School of Nursing’s Simulation Center. The facility offers realistic, hands-on, nursing care experience, and strengthens clinical decision-making skills.



Southern’s School of Nursing is located in Florida Hospital Hall, which opened in 2011.

that make greater use of their resources during the summer with programs similar to this.”

To encourage initial enrollment into this new cohort, Southern has prepared several financial incentives unique to this program. Scholarships,

Although there are other nursing programs available in the Chattanooga area, many students — including those who aren’t Adventists — increasingly seek out Southern for their education. And, while the School of Nursing graduates students with a

consistently high pass rate on licensure exams, employers reward these young professionals with jobs for reasons outside of just their book knowledge.

“Our faculty and staff come from the same philosophical and religious roots, and work as a team to create a family atmosphere,” said Barbara James, dean for the School of Nursing. “Students gain practice in skills and simulation labs, but where Southern’s nursing program excels most is in offering true education that encompasses and supports the development of a Christian professional prepared to serve their local or global community.”

Students taking classes in the summer will enjoy many of the same co-curricular opportunities available to those in fall and winter terms, including a variety of worship and mission opportunities. Not normally available during that time of the year, these elements have been added through the prayerful and deliberate efforts of multiple departments on campus to ensure that those in the new summer cohort do not miss out on key components that help create the “Southern Experience.”

For more information about this new enrollment option, email smayer@southern.edu or call 423-236-2941.

—BY LUCAS PATTERSON

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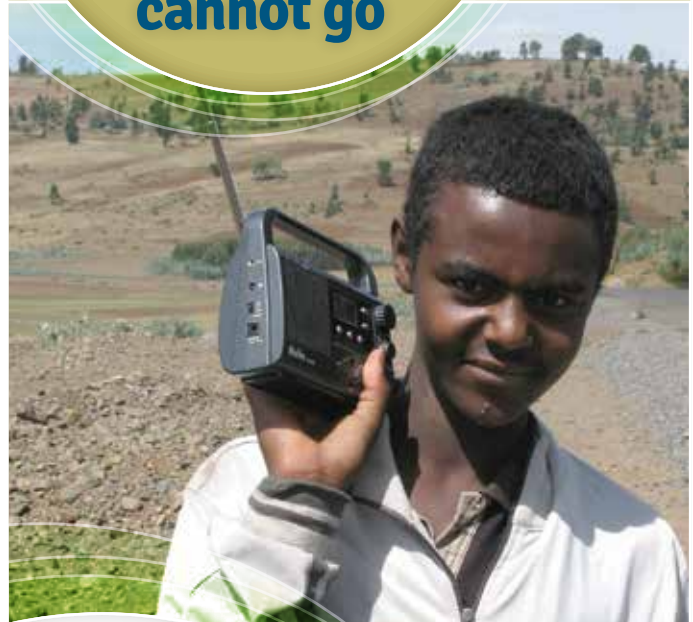
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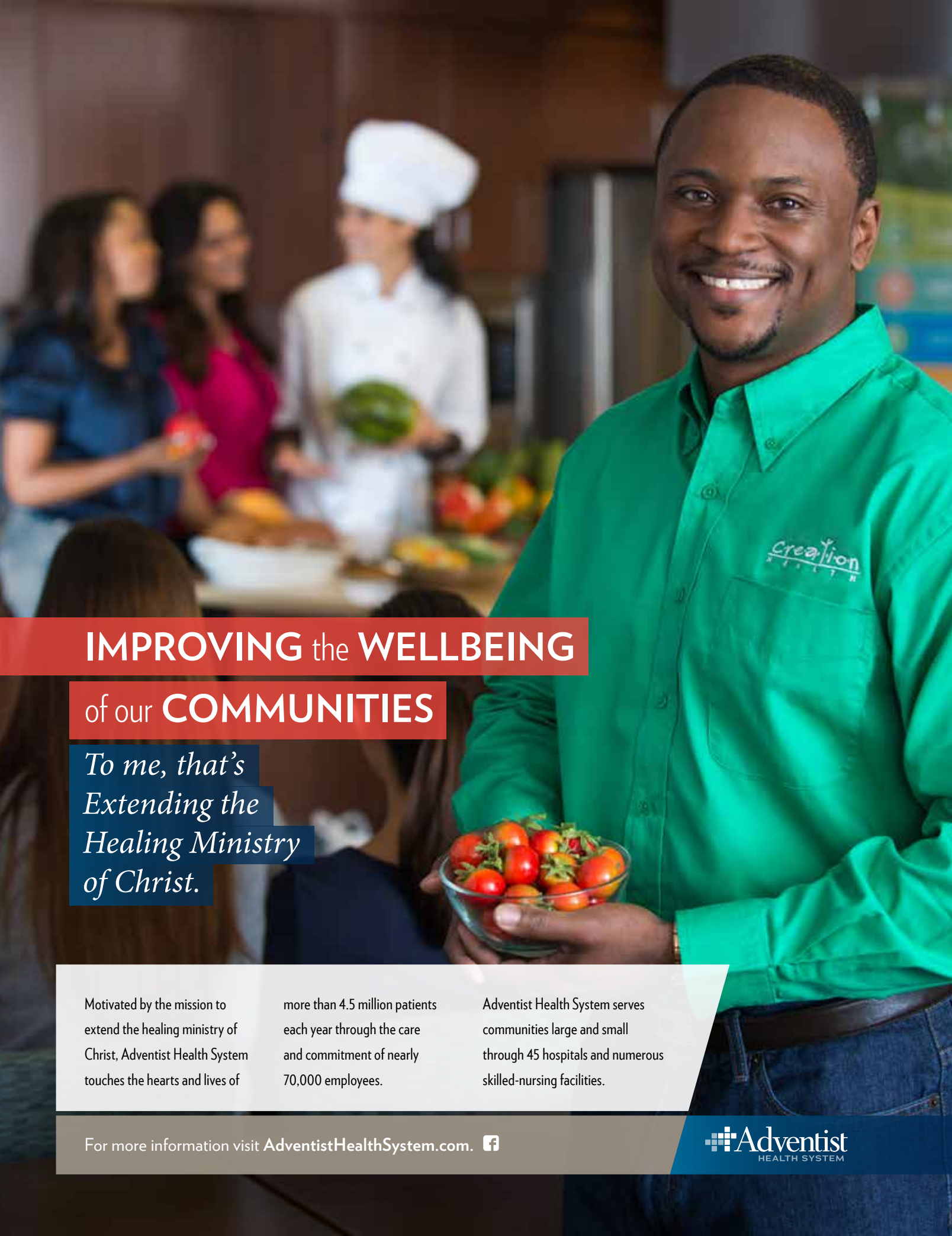
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PRIVATE COUNTRY LOTS – 2 - 10 acres, close to SAU in Tennessee. Gorgeous views, mature hardwoods, all utilities, stocked lake, 2,000' elevation, end of county road. Call Jeff at 301-992-7472. For pictures, plats and more information: kismetkennel.com/countryland. [9-11]

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES (ADU) in Orlando, FL seeks a **Director of Alumni Relations** who will be responsible for building and maintaining an alumni database, alumni newsletter and alumni web page. This position will develop and chair all internal and external alumni committees and will be responsible for the development of an alumni-giving program. The Director will produce scheduled communications with ADU Alumni and plan and execute alumni events. The position will serve as the compliance and records officer for all Service Learning Projects performed by ADU students. Reply to Fred. Stephens@adu.edu. [9, 10]

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THE MODERN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT (MLD) at Southern Adventist University (SAU) is seeking a **part-time instructor of German language** who holds a M.A. in German. The MLD at SAU follows the ACFTL National language guidelines. If interested, please contact Professor Carlos Parra, Chair of the Modern Languages Department at SAU at cparra@southern.edu or by calling 423-236-2746. You may also contact Beverly Orrison, Office Manager of the MLD at borrison@southern.edu or by calling 423-236-2221. Position open until filled. [9]

PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE is seeking a full-time faculty in the **Nursing and Health Sciences Department**- Emergency Services/Nursing to begin during the 2014-2015 academic year. Ideal candidate will possess a masters degree in nursing or related field, a current RN license, and a current National Registry EMT certification and/or Paramedic license with at least 2 years pre-hospital experience. For more information or to apply call 707-965-7062 or visit <http://www.puc.edu/faculty-staff/current-job-postings>. [9]

Advertisements

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LIFESTYLE MANAGEMENT: Diabetes reversal, weight control, stress reduction, overcoming depression. Butler Creek Health Education Center, Iron City, TN. October 19-31, 2014. Prevention and recovery from lifestyle disease amidst the beauties of God's creation. Cost: \$975. For more information call 931-213-1329. www.butlercreek.us [9]

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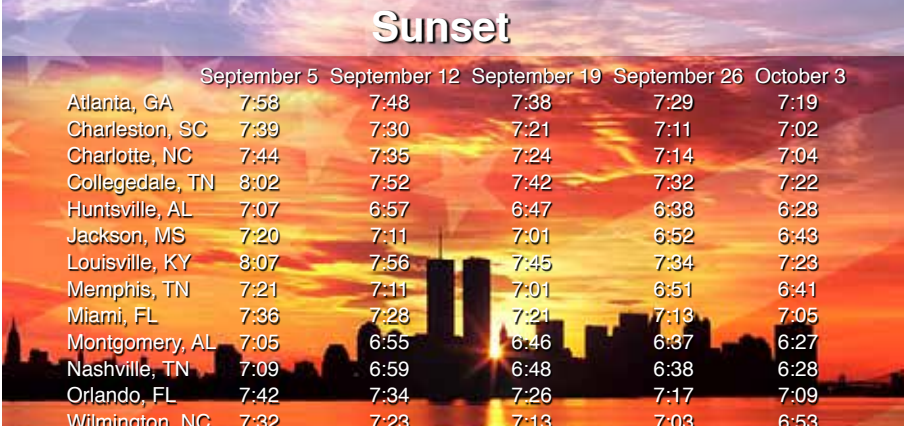
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Atlanta, GA	7:58	7:48	7:38	7:29	7:19
Charleston, SC	7:39	7:30	7:21	7:11	7:02
Charlotte, NC	7:44	7:35	7:24	7:14	7:04
Collegedale, TN	8:02	7:52	7:42	7:32	7:22
Huntsville, AL	7:07	6:57	6:47	6:38	6:28
Jackson, MS	7:20	7:11	7:01	6:52	6:43
Louisville, KY	8:07	7:56	7:45	7:34	7:23
Memphis, TN	7:21	7:11	7:01	6:51	6:41
Miami, FL	7:36	7:28	7:21	7:13	7:05
Montgomery, AL	7:05	6:55	6:46	6:37	6:27
Nashville, TN	7:09	6:59	6:48	6:38	6:28
Orlando, FL	7:42	7:34	7:26	7:17	7:09
Wilmington, NC	7:32	7:23	7:13	7:03	6:53



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Events Calendar

Carolina

GLOW Tract Training – Sept. 5-8. Kernersville Church. Contact Publishing Director Lance Morrison for details.

Crisis Care Classes
Sept. 6, 7. Asheville North Church.
Sept. 13, 14. Spartanburg Church.

Hispanic Camp Meeting – Sept. 12-14. NPR.

Prayer Summit – Sept. 19, 20. Raleigh Church.

Lay Leader Appreciation and Training Meeting – Sept. 21. NPR.

Hispanic Women's Retreat – Sept. 26-28. NPR.

Women's Retreat – Oct. 10-12. NPR.

Community Services Retreat – Sept. 17-19. NPR.

Elders' Certification – Sept. 24, 25. Charleston Church. This session focuses on "Visitation."

Low Country Camp Meeting – Oct. 18. Summerville, SC.

Eastern Carolina Camp Meeting – Oct. 25. Greenville, SC, Church. Please visit carolinassa.org for de-tails on this one day event.

Florida

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

Florida Pathfinder events – <http://www.floridaconference.com/iym/pathfinders/events/> 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/iym/childrendandfamily/events/>, esalzmnn@cfl.rr.com, 407-521-4751, or 407-721-3036.

Andy McDonald Celebration of Tenure – Sept. 13. Florida Hospital Church. Lunch and special anniversary program at 1 p.m. following the 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. worship services with speaker Mike Fulbright. Details: <http://www.hospitalchurch.org/Andy30>

Planned Giving and Trust Services Clinics
Sept. 27. Sunrise.
Oct. 4. Clermont Spanish.

Florida Adventist Book Center – Altamonte Springs: national toll-free number, 877-55-FLABC (877-553-5222). Miami: 305-805-9900. High Springs: 386-454-7956. Shop online: <http://www.floridaconference.com/abc/> or order by email: FloridaABC@floridaconference.com

Florida Adventist Bookmobile Schedule

Oct. 5. Titusville, Cocoa, Ft. Pierce, Midport in Port St. Lucie, West Palm Beach. (Southeastern Conference: Palm Bay, Port St. Lucie.)

Oct. 12. East Pasco in Zephyrhills, Brooksville, Homosassa, Spring Hill, New Port Richey, Clearwater, St. Petersburg.

Oct. 19. Lauderhill, Plantation, Sunrise. (Southeastern Conference: Mt. Olivet Ft. Lauderdale.)

Oct. 26. Winter Haven, Avon Park, Arcadia, Ft. Myers Shores, Ft. Myers, Cape Coral, Naples.

Oct. 27. Port Charlotte, North Port, Sarasota, Bradenton, Brandon, Tampa First.

Let's Get Moving Kids – Oct. 5, 8-11 a.m. Crane's Roost Park, Uptown Altamonte Springs. Health Fair for children featuring a run/walk (5K, 3K, and 1/8 mile) to promote active and healthy lifestyles. Participants will be awarded race bibs, finisher medallions, goodie bags, and healthy snacks. Health fair includes raffles, face painting, bounce house, music, and more. Sponsored by Forest City Spanish Church. Cost: \$10. (\$12 after Sept. 5.) Details: <http://www.letsgetmovingkids.org/>, info@iglesiafc.com, or 407-592-4808.

Faith Community Nursing Training – Oct. 6-10, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Hospice of the Comforter, 480 W. Central Parkway, Altamonte Springs. A course developed through International Parish Nurse Resource Center for nurses with active RN license that will empower you to view health through the CREATION Health philosophy and integrate a practical understanding of theology into the role of Faith Community Nursing. Cost: \$299, includes books, lunch, and 34 CE credits. Details: <http://www.healthy100churches.org/fcntraining/>, healthy100churches@flhosp.org, or 407-200-8278.

High School Bible Retreat – Oct. 9-12. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Cost: \$95 or \$125 after Sept. 25. Registration deadline: Oct. 1. Details: http://www.floridaconference.com/reservations/?ee=6_aimee.layson@floridaconference.com, or 407-644-5000 x2425.

Blaze Fest: Life on Fire Ministries Training – Nov. 21-23. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Preacher training levels 1 and 2 for ages 14+: CREATION Health, small groups, discipleship, Bible study, music worship, crisis care, film ministry, health ministry, etc. Cost: \$99. Details: robert.hines@floridaconference.com or 407-644-5000 x2422.

Georgia-Cumberland

Hispanic Women's Retreat – Sept. 12-14. Cohutta Springs, Crandall.

Personal Ministries Rally – Sept. 13. Cookeville Algood Church, Cookeville, TN.

Will Clinics
Sept. 13, 14. Cumberland Heights Church, Coalmont, TN.
Sept. 27, 28. Chattanooga First Hispanic Church.

Pathfinder Leadership Convention – Sept. 19-21. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall.

Prayer Ministries Day – Sept. 20. Dalton, GA, Church.

Let's Move Day – Sept. 21.

Evangelistic Series – Sept. 20-27, 6-9 p.m. "We All Have (Problems) Hope" with speaker Roger Hernandez. Knoxville, TN, Convention Center.

'Free Indeed' Women's Conference (NAD) – Sept. 25-28. Orlando, FL.

Youth Ministries Convention – Sept. 26, 27. Convention for lay youth workers, youth pastors, and chaplains. Speaker: Steve Case. Cohutta Springs, Crandall.

Associate Board of Directors Meeting – Oct. 1.

Day of Prayer and Fasting – Oct. 3.

NE Tenn. Camp Meeting – Oct. 3, 4. The Oaks, Greeneville, TN.

Pathfinder Drill Instructor Training – Oct. 3-5. Cohutta Springs, Crandall.

ACF Student Leader Reboot – Oct. 3-5. Cohutta Springs, Crandall.

Hispanic Men's Retreat – Oct. 3-5. Unicoi State Park, Helen, GA.

Preview Southern – Oct. 9, 10. Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, TN.

God in Shoes Outreach – Oct. 12. Chattanooga, TN.

Men's Retreat – Oct. 17-19. Cohutta Springs, Crandall.

Health Rally – Oct. 18. Jamestown, TN, Church.

Appalachia Domestic Missions Training – Oct. 19-23. Mission trip with Georgia-Cumberland Academy.

Single Moms'/Kids' Retreat – Oct. 24-26. Cohutta Springs, Crandall.

Gulf States

Leadership Weekend – Sept. 5-7. Camp Alamisco, Dadeville, AL. Training seminars for Adventurers, Pathfinders, and Master Guides. Come and learn how to open a club or equip your club to be more successful.

Teen Invitational: Canoeing – Sept. 20, 21. Escatawpa River. Teen-only event. Details: Gregg/

Angela Myers, 251-680-9210 or email: gmyers@bluebottle.com.

FACE TO FACE - Mobile Youth Rally – Sept. 27. Cody Road Church, Mobile, AL. Must RSVP. Details: Angela Myers, 251-895-6961 or gmyers@bluebottle.com.

Teen Invitational: Paintball – Oct. 25, 26. Raymond, MS. Worship at College Drive Church on Sabbath. Teen-only event. Details: Pastor James Mangum, 334-652-3021 or email: jmangum@gscsda.org.

Teen Invitational: Rock Climbing – Oct. 31-Nov. 2. Sand Rock, AL. The group will be setting up camp grounds on Friday. Bring your own food and camping equipment. The Conference will provide the rock climbing equipment. Teen-only event. Details: Bob/Bea Hill, 727-560-8023 or email: bobbeahill@gmail.com.

Kentucky-Tennessee

Highland Academy Board – Sept. 4. Highland Academy.

Women's Retreats at Indian Creek Camp
Sept. 5-7. Hispanic.
Sept. 12-14. Young Women.
Sept. 19-21. Women I.
Sept. 26-28. Women II.

Pathfinder Council Campout – Sept. 12-14. Indian Creek Camp.

Conference Executive Committee – Sept. 16. Conference Office.

Madison Academy Celebrates 50 years as an Academy and 110 years as an Institution – Oct. 10, 11. Details: To get involved in planning, contact us at 615-865-4055 or email office@madisonacademy.com.

Elders' Training – Oct. 17-19. Indian Creek Camp.

Men's Conference – Oct. 24-26. Indian Creek Camp.

Southern Adventist University

Archaeology Lecture – Oct. 6. School of Religion Professor Martin Klingbeil will discuss the Institute of Archaeology's 2014 summer excavation activities in Lachish, Israel, at 7 p.m. in Lynn Wood Hall Chapel. Details: Visit southern.edu/archaeology.

Adventist Heritage Tour – Oct. 15-20. School of Religion Professor Jud Lake will lead a trip to New England for visiting notable Seventh-day Adventist history sites. Details: Visit southern.edu/religion.

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