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“A System for Survival” Baptizes Hundreds: The Power of Communication



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The Southern Union Communication director, Pastor R. Steven Norman III, has retired and Bryant Taylor, D.Min., was elected at the 20th Southern Union Constituency Session to serve as the new director of communication for the Union. Under the visionary leadership of both of these transitioning communication specialists, the “System for Survival” evangelistic series conducted by the Southern Union administration added to the Seventh-day Adventist Church more than 400 precious souls through baptism. Most recently, 130 baptisms were added through this evangelistic campaign to the New Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Church in Columbus, Georgia. The driving impetus propelling both of these great executive communicators for the Church is the quest to pursue fulfilled hope and wholeness for Southern Union constituents.

The last words of Christ to His disciples were those found in Acts 1:8, “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the Earth.”

Christ told the disciples that they would receive power to witness about Him. He told them:

- He had all power, Matthew 28:19.
- They would receive power as the Holy Ghost came upon them, Acts 1:8.
- This power would be given to witness about Him, Acts 1:8.
- When the Holy Ghost came upon them, they “began to communicate,” Acts 2:4.

Many people emphasize the tongues part of this text, but the important thing about their speaking was not the language but communicating the message of salvation through Jesus.

Pastor R. Steven Norman III incessantly and creatively communicated the Gospel of Jesus Christ through his administrative oversight for the breadth and scope of his productive ministry career. Pastor Norman has served the Seventh-day Adventist Church for almost 50 years as a pastor and conference and union departmental director. In addition to his retirement from the Southern Union communication directorship, he also leaves in the hands of his successor the responsibility of editor of the *Southern Tidings*. We were blessed to have Steven at the helm of the Southern Union communication and editor of the *Southern Tidings* for the past 15 years. His brilliant journey as a Church leader has been enveloped in his quest to support evangelism.

Dr. Bryant Taylor is a tech-savvy, experienced communication professional who consistently delivers high-quality and results-focused advertising, marketing, and public relations content. Bryant is an excellent internal and external communicator with problem-solving and analytical skills. He is blessed with extensive national and international denominational network contacts, and in-depth knowledge of social media with expertise in identifying emerging technology trends. He is an experienced pastor and communication/technology director. We are delighted to have him as the elected leader to direct the communication ministries for the Southern Union. Undergirding and overarching his specialization is his evangelistic obsession for the salvation of men, women, boys, and girls.

Finally, “Of all professing Christians, Seventh-day Adventists should be foremost in uplifting Christ before the world,” *Gospel Workers*, 156. –RCS

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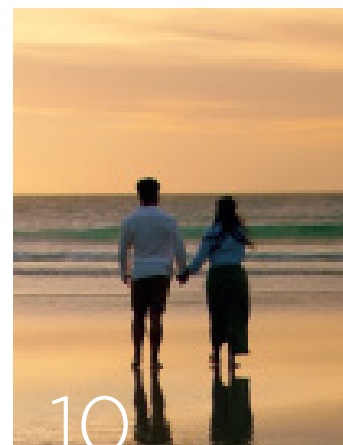
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CAMP MEETING 2023

TIME FOR REVIVAL, RECOMMITMENT, RECONNECTION

BY LUCAS L. JOHNSON II

It was at a Camp Meeting, nearly six decades ago, that Jo-Ann Wade found her calling. “As a youth, I was given the opportunity to serve as a primary teacher in one of the children’s tents at South Central Conference Camp Meeting,” recalls Wade, a retired educator. “That experience set the foundation for my quest to become an elementary school teacher. I served 40 years in Christian education at Alcy Seventh-day Adventist Junior Academy in Memphis, Tennessee. I began as a teacher and later became a principal.”

Wade’s story about the influence Camp Meeting had on her life is one of many shared by people who grew up attending the spiritual retreats in the Southern Union, and continue to make them a part of their lives. The pandemic, however, halted in-person attendance and forced church leaders to hold most Camp Meetings virtually. But this summer, for the first time in nearly four years, Southern Union Camp Meetings will be held completely in person.

“It’s going to be an exciting time,” says Roger R. Wade (no relation to Jo-Ann

Wade), communications/public relations director for South Central Conference, and handler of planning and logistics for the Camp Meeting. “When COVID-19 hit, and people couldn’t come together, it was devastating for some. But, this Camp Meeting will be an opportunity to re-establish those connections. I’m excited!”

Camp Meetings and Their Spiritual Impact Over the Years

In an earlier issue of *Southern Tidings*, writer Tom Carter discusses the history of Camp Meetings, saying they are “rooted deeply in the American religious experience.” He goes on to say that revivalism (in the 19th century) was most successfully conducted through Camp Meetings. One of the largest Camp Meetings took place in the territory of the Southern Union. In August 1801, about 25,000 people — including the governor at the time — attended a meeting in Cane Ridge, Kentucky.

Camp Meetings also played an important role in the establishment of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It was during a Camp Meeting in Burton,

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R. Steven Norman III



Maine, that a young Ellen G. White gave her heart to the Lord. Speaking of the experience she wrote: “Soon after this the Camp Meeting closed and we started for home. My mind was full of sermons, exhortations, and prayers we heard The trees were more beautiful, and the birds sang more sweetly than ever before; they all seemed to be praising the Creator in their songs.” A few weeks later she was baptized by immersion at age 14.

Several years after the organization of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the General Conference took the following action: “Resolved, that the Conference recommend to our people to hold a general Camp Meeting annually at the time of the sessions of our business associations.”

R. Steven Norman III, former communication director for the Southern Union, says Camp Meetings continue to be a “great source of spiritual enrichment to the members in the various sections of the Southern Union, and also provide an excellent opportunity to invite our friends in other faith communities to share in the rich experience.”

Norman, who is also a historian and archivist, recalls a personal experience he had in the South Central Conference where he was a pastor, director of archives and history, and communication director.

“Once a year we go to thank God and to celebrate that liberation, so that we start the next year with energy, with hope.”

Miguel Tirado

“The South Central Conference held several Camp Meetings with an evangelistic emphasis when Elder Joseph McCoy was president. Each year the community was invited to hear powerful Gospel preaching by a successful evangelist. I remember watching with tears of joy as scores of people were baptized at the end of the Camp Meeting. Those were some of the best Camp Meetings I have attended.”

Continuing to Revive and Instill Hope

Southern Union Camp Meetings for this year begin as early as March, and meet for a number of days over the next three months. Some of the meetings last from nine to 10 days, like the

Kentucky-Tennessee (May 26-June 3), South Atlantic (June 9-17), South Central (June 9-17), and Southeastern (June 15-24) conferences. But, regardless of their duration, frequent attendees say Camp Meetings are an opportunity to recharge, fellowship, receive Christ-centered messages of hope, and just praise God for His goodness.

“They provide renewal,” says Roger R. Wade, a Trinidad native whose experiences at a 10-day Camp Meeting helped solidify his decision to attend Oakwood University and eventually become a pastor. “Every year you have an opportunity to step away from your regular routine ... and you can renew your spirituality, or your spiritual essence, at a Camp Meeting that you may not have been able to do at your church.”

Courtney Herod, associate director of communication for the Carolina Conference, agrees. He says Camp Meetings “enforce or strengthen a member’s convictions and beliefs.

“Most of the time, when doing Bible studies or topical studies, we only get a few minutes out of the day or even out of the week,” says Herod, who’s been attending Camp Meetings 36 years. “Our Camp Meeting is a week long, focused around one theme, and allows attendees a chance at prolonged or in-depth studies. This can help strengthen one’s con-



PHOTO BY: HENRIQUE GOMES

Archival photo from 2022 Carolina Hispanic Camp Meeting



PHOTO BY: PAOLA MORA ZEPEDA

Archival photo from 2022 Kentucky-Tennessee Camp Meeting

victions, and the discussions can help someone see something from a different lens other than their own.”

Others say they’re looking forward to the in-person interaction with fellow believers that the pandemic prevented them from having. Becky Carpenter, director of communication for the Carolina Conference, oversees advertising, the daily newspaper, and all digital and print media at the Conference’s seven-day gathering. Her Camp Meeting was among those that met in person last year, and, “I can speak from experience that it was an amazing feeling to be together again,” says Carpenter.

“The pandemic caused a lot of uncertainty and disruption in people’s lives, which led to exhaustion and burnout,” she adds. “Being together again in a supportive and uplifting environment was surreal, almost like we had just been through a bad dream and had woken up again.”

Delicia Jenkins-Roberts, Ed.D., a songstress and special education administrator for Memphis-Shelby County (Tennessee) Schools, says she’s looking forward to worshipping with people she hasn’t seen in a while, particularly mass choir members she sang with in Camp Meetings before the pandemic.

“I enjoy ministering through music at

Camp Meeting,” says Roberts. “I’m especially excited about this upcoming [South Central] Camp Meeting because it’s been several years since we’ve all been together. I’m looking forward to seeing saints from all over the Conference.”

Miguel Tirado is director of Latin American Ministries for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. While he says Camp Meetings are an opportunity for revival and renewal, they’re also a time to celebrate and thank God for His deliverance, similar to what was done during the week-long Feast of Tabernacles.

“Jesus came to rescue us from sin,” says Tirado, who organizes the Conference’s Hispanic Camp Meetings. “Once a year we go to thank God and to celebrate that liberation, so that we start the next year with energy, with hope.”

Eighteen-year-old Lauren Elliott says her Camp Meeting experiences in the Carolina Conference have been spirit-filled, and she hopes others experience the same.

“Some of my best ‘turning to God’ moments took place at Camp Meeting,” says Elliott. “I learned how to find a friend in God there.” 🕊

Lucas L. Johnson II is a freelance writer who lives in Nashville, Tennessee.

SOUTHERN UNION CAMP MEETING DATES

CAROLINA CONFERENCE

May 28-June 3
Lake Junaluska, NC

FLORIDA CONFERENCE

April 21-23 (English)
April 28-30 (Spanish)
High Springs, FL

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE

May 31-June 3
Collegedale, TN

GULF STATES CONFERENCE

March 31-April 1
Camp Alamisco
May 18-21
Bass Memorial Academy
(Spanish Language)
May 24-27
Bass Memorial Academy
(English Language)

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE CONFERENCE

May 26-June 3
Highland Academy

SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

June 9-17
Orangeburg, SC

SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

June 9-17
Oakwood University

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

June 15-24
Hawthorne, FL

THIRTY-ONE SOUTHERN UNION TEAMS ADVANCE TO NAD PATHFINDER BIBLE EXPERIENCE

BY CHRISTINA COSTON

Thirty-six teams of Pathfinders from the Southern Union met at Georgia-Cumberland Academy (GCA) in Calhoun, Georgia, to participate in the Southern Union Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE) on March 25, 2023. Each team worked together to answer 90 questions from the book of John and the introduction to John in the Andrews Study Bible.

To participate in the Union level PBE, teams must have placed first, a rank determined by the percentage of questions answered correctly, in area and conference level PBE events. Six of the eight conferences within the Southern Union were represented by the teams. Each team consisted of up to six members and one alternate.

Amaiya, a PBE member of the Maranatha Church in the Florida Conference, said she enjoys PBEs.

"I like the adrenaline rush and the mix of being nervous but being excited at the same time," Amaiya said.

The teams had 30-90 seconds to answer each of the questions. This year, Gregory Taylor, Southern Union youth director, read the questions in English while John Newlove, South Atlantic Conference youth director, read the questions in Spanish. Tim Blake, Carolina Conference PBE coordinator, kept



PHOTO BY: CHRISTINA COSTON

Two Tampa First PBE members work together to answer a question.

time. Blake, who will also keep time at the North American Division (NAD) PBE, said he has kept time for the Union and NAD for about 10 years. A panel of six judges reviewed and scored answers submitted by the Pathfinders.

An audience of supporters watched from the seats of the GCA wellness center. Amy Mikelvank, a parent of a team member from a Georgia-Cumberland Conference team, said watching the event was interesting.

"It's exciting to see how everything works ... and to see the lessons that they're

learning that they'll take on into adulthood and the rest of their lives," Mikelvank said.

Thirty-one of the 36 teams received first place and qualified for the Division level PBE which took place April 21-22 in Tampa, Florida.

- Birmingham Highrisers Sons of Thunder (Gulf States)
- Birmingham Highrisers Water Walkers (Gulf States)
- Collegedale Korean Pioneers (Georgia-Cumberland)
- Duluth Warriors Blue (Georgia-Cumberland)



PHOTO BY: CHRISTINA COSTON

PBE team members march into the Wally Fox Wellness Center as their team names are called.



PHOTO BY: BRYANT TAYLOR

Tim Blake, Greg Taylor, Maria Newlove, and John Newlove prepare for the PBE questions to begin.



PHOTO BY: CHRISTINA COSTON

PBE member looks at the screen displaying one of the questions about the book of John.



PHOTO BY: BRYANT TAYLOR

A PBE team prays before the Union level PBE event.

- Eliathah Envoys (Florida Conference)
- Forest Lake Team A (Florida Conference)
- Forest Lake Team C (Florida Conference)
- Ft. Lauderdale Spanish Astros Team 1 (Florida Conference)
- Ft. Lauderdale Spanish Astros Team 2 (Florida Conference)
- Gethsemane Cougars (South Atlantic)
- Greenville North Stars Team A (Carolina Conference)
- Highland Warriors The Path of the Finders (Kentucky-Tennessee)
- Lehigh Acres Royal Knights (Florida Conference)
- Maranatha Torchbearer Team (Florida Conference)
- McDonald Road The Beloved (Georgia-Cumberland)
- McDonald Road The Other Disciples (Georgia-Cumberland)
- Melbourne Team A (Florida Conference)
- Miami Central Spanish (Florida Conference)
- Midpoint Conquerors (Florida Conference)
- Raleigh Navigators Bible Warriors (Carolina Conference)
- Raleigh Navigators God's Governors (Carolina Conference)
- Raleigh Spanish Team A (Carolina Conference)
- Raleigh Spanish Team B (Carolina Conference)
- South Brevard Visioneers (Florida Conference)
- Tampa First Warriors Team 1 (Florida Conference)
- Tampa First Warriors Team 2 (Florida Conference)
- Tri-Cities Swords (Georgia-Cumberland)
- Umoja Central Warriors (Carolina Conference)
- Waynesboro Conqueror's Unbreakable (Kentucky-Tennessee)
- Westchester Spanish Team 1 (Florida Conference)
- Westchester Spanish Team 2 (Florida Conference)

"I would like to congratulate [the first-place teams] and encourage them to use this beautiful knowledge of Scripture to not only help them through life's challenges, but also to help others," Taylor said.

Many team members are looking forward to participating in PBE again next year. According to the North American Division's PBE website, the books for next year's PBE will be Joshua and Judges. 📖

Christina Coston is the associate communication director for the Southern Union.

SAVVY SEMINARS FOR SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

BY PHIL BOND

If you are either very poor or very wealthy, being savvy with your money as you age doesn't matter much. If you are very poor, the government, through Medicaid and other social programs, will take care of you. If you are very wealthy, you have the funds to pay for the care you need. The typical Adventist usually falls in the middle since they have been faithful with tithe and offerings but have also been taught to save and be good stewards. In today's turbulent financial

times, being "as wise as a serpent and as innocent as a dove" has truly never applied more than it does now.

This is why Florida, Georgia-Cumberland, and Kentucky-Tennessee conferences' Planned Giving and Trust Services departments have teamed up to bring members Savvy Seminars for Seventh-day Adventists. These one-hour webinars occur approximately every other month. Following is a brief recap of some of the seminars.

Probate Avoidance and Asset Protection Planning

This webinar featured attorney Geoff Hoatson of Family First Firm in Winter Park, Fla. He presented ways to spare families the expense and aggravation of probate while at the same time protecting those assets from potential creditors, including Medicaid. He explained how a few minutes of strategy can save loved ones thousands of dollars and many hours probating an estate.



Geoff Hoatson, attorney of Family First Firm in Winter Park, Fla., presented a seminar entitled "Probate Protection Planning."



Jeff Lanza, retired FBI special agent, addressed the Zoom participants with a seminar entitled "Staying Safe from Identity Thefts and Cyber Crime."

Staying Safe from Identity Theft and Cyber Crime

Retired FBI Special Agent Jeff Lanza shared more than two dozen tips on how to keep safe from those who would steal identities or assets through cyber crime. Some of his best tips:

1. If you are 62 years of age or older, go to www.ssa.gov and set up an on-line social security account before a cyber criminal does it.
2. Freeze your credit report with the four major credit reporting agencies.
3. Use passphrases instead of passwords.
4. For a more secure connection to the web, access it through your data connection on your cell phone rather than from public Wi-Fi.
5. Hover over e-mail addresses with your cursor to see who is really sending you that e-mail.

Year-end Tax Strategies

Betty Hass of Munroe Haas P.A. is a CPA. She shared several tips on how to take advantage of legal tax strategies that help minimize tax obligations:

1. Rather than taking a required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA, being taxed on that amount, and risking an increase in your Medicare premiums, consider asking the IRA administrator

to send the RMD directly to the church or charity of your choice. You never receive the money, so you do not have to claim it as income on your 1040.

2. Now that the standard deduction for personal income taxes is over \$25,000 for a married couple, consider bunching your itemized deductions one year and taking the standard deduction the next year. Contact Hass or your own CPA for an explanation of bundling.
3. Make sure donations for the current year are dated and postmarked by Dec. 31.

Retirement Money Blunders and How to Fix Them

Rey Descalso of Privada Wealth Management taught how to sidestep the biggest retirement pitfalls that seem to trip up so many retirees. He also offered solutions to mitigate blunders that may have already occurred:

1. Allocate retirement savings into three buckets: liquid, stable, and growth, so you have funds available in a down market without realizing actual losses.
2. Prepare for the fragile decade.
3. Try to avoid taking social security too early.

4. Don't go it alone. Get the appropriate financial advice.

Special Invitation To Readers

Being able to offer these and other webinars has been a blessing. The goal of the Planned Giving and Trust Services Department is not simply to provide wills and other estate planning documents for our members. We strive to empower our members with knowledge and strategies that allow them to provide for their loved ones, avoid catastrophic financial mistakes, support the Lord's work, and have peace of mind.

You are invited to join us, from the comfort of your home, for our upcoming webinars, and please contact your Conference planned giving and trust services personnel to see how they can be a blessing to you and your family.

These special Savvy Seminars for Seventh-day Adventists are only available on ZOOM. Pre-registration is required and is available online at planned.giving@floridaconference.com or contact planned giving and trust services by using the telephone number listed on the schedule below. 📞

Phil Bond is director of planned giving and trust services for Florida Conference.

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Senior Marathoner Honors Cardiology Team Members Who Kept Her Running

Last fall when Nanette Rodgers, an 87-year-old woman from Winter Haven, Fla., underwent open heart surgery, she knew she wanted to be able to continue living an active lifestyle even after the procedure. Rodgers also knew that she would want to share her success with the AdventHealth cardiovascular team who helped make her dream become a reality.

Just a few months after her surgery, she visited with Kevin D. Accola, M.D., board-certified cardiothoracic surgeon, to recognize his contribution to her ongoing vitality. Rodgers honored Accola with the gift of her 2023 Celebration Half Marathon finisher's medal, a race where Rodgers also took home the top prize for her age group. "I had planned this moment for seven months," said Rodgers.

On behalf of his team, Accola accepted Rodgers' medal and noted its significance to their commitment to their patients. "When she reached her arms out and put this [medal] around my neck, my heart jumped," said Accola. "It was a touching moment because any time we see a patient come back after surgery, particularly major surgery, it's always so endearing to the entire team. Their enthusiasm levels go up. They are inspired by her – not only with her outlook, but with her enthusiasm to not only run another mile but live another day. When I grow up, I definitely want to be like her."

"I wanted to come in here today to do something special," said Rodgers. "My life has changed. I wouldn't be here today without those nurses, without the people who were a part of my hospital experience as well as continuing the hospital experience."

Rodgers credits her enthusiasm and



Nanette Rodgers crosses the finish line of the 2023 Celebration Half Marathon in Celebration, Fla.



Nanette Rodgers ran the Lakeland Runners Club Summer Sunrise 5K June 2022.



Nanette Rodgers had a very active lifestyle before she underwent surgery.

zest for life to her commitment to living well. She maintains strong relationships with her AdventHealth care team, which also includes Anil Kumar, M.D., and Ahmed Masood, M.D., who have also received race medals from Rodgers.

Rodgers has set a goal to run the Kona Marathon in Hawaii to celebrate her 90th birthday.

This story was captured through AdventHealth TV, AdventHealth's internal newscast created for its central Florida team members. 📺

BY ADVENTHEALTH CENTRAL FLORIDA

U.S. Consumers Rank AdventHealth Among America's Most Trustworthy Brands, Joins Netflix, Costco, Apple, and Other Major Brands

Newsweek released its annual list of brands that consumers rank most trustworthy across 23 different industries.

Newsweek, in collaboration with market research partner Statista, has named AdventHealth to its list of Most Trustworthy Companies in America 2023.

Based on an analysis of 95,000 evaluations from U.S. consumers, this research-based ranking recognizes organizations with the highest levels of customer trust, investor trust, and employee trust.


"We take this recognition to heart as we know that trust is something not easily won," said Terry Shaw, president and CEO for AdventHealth. "Trust is fundamental to credibility and is key to building lasting relationships with team members, communities, and businesses.

We strongly believe the feedback we receive from our communities and stakeholders is essential in continuing to build that trust."

The rankings for health care organizations included Quest Diagnostics, Aetna, UnitedHealth Group, and others. Newsweek's Most Trustworthy Companies reviewed organizations in other industries. Some of the top organizations included in the list were GoPro, Bose, Whirlpool, General Motors, PayPal, Kellogg, Netflix, Amazon, Apple, and Costco.

AdventHealth's service standards guide how its team members interact with each other and their patients. "Keep Me Safe. Love Me. Make it Easy. Own it.": These values promote a patient-centered approach to care, emphasizing empathy, respect, and accountability. This culture of caring is one key component to ensuring Adven-

tHealth is a place that is trusted to help people feel whole.

In addition to Newsweek's recognition, AdventHealth has received numerous accolades for its commitment to patient safety, quality of care, and workplace culture. The Leapfrog Group, a national patient safety watchdog, named AdventHealth the first health system to earn the Emerald Award for Patient Safety, Quality, and Transparency in 2022. AdventHealth also ranks among U.S. News & World Report's Best Hospitals, Computerworld's Best Places to Work in IT, and Becker's 150 Top Places to Work in Healthcare, and has been recognized by Forbes as a Best Employer for New Grads and one of America's Best Employers by State. 

BY ADVENTHEALTH



“The Vine” Takes Path to Becoming Organized Church

The Apex Church in Raleigh, N.C., also known as The Vine, achieved the status of an organized church on March 11, 2023, marking a significant milestone in the church’s history. This achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of its members, who have been working tirelessly for the past few years to establish a church in the Apex region.

The journey to becoming an organized church began in August 2019, when a small group of 20 members from the Raleigh Church started planning a church plant in the Apex area. They met regularly for several months, discussing strategies and setting goals, with a focus on reaching the unchurched population.

The group grew quickly, and by February 2020, even before moving to their desired location, three people had already been baptized as a result of their evangelistic efforts. Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, they continued to meet online, and created a Sabbath School online class to invite friends and family to join them each Sabbath.

Finally, on September 21, 2020, the group was able to meet in person for the first time. In April 2021, they received company status, a critical milestone that

affirmed their work in the community. Since then, the church has continued to grow, with a total of 12 people baptized, numerous Bible studies, family activities, and even participation in a local parade.

The official recognition of the church’s status as an organized church was celebrated on March 11, 2023, with a farewell to Cris Cazarine Dutra, pastor, who had been leading the church since its inception. During the service, Jesse Guerrero, who was featured in one of Carolina’s evangelism videos, was ordained as an elder in the church. Gary Moyer, Carolina Conference vice president for administration, introduced the new pastor, Josue Sanchez, and presented the official plaque to the outgoing and incoming pastors.

Moyer spoke about the significance of becoming a church and the responsibility that comes with it, stating, “To become a church means the Carolina Conference is trusting [them] to take the name of the world Seventh-day Adventist Church and represent it in the Apex community.” It was a reminder to the members that their new status as an organized church was not just a formal recognition of their work, but also a call to be a faithful repre-

sentation of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in their community. The occasion was a celebration of their efforts to reach the unchurched, and the affirmation of their work by the Carolina Conference and the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The Apex Church’s journey toward becoming a fully organized church has been marked by hard work and perseverance, despite challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic. The church’s commitment to reaching the unchurched has resulted in numerous baptisms, Bible studies, family activities, and participation in local events. The status of organized church is a significant milestone that affirms the church’s work in the community, and the Carolina Conference and the Seventh-day Adventist Church have placed their trust in The Vine to represent them in the Apex community. Moving forward, the church members are excited to continue their evangelistic efforts and spread the message of hope and love to all. 🕊

BY HENRIQUE GOMES



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Garry Moyer (left), Carolina Conference vice president for administration, gives a plaque to Cris Cazarine and Josue Sanchez.



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Jesse Guerrero is ordained as an elder.



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Josue Sanchez, pastor, is with his wife, Steffy, and daughter, Abby.

Alive Youth Rally 2023 Held

March 3, 2023, marked the 15-year anniversary of the Alive Youth Rally. Fifteen years of lay-led youth evangelism has impacted approximately 5,000 young people, 450 volunteers, and has inspired countless others to pursue youth ministry in their local communities. While a tornado watch on Fri-

day, the first day of the event, made things a bit too interesting, the youth conference enjoyed perfect weather for its Sabbath sessions. The speaker for Alive 2023 was Armando Miranda Jr., pastor and associate director of youth and young adult ministries for the North American Division. Drawing from Philippians 1:6, Miranda

gave a heartfelt message encapsulated by the event's theme, "Not. Done. Yet."

While Alive 2023 marks 15 years of youth evangelism, it also marks what many have been hoping over the last few years: a resurgence of youth engagement. Though the rally remained shy of its pre-covid numbers of 500, the rally continued its upward trend from last year to around 320 registrants. Alive 2023 offered a glimmer of what pre-pandemic life was like, and propitiated the hope that such large social gatherings are on the horizon. 🕊

BY BENJAMIN LAWSON



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Workshop Presents Use of Social Media for Church, Communication

Each year, generally the first Sunday in March, the Carolina Conference Communication Department hosts a communication workshop for their pastors and nominated local church communication leaders. Every five years, a "Back to Basics" workshop is held, but during the other years specialty workshops are the focus. Recognizing that these are volunteered positions, the communication team tries to pick different areas to focus on continuing training to help equip the local church leaders to feel comfortable in their called positions. This year's focus was on the importance of utilizing social media to help church ministries, with two special guests from the Southern Union, Bryant Taylor, D.Min. and Christina Coston, director and associate director of communication.

Taylor is always a hit with the attendees, as he uses his copious knowledge



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in digital media to give ideas to help enhance worship and meeting experiences in the local church. Taylor also enjoys the one-on-one opportunities that the lunch break offers him to help diagnose needs of the communication leaders for their church needs. This is his fourth year as one of the presenters and he already has his calendar reserved for next year.

Coston, while she may be the newest member of the Southern Union communication team, is also a former communication director from the Iowa-Missouri

Conference. During her time there, she helped increase their social media reach by 119% and shared some of what she adapted for her former conference for the attendees. Helping to put the new knowledge to use, Coston had the attendees break up into groups at their tables and put a fictitious plan together for an upcoming event. This broke the gears free to start moving. One attendee expressed, "This is exactly what I needed — having things broken down to understand better what I need to be doing."

If you have been asked to serve your local church as a communication leader or you are interested in learning more, reserve your calendars now for the first Sunday in March 2024. 🕊

BY COURTNEY HEROD

Forest Lake Academy Follows Acts 20:35 Service Mandate

“It is more blessed to give than to receive,” Acts 20:35.

Spiritual life at Forest Lake Academy (FLA), Apopka, Fla., is cultivated through a Christ-centered environment to embrace a lifestyle that is committed to Christ. This commitment calls for living out the Gospel. Living out the Gospel empowers the fulfillment of Acts 20:35 — “it is more blessed to give than to receive.”

At FLA, junior servant leaders serve as freshman mentors, and senior servant leaders lead out in UNIFY spiritual small groups. Two times a year, students and faculty, shoulder to shoulder, volunteer to serve on different outreach projects in the community for a full day.

Even when things were close to being shut down during the pandemic, food was still distributed to a local outreach at Taylor Apartments, a low-income housing facility in Apopka. Some FLA families and families from outlying schools in central Florida also received the food boxes that were distributed in partnership with AdventHealth. More than 5,000 pounds of food were distributed during this time of great need.

Recently, another opportunity to serve was added for students, staff, and FLA families in partnership with Chair the Love, an organization that raises funds to provide wheelchairs to individuals in desperate need of mobility. In February, a fundraising campaign was kicked off for the first annual Absolutely No Dunking wheelchair basketball game with the Orlando Magic Wheels to raise awareness for a very often marginalized group of individuals.

FLA’s first distribution of wheelchairs was in the country of Costa Rica in the fall of 2022, where the great need for



FLA freshman Diana Oliveira is with a recipient of a wheelchair at the love mission distribution in Costa Rica.



Senior servant leaders Caitlyn Keller and Isabelle Martin are at a UNIFY family small group at Forest Lake Academy.

wheelchairs was seen firsthand. This year the distribution will take place in Mexico, and FLA students will have the opportunity to join a mission trip to distribute wheelchairs to recipients ready to receive the gift of mobility.

FLA praises God for the opportunity

to live daily reflecting Christ, nurturing a love for Him, discipling others, thinking critically, and living out the Gospel. ❶

BY ANDREW MORENO

Tuesday Afternoons Dedicated to Homelessness Service

Lake Worth Spanish Church Uses Tuesday Afternoons to Serve Community.

Lake Worth Spanish Church (Iglesia Adventista Hispana de Lake Worth) in Florida, has chosen to use Tuesday afternoons to serve the community. The church family comes together and cooks a hot meal for the homeless and people in need in the community. Church members are involved in many ways, such as bringing food, cooking delicious recipes, serving, and showing the love of Jesus to whoever attends.

Clothes and personal use items such as toothpaste and wipes are made available. Also provided are a shower trailer, a laundry trailer, and hair cutting facilities. “We do this together with First Congregational Church of Lake Worth,” said Rolando Morgado, pastor for Lake Worth. “The First Congregational Church in our community is a church that loves to serve the community and has been doing it for many years with



the special assistance of Dare 2 Care, a group of people that provide the trailers for the showers and laundry.”

Lake Worth Spanish became part of this initiative two years ago. Not only has the ministry blessed the persons in need who attend on Tuesdays, but it is a blessing for the church members themselves in so many ways:

- Church children and youth come to

help.

- Families get together through helping.
- Many testimonies are given about how serving others makes a difference to those served.
- Blessings are experienced by church members as they serve each week.

BY ROLANDO MORGADO



Members Experience Revival Through the Sanctuary

Last fall, the Atlanta All Nations Church in Lilburn, Ga., was blessed to have Dwayne Walton, evangelist, share the “Walking with Jesus in His Sanctuary” revival series. Throughout the series, Walton’s powerful, scripturally supported presentations provided clarity on the sanctuary themes while progressively leading the congregation through the meaning behind the various parts of the sanctuary.

For many individuals, they felt their relationship with Christ strengthening as their prayers became more specific and the importance of Christ’s ministry more pronounced.

Each night, Walton was accompanied by his wife, Angela, who at the time, was an associate education superinten-



Shaun Brooks, D.Min. (right), prays over Tiffany Gonzalez and Steven Adams Jr., prior to their baptism. During the “Walking with Jesus in His Sanctuary” revival, five people were baptized into the Atlanta All Nations Church in Lilburn, Ga.

Walton has been a lay preacher for more than 16 years, and is a certified ShareHim evangelist and a U.S. Army veteran. He thoroughly enjoys Bible work, and calls what he does relational evangelism. Those baptized in the revival include Tiffany Gonzalez and Steven Adams Jr., and brothers Oluwamurewa (Michael) Durodola and Oluwasunmisire (Israel) Durodola.

Shaun Brooks, D.Min., All Nations Church host pastor, was encouraged at the reception of the message and believes that the sanctuary message is vital for these last days. 📞

BY SHAUN BROOKS, D.MIN.

Chattanooga First Church Crew Repairs Member’s Roof

Chattanooga First Church member Coleen Jenkins’ Cleveland, Tenn., home was badly in need of roof repair. The 1935 bungalow, which she termed “decrepit,” had been worked on years before, and a new section was added. The roof of that addition leaked in multiple places, and when it rained created a major water problem. From her limited earnings, Jenkins helps pay for her grandson’s school fees, but with frugality she saved enough money to buy the material needed to repair the roof, hoping to be able to pay someone to do the job.

Nick Joy, head deacon at Chattanooga First Church, received a call from a friend telling him about the dire situation



Mark Kochanski (left), and Rusty Williams, Chattanooga First Church senior pastor, repair a member’s roof. Nearly 20 people stripped off the old shingles and tar paper, and installed new material all in one day.

with Jenkins' leaky roof. Hearing the news, Joy was impressed to help. He and Rusty Williams, First Church senior pastor, went out to look at the house. What they saw convinced them there certainly was a need, and they felt impelled to help. Joy assembled a willing crew of men from the church in November 2022, but with the holidays and bad weather, work was delayed. However, on Sunday, January 15, 2023, they were ready to go. At 9 a.m., a team of 12 showed up at the house. Pooling their diverse skills, they began working.

First, they had to strip off the old shingles and tar paper. Joy, whom Jenkins calls "the coordinator" of the project and "a blessing," borrowed a dump truck and hauled away the old shingles and tar paper. Hans Groschel used his tractor to

get the new material up to the roof. The crew, which eventually numbered close to 20, included several teenagers who, as Williams observed, "had the vitality and enthusiasm to do the job." The team worked all day, thankful for the delicious lunch that was provided.

An ironic tragedy in this effort of repairing a church member's house roof occurred when Joy, the project's driving force, received a frantic phone call from his wife. He remembers that he had a nail gun in his hand when he took the call in the afternoon and learned that disaster had struck his family. His wife told him their house was on fire. He dashed from the work site right away and went home to find that his house had been destroyed. He praised God that his wife and children escaped unharmed.

The remaining crew continued the job and finished after dark. "I had been praying about the roof for about a year," Jenkins said. "God helped me through the church." She added that even with the hard rains that have fallen since the job was done, there have been no leaks: "The roof has stood the test."

Joy said that despite the loss he suffered that day, he was glad he had a chance to reach out and do a much-needed job. Williams, reflecting on all they had been able to accomplish that Sunday, echoed the feelings of everyone who had worked on the project when he said, "We give God the glory." 📌

BY JUDITH NEMBARD

Kingsport Church Hosts Marriage Seminar

The Kingsport, Tenn., Church started off the new year with a five-week "Love & Respect" video marriage seminar by Emerson and Sarah Eggerichs. About 20 couples attended at least some of the sessions, and more than a dozen attended all of them.

The participants learned the two key ingredients in a marriage are love and respect. According to the seminar, many couples get caught in the "crazy cycle": without love, she reacts without respect, and without respect, he reacts without love. Couples learned that to get out of the "crazy cycle," they must move into the "energizing cycle": his love motivates her respect, and her respect motivates his love.

Finally, the couples learned to move to the "rewarded cycle": her respect regardless of his love, and his love regardless of her respect.

Participants also learned that men see with blue sunglasses and listen with blue



hearing aids, while women see with pink sunglasses and listen with pink hearing aids. This is why men and women can see or hear the same thing, but interpret it very differently. Emerson Eggerichs stresses that neither is wrong, just different.

Tony Forrest, Kingsport head elder, who spearheaded the effort to bring the

seminar to Kingsport, said his motivation was pretty simple, "I didn't want [to] see any of our members go through the agony of divorce," he said. "I also wanted to combat the worldly culture that's trying to destroy families."

David Ryder, Kingsport pastor, said the series was a blessing to the congregation.

"The Love & Respect seminar series was fantastic!" said Ryder. "I would recommend it to any church congregation. Our marriages are under assault, and we need to be equipped with as many tools as possible. This seminar gave practical tips and tools to help our marriages grow and be strong."

The church wrapped up the seminar with a Valentine's Brunch on February 12, 2023, that was attended by 70 people. 📌

BY KAREN COTE

Big Cove Christian Academy Family Shares Their Miracle

Big Cove Christian Academy (BCCA), operated by Huntsville Central Church in Huntsville, Ala., celebrated religious liberty and 65 years of Christian education on February 25, 2023. Songs of freedom and praise, a fund-raising silent auction, fellowship, and refreshments filled the evening.

BCCA started its beginnings in 1955 in a one-room schoolhouse called Audubon Heights, located just behind the church building. It was expanded in the 1960s, but by 1978-1979, it was evident that the enrollment had exceeded the capacity of the building, and a decision was made to build a facility on the church property. However, the plans for the building project ran into several roadblocks, not only with the neighbors but with the city authorities. Despite many prayers, nothing could be resolved. Obviously, God had something else in mind.

It came to the attention of someone that the county was planning to auction off seven grade schools. Members began to investigate. Some were too dilapidated, most too far away. Finally, Big Cove School was selected as being the best suited. It had 11 acres of flat land, was on a main highway but located in a beautiful country setting, and it was in fairly good condition. The members were excited at the prospects of being able to open the school in a larger facility.

However, they were in for a huge disappointment when the auction was scheduled for a Sabbath. Somebody suggested that the church could get an interested community resident to do the bidding for them. That idea was promptly dismissed. The church made a financial offer for the property, which was rejected, and then the superintendent of schools was impressed to reschedule the auction for a Thursday, just days before school was to open.



Aerial view of Big Cove Christian Academy in Huntsville, Ala.



Big Cove Christian Academy students pose for the camera.

On the day of the auction, potential buyers were allowed a final inspection. The building had been vandalized and trashed. Should the church give up the idea after all? The church leaders asked God for guidance and clear-cut evidence of His will. It was decided that the church's chosen bidder would not go over \$152,000. The one enduring competitor dropped out at \$151,000, and the school was the church's!

The vandalism damage turned out to be superficial — and Big Cove School, sufficiently repaired and cleaned, amazingly opened its doors for students as scheduled on the very next Monday.

Every TV station in Huntsville carried the story — a witness of God's blessings to His faithful!

Of course, many improvements and upgrades have been accomplished in the past 44 years. BCCA now offers grades K-8, with remote learning for grades 9-12. The growing and thriving community of Hampton Cove has grown up around the school property, and every year several community families also enroll their children. Truly BCCA is a light-house to the surrounding community! 🕯

BY KATHLEEN LAMSON

Hattiesburg Members Minister to Homeless Community

One of the themes of the Hattiesburg, Miss., Church is community participation in empowering the poor. They believe that loving God is loving others. The members are committed to “Reaching the Unreached and Telling the Untold.”

“The Lord has blessed me with resources and a desire to feed the hungry. It allowed me to make friends and share the love of Jesus. My focus is on the need of others, and, while helping people, I found my purpose!” said Delores Jackson, Outreach Homeless Ministry director at Hattiesburg Church.

The church is involved in community services helping the homeless people in society through Outreach Homeless Ministry, serving 50-100 warm meals three times a week, every week. “And the King will say to them, Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me,” Matthew 25:40.

In the current society, homeless people are the most vulnerable people. Jackson



Pau S. Mung, pastor, stands with Delores Jackson after preparing meals for the homeless.

every Christian to take part in efforts to improve the living conditions of vulnerable people in society.

“I found that through the service of others, God has delivered me from all of my anxieties, and I am experiencing the abundant blessings God has in store for me,” said Jackson. Because of the Outreach Homeless Ministry, many people come to know Jesus and request Bible studies.

While circumstances can vary, an individual’s first choice is rarely to choose homelessness due to the inability to afford housing or other unforeseen circumstances. This is why the Outreach Homeless Ministry family we looks forward to serving the community to create a better place for all until the Lord and Savior, Jesus, returns! 🕊

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BY PASTOR PAU S. MUNG, M.DIV.

Ukrainians Perform Special Music at Huntsville Central Church

Huntsville Central, Ala., Church is blessed to have the presence of several Ukrainian families in attendance each Sabbath. During a recent Sabbath worship service, the group presented several beautiful musical selections in their native tongue. The English translations appeared on the large screen. 🕊



Music Festival Makes Comeback After Two-Year Break

The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference's Music Festival returned after a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19. From March 2 to March 4, 2023, more than 300 students gathered at Highland Academy, Portland, Tenn., to showcase their musical talents in this year's festival: "Then Sings My Soul."

The event was organized by the Conference's Education Department alongside the Music Festival Committee. It featured a variety of musical performances from a middle school choir, academy choir, handbell choir, festival band, and a string assemblé. A sacred concert was held on Friday night and a secular concert on Saturday night, each boasting more than 500 visitors.

"The concerts were very well put together and it all flowed really well," said Stacy Bagshow, a parent of a Highland Academy student. "I love that [the Music Festival] gave students a chance to showcase their talents and meet friends from different schools."

In addition to the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, there were also students who came from the Georgia-Cumberland



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Donald Huff directs the Festival Band as they play "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." After a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19, the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference once again hosted its annual Music Festival. The theme for this year was "Then Sings My Soul."



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The String Festival Ensemble plays "Bravery and Grace" by George Sweet. The Music Festival was organized by the Conference's Education Department alongside the Music Festival Committee. More than 500 people attended the concerts.

Conference and the Ohio Conference. In total, 15 schools were represented.

Students started practicing for their performance at the beginning of the year. Five clinicians joined the event to help direct the various musical groups. During the concert, students performed songs such as "In Christ Alone," "When You Believe," and "Singin' in the Rain."

"I loved that we played our hearts out for the Lord," said Rosie Fernandez, Memphis Academy student. "It was an

incredible experience, and I am just happy that I was able to be a part of it."

According to the Kentucky-Tennessee Music Festival mission statement, the purpose of the Music Festival is to provide students an opportunity to expand their music skills for the purpose of "inspiring spiritual growth and enhancing cultural development." 🎵

BY PAOLA MORA ZEPEDA



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The Middle School Festival Choir sings "Goliath" by Joseph Martin. In addition to Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, there were also students who came from the Georgia-Cumberland Conference and the Ohio Conference. In total, 15 schools were represented.



PHOTO BY: PAOLA MORA ZEPEDA

The Handbell Festival Choir plays "In Christ Alone." More than 300 students joined this year's Music Festival.

Franklin Church Member Shares Miracle Story

LouAnn Kendall has played the piano as long as she can remember. A member of the Franklin, Tenn., Church, Kendall started taking piano lessons at just five years old. Later on, she also picked up the cello. Even as a young child, Kendall used her musical talents to glorify God — often playing piano duets with her mother at the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Camp Meeting and accompanying her church's praise team whenever necessary.

In April 2022, Kendall accepted her husband's invitation to play golf. It was her first time testing out the game and as she was learning to swing, she injured her left hand. At first, Kendall did not think anything of it, but weeks passed and the pain did not go away.

Kendall finally decided to get an X-ray on her hand. To her dismay, she discovered that one of her bones was dislocated.

"I went to this world-renowned hand surgeon in Lexington," Kendall said. "He looked at my hand and said, 'You've got severe arthritis. If you want to continue playing the piano like you do, you're going to have to get a bone transplant.'"

Kendall was devastated. She was in a lot of pain. She also feared doing the surgery. Above all, Kendall's heart was breaking at the thought of never playing the piano again. So, she prayed.

"God, if you still want me to use this talent for You, please heal me," said Kendall.

It had been seven months since the original injury. The pain had become so severe that she could not even type on a computer. When her church's pastor heard of Kendall's worries, he suggested they have an anointing for her. Kendall



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LouAnn Kendall poses in her home's music room. After a golf accident, Kendall feared she could no longer play the piano again, but God answered her prayers with a miracle.

happily accepted, and the anointing took place after church that Saturday.

The following week Kendall got COVID. For days, she was lying in bed not doing anything. She so focused all her energy on getting well that she did not realize something was different. Eventually, once she felt better, she took off her splint and looked at her hand. There was no pain!

"I got up and I started to play the piano," said Kendall. "I also pulled out my cello because in my mind that was the ultimate test. Cellos are very heavy, uncomfortable to hold, and you play it with your left hand. When I finished playing a song, I knew for a fact that God had healed me."

Kendall never got her hand surgery,

and even though months have passed, the pain hasn't come back. She plays the piano almost every day, glorifying God with her music just like she did when she was a child.

"I've had several wonderful miracles in my life from God — this was not the first one," said Kendall. "Each time He shows me that He is alive. God showed me that He still cares. He cares about each of us individually. He hears our prayers, no matter how tiny and insignificant we feel they might be." 🕊

BY PAOLA MORA ZEPEDA

Bluegrass Connection Reflects on History, Growth

The history of Bluegrass Connections, Ky., Church (BCC) can be framed by the history of God's mission on Earth. In Genesis 12, God said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people, and your father's household to the land I will show you." For some of the members of the Lexington, Ky., Church, the call to plant a new church felt like "leaving their people and their father's house."

The roots of BCC go back to a visioning session in 2016 led by Lexington's pastor at that time, Pavel Goia. The leaders of the church met to pray and seek God's guidance. God gave the group several ideas, one of them being to plant a new church.

After some training from the North American Division Evangelism Institute mentors, a group of members began meeting in a small group to continue to work on and pray for the church plant goal. In September 2017, the Lexington board voted to officially launch the church plant. Following a recommended timeline for beginning new worship services, the first Sabbath service was held in September 2018. Services were held monthly then biweekly. Finally, in January 2019, weekly services began.

From its beginning, BCC has sought to follow God where He leads. Because of Jesus, BCC meets in vibrant participatory worship. Because of Jesus,

BCC is engaged in service in its community. Because of Jesus, BCC gathers in fellowship to seek holiness, spiritual friendship, and everyday mission. And because of Jesus, if it needs to be done and if Jesus is in it, BCC wants to be part of it. As a community, BCC has nothing to be proud of except for what Jesus has done and is doing in its midst.

On October 15, 2022, the BCC Church plant celebrated its status change from company to church status. 📍

BY CINDY WILLEY



Bluegrass Connection Church members pose following their dedication service on Sabbath, October 15, 2022. BCC started as a church plant of the Lexington Church in September of 2019.

North Orlando's Family Life Department Holds End-of-Year Celebration

The Bible exhorts all in Hebrews 10:24, 25 to "...let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another..."

Under the leadership of Garnet McKenzie, North Orlando's Family Life Department director, the department held its annual end-of-year get-together in the church's Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 29, 2022. Several members and invited guests were in

attendance at the fantastic celebratory event. McKenzie explained that the annual event allows members and guests to enjoy sweet comradeship.

The afternoon's events were opened with a prayer by Anne Campbell, elder, and a musical selection by Ronald Haughton, elder. Paul Bryant, pastor and guest speaker, brought the attendees a special message of hope and reminded them of the Lord's goodness and promises to keep all through the new year. Subsequently, the floor was opened for attendees to give personal testimonies,

and many of them related touching stories that spoke of God's goodness.

Refreshments were served, and tokens of appreciation were given to the attendees. Everyone left feeling refreshed and looking forward to 2023. 📞

BY GARNET MCKENZIE



North Orlando Family Life Department holds their year-end celebration.

West Broad Celebrates Community Services Day

At West Broad Street Church in Savannah, Ga., community services has always been an active department — so much so that several years ago a building next door to the church was purchased to be used as the Community Services Center. From that building, the homeless have been fed and clothed, those in need have been cared for and have received groceries and clothing, Bible studies have been given weekly resulting in baptism, Thanksgiving dinners for the community have been served, after school tutoring has taken place, food and supplies have been boxed to take to homeless camps under bridges, and community fairs have been planned and executed.

During the past three years tragedy struck. Anthony Davis, community services leader, was killed in a tractor-trailer accident which burst into flames, claiming his life. The center felt the results of the tragedy.

Not only did West Broad Street Church members mourn the loss of a dedicated member and leader, but Davis was also the main cook providing dinners for the homeless and the community. He loved doing this and put his whole heart and soul into his delicious menus.

God always has a ram in the bush to help fulfill His mission. Davis' able assistant, Angelin Parker, stepped up to take his place and become the community services leader. Parker continued Davis' mission by giving it a special female touch, and kept the Community Center thriving. As COVID invaded many lives, Parker suggested that the center temporarily close its doors until it was safe for the workers and the community. During this time, tragedy struck again. Parker unexpectedly passed after an extremely short illness. Once again, West Broad Street Church members mourn-



West Broad Church community services group



Kaggia Scott (left), West Broad Church pastor; Ann Allen Westbrook, representative-elect for Georgia House District 163 in Savannah; Keshia Gibson-Carter, city councilwoman at-large and an advocate for those without a voice and without hope; and Anthony Phillips, West Broad Church elder

ed the loss of a great leader and sought someone to fill the shoes of the community services warrior.

Anthony Phillips, elder, who assisted in this department, stepped up to the plate and became the capable community services leader, adding on to what Davis, Parker, and others before them started. Phillips began serving meals to those in the nearby Wells Park. Having strong connections with the Savannah community, on Sabbath, October 29, 2022, Phillips sponsored a Community Services Day at West Broad Street Church, honoring 12 dedicated community services workers, along with two outstanding community politicians, Keshia Gibson-Carter, city councilwoman at-large and

an advocate for those without a voice and without hope, and Ann Allen Westbrook, representative-elect for Georgia House District 163 in Savannah. Both politicians were so impressed with the service and thoughtfulness of Phillips to recognize their community efforts, that they expressed their intentions of returning and helping in areas where needed.

Following the Community Services Recognition Service, hot meals were taken to Wells Park and given to those in need. ①

BY BEATRICE BANKS,
COMMUNICATIONS LEADER

GAAA Holds 8th Annual Leola Wade Oratorical Contest

The 8th annual Leola Wade Oratorical Contest, held February 23, 2023, at Greater Atlanta Adventist Academy (GAAA), was a resounding success, fostering a deeper appreciation for the transformative power of the written and spoken word.

This year's oratorical contest featured outstanding performances by five students: Marcus Brown, 1st place, who delivered an impassioned speech on "The Principles of the Universal Negro Improvement Association," by Marcus Garvey; Yorick Brathwaite, 2nd place, who eloquently spoke on "The Other America," by Martin Luther King Jr.; Leah Hall, 3rd place, who spoke passionately about the "Equal Rights Amendment," by Shirley Chisholm; Nzinga Parham, who delivered a moving speech on "To My People," by Assata Shakur; and Kez Crenshaw, who gave a powerful rendition of "The Ballot or the Bullet," by Malcolm X.

The panel of judges was composed of distinguished individuals who brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to the competition. Among the judges were



Pictured are Marcus Brown (left); Yorick Brathwaite; Delmas Campbell, GAAA principal; Leah Hall; Nzinga Parham; and Kez Crenshaw

Calvin B. Preston, South Atlantic Conference president; Judge Cynthia C. Adams, the first African American woman to serve as a judge in Douglas County, Ga.; Justice Verde M. Colvin, the first African American woman appointed by a Republican governor to the Georgia Supreme Court; Dwayne Adams, attorney; Cedric Hinds, Ph.D., a seasoned manager; Murray Cooper, Southern Union education director; Debbie Wallace, Ph.D., author, producer, and CEO; Judge Joy Walker, a former senior public defender

for the City of Atlanta; Isaiah Delemar, attorney; Fani Willis, Fulton County district attorney; Curtis Fox, Ph.D. in family studies; and Isaac Newton, Ed.D. in education and economic policy.

The annual event honors the legacy of the late Leola Wade, a remarkable educator and former GAAA principal, who was passionate about facilitating learning and academic success for every student. 📌

BY URICK LADONIS



Participants, judges, and special guests

The Living Word Bible Expo Held

The excitement in the air was palpable as family and friends lined the hallways of F.H. Jenkins Preparatory School waiting to be let into this year's Bible Expo. The scholars might have been even more excited as they eagerly looked forward to presenting in the magnificently decorated gymnasium. The Bible Expo, the brainchild of the school's second-grade teacher, Shelley Pelote, is always incredible, but this one would be the first Bible Wax Museum, and everyone involved was thrilled.

As the guests walked into the gym, the décor immediately caught their attention. A large Holy Bible took center stage. John 1:1 was etched on its pages reminding everyone of the meaning behind the theme: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God. And the Word was God." Jesus is the Living Word!

A Bible-time marketplace, complete with hay, animals, and draperies, served



F.H. Jenkins faculty created a giant Bible to emphasize this year's theme.

scrumptious lentil soup, hummus, pita bread, and fruit.

However, the highlight of the evening was the kindergarten through eighth-

grade Bible-costumed "wax statues" that came alive at each greeting of "hello" to tell their unique stories.

Beginning with Genesis, participants were able to walk through the Bible and hear the stories told in first person. Many guests commented on the beautiful, well-researched projects that the scholars showcased. They were especially blown away by how articulate the scholars were — some of them only 5 years old — as they fearlessly gave their presentations.

What a way for Bible Expo to return after a two-year COVID-19 hiatus. It was truly an incredible night.

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BY JENNIFER FORDHAM



Jael Rowe stands frozen, ready to "come alive" and share her story.



Jada LeSure shows off her project on Sarah.

New Conference Superintendent of Education Hired

Angela Walton has been voted to the position of education superintendent by the South Central Conference Executive Committee. After a national search, Walton will lead the Office of Education with a history of successful experience in early childhood, elementary education, secondary education, and administration.

Walton is an educator and administrator with a bachelor's degree in African American history and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction. Walton has more than 27 years of experience as an educator, with 15 of those years as an administrator in Adventist education.

Walton previously served as an associate superintendent for the Georgia-

Cumberland Conference as the southern regional director. In this role, she was responsible for presiding over 12 elementary schools in her territory.

"Walton brings a uniqueness to the South Central Conference Office of Education, due to having worked on a conference level from a different structural approach to leadership and decision making," commented Johnny Holliday, M.Ed., former superintendent of education. Holliday adds, "She has conveyed to me her intent to build on the present systemic initiatives that have proven to be effective for our students and teachers. Furthermore, Walton plans to challenge all stakeholders to envision and diligent work toward moving the bar higher for

the students and staff in the South Central Conference schools."

As she reflected on some of her accomplishments in her previous role, she highlighted the following:

- Establishing a Conference-wide equity program that brought awareness to the various social, emotional, cultural, and academic needs of students.
- Ensuring safe learning environments where students can thrive as learners.
- Assisting schools in restoring financial stability and community support.
- Evaluating data to develop strategic plans to improve academic excellence.

Walton is known for having a reflective, measured style of leadership that aligns well with her motto, "Christ, Character, and Curriculum." She intends to utilize this style of leadership to enhance and innovate any bipartisan best practices put in place during the leadership of the interim superintendent, Johnny Holliday.

"I want to welcome Mrs. Angela Walton to our South Central family," said Benjamin Jones Jr., president. "I have great confidence that she will help us build on the great work that has been accomplished in the last six years in the education ministry. Christian education is a high priority and a key factor to our future success as change agents in the Church and the world around us. We look forward to working with Mrs. Walton and our team of South Central Conference educators. Again, I welcome Mrs. Walton and her family."

In her spare time, Walton enjoys travel, playwriting, and spending time with her family, which includes her husband, Dwayne, five daughters, one son, and two granddaughters. ●



BY JOHNNY HOLLIDAY

Students Commit to Baptism During Religion Class

Sixteen students at Southern Adventist University requested baptism after their professor, David Hartman, D.Min., gave a heartfelt appeal to his Christian Beliefs class.

“I praise God for this!” Hartman said. “This doesn’t happen by accident. I print out thumbnail pictures of the students and pray for them by name throughout the semester. I ask God to use the classroom as a crucible for change. On the day of an appeal, I pray earnestly for God to move hearts, and He does! Every semester there are students who resolve to follow Christ and be baptized.”

Hartman accepted Jesus as his Savior 40 years ago while studying at Southern. Now, as a professor in the University’s School of Religion, his mission is to help a new generation of young people do the same. His Christian Beliefs course covers the 28 Fundamental Beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church with their Scriptural support. During the class discussion on baptism, he distributes response cards, and asks each student to consider starting a new life with Christ.

This semester, eight students responded with a desire for baptism and eight others for rebaptism. Over the next few

weeks, Hartman met with the 16 individuals to facilitate their journeys toward spiritual renewal.

“There were many times during Christian Beliefs class when I was reminded of God’s power, how much He loves me, and how He has always drawn me to Him,” said Lia Narikawa, a sophomore health science major who plans to be baptized. “Those reminders made me want to fully give my heart to Jesus.”

BY AMANDA BLAKE



Professor David Hartman prays for each of his students by name throughout the semester.

Southern Dedicates Land for New School of Business Facility



Southern students, employees, donors, and community members gathered to dedicate land for the new School of Business building.

Southern students, employees, donors, and community members joined together in February to dedicate land for a new building to house the School of Business. The group formed a large circle around the future facility's location and prayed together over the land.


"We're very grateful that many have stepped up with their donations, time, and energies to make this project possible," said Franklin Farrow, a local business owner and chairman of the fundraising campaign for the School of Business. "Southern is in the business of changing and equipping hearts, and as we take on this challenge of creating a new building, let's remember that it's more than bricks and mortar.

It is a place that will shape characters for generations to come."

The School of Business is the second largest academic area on the University's campus, with a 10% increase in its enrollment over the last five years. At approximately 42,000 square feet, the new building will include a large, multipurpose auditorium, and its investment lab will feature 12 Bloomberg Financial Terminals — computer software systems on which students can analyze real-time financial market data.

"God has anointed our students to be Kingdom builders in the marketplace," said Stephanie Sheehan, Ph.D., dean of the School of Business. "He has called and will continue to call ma-

ny students here, and we are thankful they will soon have a new facility to call home."

For more information, visit southern.edu/gobusiness. 

BY AMANDA BLAKE



BEANS, EDITH PENNINGTON, 87, born Feb. 27, 1935, in Chillicothe, MO, to Alzia “Bill” and Elsie Graves Pennington, died Dec. 24, 2022, in Atmore, AL. When she was 6 years old, her parents became Seventh-day Adventists. She attended Kansas City Junior Academy and Sunnydale Academy in Missouri. She went on to pursue her teaching certification at Union College in Lincoln, NE, where she met Don. They fell in love and married Aug. 12, 1956.

She taught grades 1-4 in Colorado Springs, CO. She also organized and directed many VBS programs. Edith and Don raised their children and lived in Ft. Collins from 1960 to 1987. Edith was a member of the University Parkway Church in Pensacola, FL. She served on the board of Champion Academy and Bass Memorial Academy. She also was the director of women’s ministries at Gulf States Conference. She owned the Green Turtle Children’s Store in Ft. Collins, and later The Beans Store in Atmore for many years. Edith

enjoyed gardening, reading, sewing and was a very talented decorator.

She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Donald R. Beans; her children: Connie (Tim) Mercer off Piney Flats, TN, Cathy (Clark) McCrain of Firestone, CO, Kevin (Linda) Beans of Hopkinsville, KY, Troy (Livny) Beans of Dayton, OH, and Jodo (Jim) Burrill of Orlando, FL; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. she was preceded in death by her parents; and her sisters: Dixie Dahl and Barbara Stocker.

The funeral service was held on Dec. 27, 2022, at Johnson-Quimby Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Bradford Schleif officiating. Interment is at Roselawn Cemetery in Fort Collins, CO.

COOK, FRANCES MAE BELTON, 97, born March 11, 1925, in Ridgeway, SC, to parents Thomas G. Belton and Louise Howell Belton, died Oct. 24, 2022, in her home in Greensboro, NC, surrounded by the love and comfort of her family. In 1947, she married her loving, devoted husband, Nathan Burns Cook, who preceded her in death in March of 1977. She attended a Presbyterian Church School until the 8th grade. She also attended GTI Adult School. Frances at one point in her life was a nanny, but she spent much of her adult work-life in the service of the East Market Street Junior Academy where she was a treasurer, secretary, cook, bus driver, and served as fundraising chair many times for the academy. Frances was also the treasurer for the East Market Street Church for more than 15 years. She was a dedicated member of the East Market Street Church for more than 70 years, where she volunteered her time as a deaconess, member of the church board, Sabbath School teacher, choir, the Ladies Auxiliary Club, and Golden Age Society Club.



Frances was a faithful woman who loved the Lord, her family, her church, and her community.

She excitedly awaited the time of the year when she could attend the South Atlantic Camp Meeting and, when she could, attend the General Conference Sessions held every five years. She enjoyed the fellowship with her church family and could often be seen laughing until tears fell from her eyes.

Frances’ favorite thing was reading the Word of God and being in the house of the Lord. Her favorite color was purple. She loved azaleas, gardening, and spending quality time with friends and family.

She was the beloved mother of Marjorie Jones, Lynn Henry, Franchis Cook, Gwendolyn Thomas (Theron), and Angelia McKiever. Her niece and nephews she loved as sons and daughter: Barbara Shamburger, Tillman Jones Jr. (Norma deceased), Melvin Jones (Shirley), Elroy Jones (Sharon), Lindsey Jones (Geraldine deceased), Cheyenne Jones, and Jasper Dawkins (Frankyann). She was adored by her grandchildren: Nichole Marsh (Marcus), Hope Lawrence-Grisson (Kerry), Albert Henry, Theron (Therry) Thomas II, Bridget Moses (John), Whitney McKiever, and Adam McKiever; as well as her great-grandchildren: Marcus Marsh Jr., Nathan Saunders, Chole Rivers, Londyn McKiever, and Janiah Moses; her love was deep for a host of nieces; great-nieces; nephews; and great-nephews.

She had 14 siblings who preceded her in death: Sarah Belton Crawford (Ben), Janie Belton Belton (Charlie), Lou Fannie Belton (died in infancy), James Belton (Ella), Charleston Thomas Belton, Douglas Reid Belton (Estelle), Tallie Belton (Elizabeth) AV Belton (Naomi), Nathaniel Belton, Dock Belton (Lottie), Richard Belton (Gladys), Lethia Belton Richardson (Willie Horace), and Geneva Belton Jones (Tillman).

Frances is a product of a large family and she always made time for everyone whenever she possibly could.

She made every attempt to attend all family reunions, funerals, weddings, and visiting as she loved on her family, and enjoyed retelling stories of the family’s rich history. She was always ready to share, embrace, and

smile. Her infectious smile and laugh would brighten any room. Frances was affectionately called “Mom” by her daughters; “Aunt Frances” by her nieces and nephews and church family; “Cookie” by her friends; “Lucille” by her nephew Jasper; and “Memaw” by her grandchildren. Her grandchildren fondly remember spending summers and school breaks with their grandmother. Through the years, Frances has been the shining example of Christian love, respect, honor, integrity, and patience for everyone she encountered. We will all cherish the many memories we shared of her. She is a wonder and will be missed greatly.



GAYTAN-ORTEGA, LUIS JAVIER, 67, born Aug. 22, 1955, in Mexico City, Mexico, to Luis Gaytan Medel and Maria del Carmen Ortega-Silva, the oldest sibling of three, died Nov. 21, 2022, at Mission Hospital in Asheville, NC, while undergoing a cardiac procedure.

Luis attended Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México where he obtained a B.S. degree and worked as a chemist specializing in pharmacology. He worked for several laboratories around Mexico City for 14 years before moving to the United States, where he worked for Glenoit Corporation for 7 years as an Industrial Chemist in NC. He enjoyed working as a high school physics, math, and chemistry teacher for the South Mexican Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church during his career. He ended his career serving in the Seventh-day Adventist Church at AdventHealth, Hendersonville, NC, in the Environmental Services Department, where he worked for 12 years before retiring.

In retirement, Luis enjoyed everything outdoors including visiting waterfalls, hiking in Cherokee, painting on canvas, gardening, discovering new places, and most of all spreading God’s love. If you asked Luis, he would tell you he was most proud of his children and wonderful wife who have constantly supported him. They have been married for a little over 30 years, and the love they have for each other has only grown over time.

Luis leaves to cherish his memories, his wife, Elisa Laura Mercado; son, Luis Carlos Gaytan-Mercado; daughter, Monica Gaytan Mercado; brother, Ruben Gaytan-Ortega; sister, Myriam Gaytan-Ortega; numerous nephews; nieces; and cousins.

HOWARD JR., ERNEST, 65, born Dec. 7, 1956, in Orlando, FL, to Julia and the late Ernest Howard Sr., he was tragically killed in an automobile accident on Nov. 19, 2022, in Apopka, FL. He attended Mt. Sinai Church School, Orlando Junior Academy, and graduated from Forest Lake Academy in 1975. He attended Oakwood College and University of Central Florida and graduated from Florida A & M with a Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy in 1980. He graduated from Mercer University in Atlanta, GA, with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 1984.

He was humble and never wanted to be called “Dr.” His career as a pharmacist spanned a total of 38 years, working 2 years at Lucerne General Hospital, and a total of 36 years at AdventHealth Orlando and Altamonte combined, from 1986 until his untimely death in 2022.

Ernest married Jacquelyn Parks in 1986 and they celebrated 36 years of marriage until her death on July 4, 2022. They loved singing together in several church choirs and groups, and performed many duets at churches, weddings, and other special occasions. Over the years at Mt. Sinai Church, he served as an elder, sound technician, and visited members and friends who were admitted to the hospital. Ernest was a team player, always wanting to help others, never seeking any acknowledgement or anything in return. He is survived by his mother, Julia; and 4 siblings: Juliett, Christopher, Karen, and Carlotta. He will be greatly missed by all.





HOWARD, JACQUELYN, 62, born Feb. 22, 1960, to the late Mary and Robert Parks, died July 4, 2022, at AdventHealth Waterman surrounded by her husband, Ernest, family, and friends. Jackie attended Dillard High School in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and Adelphian Junior Academy in Holly, MI. She married Ernest, the love of her life on June 8, 1986, in Pontiac, MI. Their love of singing took them all over the country. Jackie's soprano voice was well appreciated and received many standing ovations.

Jackie attended Mt. Sinai Church and worked in the Treasury and Music Departments. She received her LPN degree on July 30, 1992, and her RN degree on June 21, 1994, from Seminole Community College. She enjoyed working as a caregiver in Home Health Nursing for AdventHealth.

When not at work, she enjoyed spending time with Ernest and their many pets on their farm. They enjoyed travelling and went on many cruises. As Jackie's health began to decline in 2017, Ernest became her devoted caregiver. As she awaits the resurrection, she is survived by her husband of 36 years, Ernest; her brother, Dr. Terry Parks; and a host of other family members; and friends.

JOHNSON, DR. MILDRED POOLE, 92, died peacefully at her home March 12, 2023. She served the Church faithfully as a Bible instructor (Religious educator) in the South Central Conference for more than four decades. During that time, she worked both nationally and internationally with many noted evangelists, sharing the Good News of the Gospel with thousands—many of whom were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Johnson broke the glass ceiling in evangelism during the 1960s, a time when women were not as active in such roles. This was particularly evident with her singular female role during the initiation of the Evangelism Council at Oakwood University (currently referred to as the Pastoral, Evangelism, and Leadership Council, or PELC), where she facilitated all the Bible instructor seminars.

Although she began her professional career as a nurse, Johnson was inspired with a burning desire to share the Gospel with others. After all, someone had graciously shared the Gospel with her and her late husband, Washington Johnson Sr., during the 1950s. Her ministry efforts resulted in the successful establishment of three churches, and even seeing some of the converts become Seventh-day Adventist pastors. Her own son, Washington Johnson II, D.Min., who currently serves as director of Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries at the North American Division was among them, as well as her daughter, Janice Browne, who is an endorsed campus chaplain.

Johnson received a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice and a Master of Religious Education degrees from Faith-Grant College, Birmingham, AL, and is honored to have received numerous awards, citations, and official recognition from several denominational and renowned organizations for her outstanding work in the field of evangelism. Among these was an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters (DHL) from Faith-Grant College. Through a philanthropic gift to Oakwood University in 2017, she established a scholarship designed to assist women pursuing ministry careers, as well as an educator scholarship for future teachers in memory of her late daughter, Cynthia Yvette Johnson, who was an educator in Fairfax County, VA.

Johnson was fully committed to the Gospel Commission found in Matthew 28:18-20 her entire life and had a far-reaching influence. A school was even established in Liberia, West Africa, that bears her name. She was also featured in the book, *A Star Gives Light*, which highlighted the magnitude of her work as a religious educator. Johnson was widely known for being a pacesetter in evangelism and wearing exceptionally elegant hats every Sabbath.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Washington Johnson Sr.; daughter, Cynthia Yvette Johnson; and son, Grayland Dewayne Johnson. She is survived by her four children: Janice (Benjamin) Browne, Stephanie (Gill) Dingome, Rosalind (Muyiwa) Adedokun, Washington (Joyce) Johnson II; four grandchildren: Kemi Adedokun, Deji Adedokun, Washington Johnson III, and Andrew Dingome; two siblings: Earnestine and James Poole; a host of nieces; nephews; and other family members.



KINDER, JULIAN CLYDE (SONNY), 90, born in Dallas, TX, to Clyde F. Kinder and Marie Hedrick Kinder on April 29, 1932, died Aug. 21, 2022, in Port Charlotte, FL. Shortly after Clyde's birth, his parents moved to Oklahoma City, OK, where he and his four sisters: Sylvia, Dorothy, Doris, and Barbara spent most of their growing-up years.



Following his graduation from Oklahoma City Junior Academy, Clyde attended Ozark Academy in Gentry, AR, and graduated in 1950. He then chose to further his education at Union College in Lincoln, NE, where he met Phyllis Janet Stern, also a student. They were married in 1952. They had three children: Michael, Shelley, and Melissa; and enjoyed a rich, full life together for 56 years until Phyllis' death in 2008.

While a student, Clyde served as a student literature evangelist (sometimes traveling on his motorcycle) to help pay for his education. He was the recipient of one of the first career scholarships awarded by Seventh-day Adventists (SDA) publishing houses. At his graduation from Union College in 1955, he was hired by the Nebraska Conference as assistant manager of the Nebraska Book and Bible House, and ultimately spent almost of 47 years in the SDA publishing work. His work included management positions in several conferences: the Pacific Press Publishing Association, and 10 years as publishing

director for the North American Division and the General Conference. During the 1980s, under Clyde's management, the Potomac Adventist Book Center became the largest ABC in the world, growing in sales to over \$5 million, and earning accolades. Clyde always made it clear, however, that the true goal of his efforts was "souls saved for the Kingdom of God."

In 2010, Clyde and the former Gaylah Long Cantrell were united in marriage by Pastor James Coffin in Altamonte Springs, FL. Both Clyde and Gaylah were travelers, and after their marriage they enjoyed visiting several different countries together. When Clyde's declining health prevented further travel, he enjoyed sharing his list of the many countries he had visited, and relating stories of God's guidance and protection during his mission travels. Clyde was devoted to his family, his work, his friends, and his God. He celebrated his 90th birthday surrounded by scores of letters, cards, pictures, and well wishes from family, friends, and former coworkers. He is survived by his wife, Gaylah Kinder; one son, Michael Kinder (Pam); two daughters: Shelley Renee Dawson and Melissa Marie Fisher; one sister, Barbara Kinder LeBlanc; five grandchildren: Julia (Clint) Dawson Lawson, Jaclyn (Daniel) Dawson Jenks, Joe Dawson, Austin Fisher, and Logan Fisher; one step-grandson, Charles Righetti; three great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; and cousins.

MICHALENKO, MARILYN LOUISE JOHNSON, 81, born June 8, 1941, in Memphis, TN, died March 18, 2023, in Burleson, TX.

Marilyn worked for multiple church/hospital organizations as a secretary/administrative assistant, including Loma Linda University Medical Center (1959-1960), Loma Linda University (laundry helper 1961-1962, aide 1962-1965), Loma Linda Foods (1969-1970), Napa Adventist Junior Academy (1978-1980), Napa Seventh-day Adventist Church (1980-1981), Portland Adventist Medical Center (1981-1985), Harding Hospital (1986-1995), a non-profit psychiatric care facility now part of Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center, Tennessee Christian Medical Center (1995-2002), Kentucky-Tennessee Conference (2002-2017).

Following her retirement in 2017, she moved to Texas, where she actively supported the Texas Conference, including its Determined campaign to raise a \$1.5 million endowment for educational scholarships. Her organization and attention to detail, while caring for others, made her an excellent administrative assistant, employee, co-worker, and friend. Her greatest joy, however, was her family, whom she loved and prayed for constantly.

Marilyn is survived by her brother, Lawrence Merle Johnson (Carolyn); son, Kevin Michalenko (Terri); daughter, Tamara Michalenko Terry (Randy); and five grandchildren: Joey, Jonathan, and James Terry, and Sydney and Megan Michalenko. She is predeceased by her husband, Don, whom she married in the Campus Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church in Loma Linda, CA, on April 15, 1962, by Don's father, J.C. Michalenko, who was the pastor at the time.



RANZOLIN, LUCILA BRAUN, 86, born March 16, 1936, in Curitiba, Parana, Brazil, died Jan. 21, 2023, in Fort Myers, FL. Her father was a Voice of Prophecy pioneer in Brazil. When her parents traveled to California to record radio programs, Lucila would stay with her grandparents. When she was 14, her dad placed her at Brazil College. There she would meet Leo Ranzolin, and they were married after his first year of ministry on Feb. 20, 1956. They then came to America where Leo earned a Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University, and



Lucila worked at Loma Linda Hospital and the Andrews University Bindery. Upon returning to Brazil in 1956, Leo started youth ministries at the local conference level and later in the South Brazil Union. In 1970, Leo with Lucila at his side, was elected to serve as associate youth director for the General Conference, which began 33 years ago at the General Conference. Lucila was a special teacher for dyslexic students at Sligo School in Takoma Park, MD, for 20 years. On June 2, 1961, she received a Certificate of Appreciation from Potomac Conference for her 30 years of service to children as a learning specialist. She was a great teacher and received many letters and notes from her students. After retirement, the Ranzolins moved to Florida and joined the Fort Myers Church. Lucila is survived by her husband of 66 years, Leo; three sons: Leo (Susan), Luis (Wilma), Larry (Cyndy), four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

SHEPHERD MOTT, GLENDA DEAN, 82, of Rocky Hill Road in Bronston, KY, Glenda was born April 28, 1940, in Elizabethtown, IL, to the late Gordon and Eva Mott, died Feb. 9, 2023, at her home after being diagnosed with ovarian cancer on Sept. 16, 2022.

The summer after her 8th grade graduation, Glenda met Gary Shepherd, the love of her life, at a gas station in Collegedale, TN. They married on July 5, 1957, in Whitley City, KY. Gary and Glenda raised 3 children and, although her first love was to be a housewife and mother, she was an employee at McKee Bakery for several years.

When she and Gary moved to Kentucky in 1977, she worked at the Belk Department Store in Somerset for 13 years and was one of their top salespeople. She was at Gary's side for many years as he worked as a layman starting in the mid 70's. In 1997, Gary was asked to pastor a district in eastern Kentucky, and then eventually in western Kentucky becoming a full time, ordained minister for the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference.

At the time of his retirement, he was the pastor of the Stearns Church. During all those years, Glenda and Gary were a team involved in evangelism, home visitation, a nursing home ministry, and the startup and remodeling of several churches. Glenda loved to cook, garden, crochet, sing, and play the piano.

She is survived by two siblings: Peggy Lee (Harold); brother, Wayne Mott (Judy); sister-in-law, Jan Mott; son, James Shepherd (Debbie); two daughters: Sandra Colangelo (Mario) and Sherry Steele; 13 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gary Shepherd; father, Gordon Mott; mother, Eva Harmon; stepfather, Ed Harmon; three brothers: Jim, Wade, and Charles Mott; and her sister, Susie Harris.



WARREN, BARBARA JEAN MOSELEY, 85, born May 4, 1937, in Nashville, TN, died Oct. 31, 2022, and funeralized in the Oakwood University campus church. Reputedly, the first baby delivered in the African American Riverside Sanitarium in Nashville, by Dr. T. R. M. Howard, Barbara was born to her mother, Harriet Slater Moseley and her father, Elder Calvin E. Moseley. He was the first African American to chair the Oakwood University Religion Department, and first such to pastor the Oakwood University Church. Her two-year older sister is Harriet Ann Moseley Keith. Barbara married her university special friend, Mervyn A. Warren. She graduated from Oakwood Elementary School, Academy, and attended Oakwood University through her sophomore year. She graduated from Columbia Union College (now Washington Adventist University) with a B.S. degree. While teaching at Oakwood University in Home Economics (later Family and Consumer Science) for 32 years, she also is considered the queen-pin and first director of Oakwood University's Child

Development Lab. Upon her passing, that department established a scholarship in her name: The "BARBARA J. MOSELEY WARREN OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP" for student majors in this department. She earned her Master of Science degree, summa cum laude, at Alabama A&M University. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Mervyn A. Warren; one son, Mervyn E. "Skipper" Warren; daughter, Karis "Tuti" Warren; daughter/son-in-law: Shana "Sha-Sha" Warren-Byers (Timothy); six granddaughters: Ashlee Byers, Asia Byers, Autumn Byers, Ayana Byers, Imani Dobson, and Shellie Warren; two grandsons: Malachiae Warren and Michael Dobson; one great-granddaughter, Sage; one sister, Harriet A. Moseley Keith; niece/nephew: Lori Keith (Larry) Fullard; and niece, Karmen Keith.

BAITY, VIVIAN DELORES, died Aug. 23, 2022. She was a native of Cuthbert, GA, and the daughter of the late Thomas and Viola Brown. She was the director of nursing at Huntsville Hospital in Huntsville, AL. She enjoyed gardening, walking in the park, writing poetry, traveling, and spending time with her family. With a cherished legacy of beautiful memories, she leaves her husband, Larry Baity; her son, Darryl (Monique) Clay; her daughter, Joyce Davis Stokes; five granddaughters; three grandsons; nine great-grandchildren; and three sisters. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Donna Michelle Clay-Darden; a grandson, Anthony Jones; a brother, Thomas Brown Sr.; and two sisters: Gladys Davis and Gloria Davis.

COLLINS, EDGAR "LEON," 76, of Hendersonville, born Feb. 2, 1946, in Wewahatchka, FL, to the late LeRoy and Silvie Collins, died Dec. 8, 2022, at Skyline Medical Center with his family close by and granddaughter at his bedside. Edgard was one of nine children and of 12 half-brothers and sisters. Leon was a Vietnam Veteran and served as a hospital medic from 1966 to 1968. He was of the Madison Campus Church, Arlington, TX, and Highland Church, TN. He led the teen Pathfinders at Campus Church until he became leader of the junior Pathfinders for several years. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed camping, hiking, repelling, cooking, and fishing. Leon is survived by his wife of 51 years, Vicki Collins; children: Jason Collins and Heather (Chad) Stephens; six grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and seven siblings.

DOUGLAS, VIRGINIA, 85, born Dec. 9, 1937, Lawton, MI, died

Dec. 9, 2022, at her home in Avon Park, FL. She was member of the Avon Park Church. She fulfilled a life dream of being a nurse by obtaining her LPN and RN at age 40. After a career in nursing, she was a case manager with VanBuren Mental Health. She is survived by her husband, Billy Douglas; four daughters: Brenda Blanton, Karen Sampsell, Paula (John) Akers, and Lisa (Sean) Sampsell; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; and extended family. She was preceded by her parents, George and Sophie Pratt.

FOLL, KATHERINE WILSON STONE, 92, born May 12, 1930, in Siloam Springs, AR, died Dec. 14, 2022, Indianapolis, IN. She was a member of the Avon Park, FL, Church. Kathie married Myron Stone in 1947 in Indiana and was an organist at Northside Church and later at Glendale Church. Upon retirement, she was one of four organists at Avon Park Church. After Myron passed away, she married Robert Foll. A Celebration of Life Service was held on Dec. 18, 2022, in Speedway, IN. Kathie is survived by her children: Gary (Cindy) Stone, Indianapolis, and Sunny (Steve) Thompson, Orlando, FL; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

GILL, EARL CRAFT, 94, of London, KY, died Dec. 26, 2022. At a young age, he joined the Merchant Marine, serving our country as a mariner during World War II, then he served again in the United States Army during the Korean War. Upon returning from the war, he enrolled at the University of Cincinnati to study and became a pharmacist, which was his profession for more than 60 years. Earl was a man of tre-

mendous faith who was involved in several church communities, including the London and Manchester Church in KY. Throughout his life, he practiced his faith with absolute passion, and he did mission work through the Full Gospel Businessmen Fellowship in Europe, Haiti, and Ecuador. He leaves behind his loving wife of 66 years, Beverly Williams Gill; two children: Rebecca Gill (Robert) Morrison and Paula Kaye Gill; one sister, Nancy Jean; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents: Charles Oscar Gill and Bessie Green Gill; and five siblings.

GOODWIN, FRANK E., 90, of Dunlap, TN, born Jan. 7, 1932, in Roxbury, MA, died Jan. 1, 2023. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in active duty from 1951 to 1953, and an additional six years in the reserves. He is survived by his wife, Hazel Barnaby Goodwin; children: Susan (Hendrick) Heitkamp, Ruth Ann (John) Giering, Jean (Joseph) Gager, Frank, and James (Mary); brothers: Leon, Donald (Christine), and Paul (Nancy); 7 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren; one niece; and several nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents: Joseph and Charlotte Chapman Goodwin; and grandson, James. He was preceded in death by his parents: Joseph and Charlotte Chapman Goodwin; and grandson, James. He is interred at the McGlothen Cemetery in Dunlap, TN.

GOODWIN, HAZEL P. B., 89, of Dunlap, TN, born Aug. 26, 1933, died Jan. 12, 2023. A member of the Dunlap Church, she was preceded in death by just 11 days to the love of her life, Frank Goodwin. She is survived by her chil-

dren: Susan (Hendrick) Heitkamp, Ruth Ann (John) Giering, Jean (Joseph) Gager, Frank, and James (Mary); 7 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren; one niece; and several nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents: Jesse Franklin and Eva Johnson Barnaby; grandson, James; all eight siblings; many nieces; and many nephews.

HILL, MICHAEL DOUGLAS, 76, born May 11, 1946, died Nov. 8, 2022, at his home in Hermitage, TN. Michael joined the Navy at 19, and served as a medic during the Vietnam War. Later he worked as a manager at a clothing store, several car dealerships, the Opryland Hotel, and Walt Disney World. Michael's greatest love was always his family. He attended the Madison Campus Church. He is survived by his sister, Joan (Duane) Andre; brother-in-law, Phil Martin; two sons; five grandchildren; numerous nieces; and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Judy; and ex-wife, Linda Conner.

KENDALL, ORA LEE, 89, of Louisville, KY, born Oct. 24, 1932, died June 13, 2022, at her home with her family by her side. She was a retired switchboard operator with Jewish Hospital. She is survived by her five children: Katrina (John) Eberhart, Thomas Kendall, Russell Kendall, Melvin Kendall Jr., and Lisa Gibson; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin Kendall; her sister, Norma Riggs; and her brother, Clarence Fincel.

NEWELL, THOMAS CALVIN, 69, born Sept. 9, 1953, to Walton Harvey Newell and Ruth Mae Birdwell

Newell, died Jan. 1, 2023, in Nashville, TN. Thomas was a loving father, grandfather, brother, and friend. He was proudly retired from Kroger as a grocer, having worked there for 45 years. His presence will be deeply missed. He is survived by his daughter, Amy Beth (Ryan) Stone; granddaughter, Adaline Stone; and beloved, pup Nina. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brothers: Jerry Newell and Danny Newell.

PIERONI, RALPH ANTHONY, 89, born Aug. 14, 1932, in New York, NY, one of five children born to John B. and Cosma Gebbia Pieroni, died March 20, 2022, in Old Hickory, TN. Ralph was a pianist and composer. He was also a gifted improvisational performer. He taught in the Adventist school system and was also active in the popular music scene and as a church musician. Following graduation from James Monroe High School in the Bronx in 1951, he enlisted in the army, serving for three years. In 1957, he enrolled at Atlantic Union College as a music major graduating in 1961 with a B.S. in music education and piano. In 1970, he was hired to teach music and direct the band and choir at Madison Academy (MA) in Tennessee. He enjoyed the experience and was a beloved and popular teacher. He pursued graduate work at Andrews University in the summers and completed an M.Mus. in composition and education in 1977. In 1979, after teaching at MA for nine years, he secured a position with Memorial Bibles International. He joined New York Life Insurance Company in 1985 and worked there until he retired in 1994. He is survived by his sons: John, Gregg, and Faron Pieroni; and daughter, Janet Hale.

PIERRE, ANNIE M., 69, born March 25, 1953, Bassin-Calman, Commune of Dondon, Haiti, died Feb. 7, 2023, Apopka, FL. She was a member of Forest Lake Church in Apopka. She was a wonderful mother and well-loved member of the community in Orlando, FL. The service eulogy was given by Dr. Carlo Sémerzier at Forest Lake Church on Feb. 24, 2023. Interment was at Highland Memory Gardens in Apopka. She is survived by her three sons: Nathaniel Pierre, Robert Sterling, and Adrien Sterling; and eight grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents: Clam Daniel and Irasur Pierre; brother, St. Juste Pierre; and her son, Michael Pierre.

RINGER, RONALD "RONNY" DUANE, 84, of Bryant, AL, born Jan. 1, 1938, to the late Gilbert and Adeline Ringer in Benton Harbor, MI, but spent most of his life on Sand Mountain in Bryant, AL, died March 21, 2022. He loved the Lord and served Him faithfully in his community and at the Floral Crest Church. Ronny spent most of his working life in the building trade. He became known as "the garage door man" and wanted to be known as he said, "May the Work I Have Done Speak for Me." He said many times, "I'd rather wear out than rust out," and I want to die at home. His wish came true, he worked that day and that evening he died at home. Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 55 years, Laura Ringer; two daughters: Sonya (Don) Davis and Tammy (Keith) Tiffin; two sons: Randy (Aming) Ringer and Bert (Rhonda) Ringer; 17 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; one brother, Ralph (Nancy) Ringer; nieces; nephews; and a host of friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death

by his granddaughter, Rachel Ford; and his niece, Lela Ring-er. Ronny longed for the second coming of Jesus where he could be with family and friends in a perfect place, and never have to say goodbye.

VINSON, SANDRA, 82, born June 2, 1940, died Oct. 15, 2022, in Woodbury, TN. She was a member of the Woodbury Church for many years. She graduated from Southern Adventist Uni-versity and was a CPA in partnership with David Hall, CPA in Murfrees-boro, TN. Sandra is sur-vived by her sister, Marjorie Williams; and brother, Michael Brown Vinson. She was preceded in death by her parents: Carlos and Martis Hagewood Vinson; sisters: Nor-ma Ann Vinson and Cyn-thia Vinson; her brother, Larry Vinson Sr.; and twin nephews: Ricky and Randy Vinson.

WHEELER, ALICE "LOUISE," 89, of Apison, TN, born March 11, 1933, in Abbing-ton, PA, died Feb. 19, 2023, in Apison, TN. She retired in Tennessee after work-ing as an office manager, dental

office manager, and dental as-sistance. She is survived by her daughter, Linda L.; sister, Peg-gy Sturgill Jeys; grandchildren: Ol-ivia, Ashley, Holly, and Dale; and great-grandchildren: Devan, Am-ber, Griffin, and Jaylin. She was preceded in death by her hus-band, Donald A. Wheeler; daugh-ter, Donna Rae Wheeler Wright; parents: Joshua and Minnie Sturgill; siblings: Ralph Stur-gill, Russell T. Sturgill, Jack Sturgill, Bob Sturgill, Mack Sturgill, Le-nore Sturgill Denivi, Millie Sturgill Reeves, and Archie Sturgill.

YOUNG, PEE JAY, 86, born Sept. 20, 1936, to Roosevelt and Clif-er Young in Jackson, MS, died Nov. 9, 2022. He was the sixth of nine children, including Greak-ley, Earsley, Christine, Ear-nes-tine, Bonnie Mae, and Freddie, who are deceased, and his sister, Stella, and brother, Theus. During his early formative years, his grandparents, Cloma and Pearle Bufkin, took care of him. He grad-uated from Lanier High School in Jackson. He then attended Oak-wood College (now Oakwood University) in Huntsville, AL.

While at Oakwood, he was draft-ed into the United States Army, and served as a medic during the Korean War. In July 1958, he married the late Idella De-loris Williams (Oct. 17, 1958), whom he met while attending Oakwood. Together they had four children: Victor Jay (Robin), Dexter Paul, Donna Idella (Jeff), and Darryl Vincent (Mary). Later he married Vivian Robinson which expanded his family to include Norris, Ed-die, and Krystal Rob-inson. Early in life he accepted the three an-gel's message and became faith-fully active in the Sev-enth-day Adventist Church. He served in many offices of the church, and in later years was espe-cially passionate about his work with prison ministries. He retired with more than 30 years of ser-vice as a respiratory therapist from the Holy Cross Hospital. He was a lifelong avid golfer and ex-panded his golf time from which he acquired numerous awards and trophies. He is survived by his children; two siblings; grand-children; great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; nieces; neph-ews; and friends.

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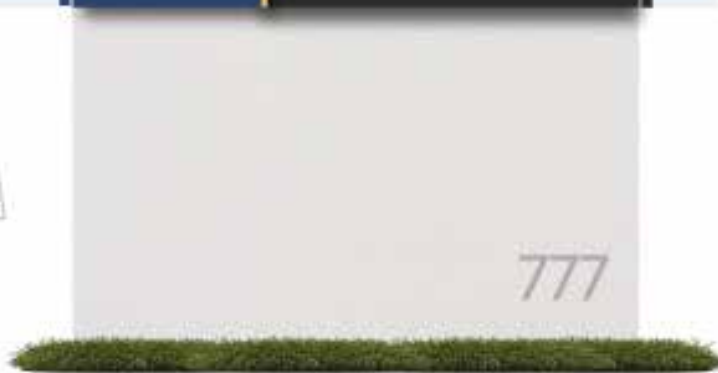
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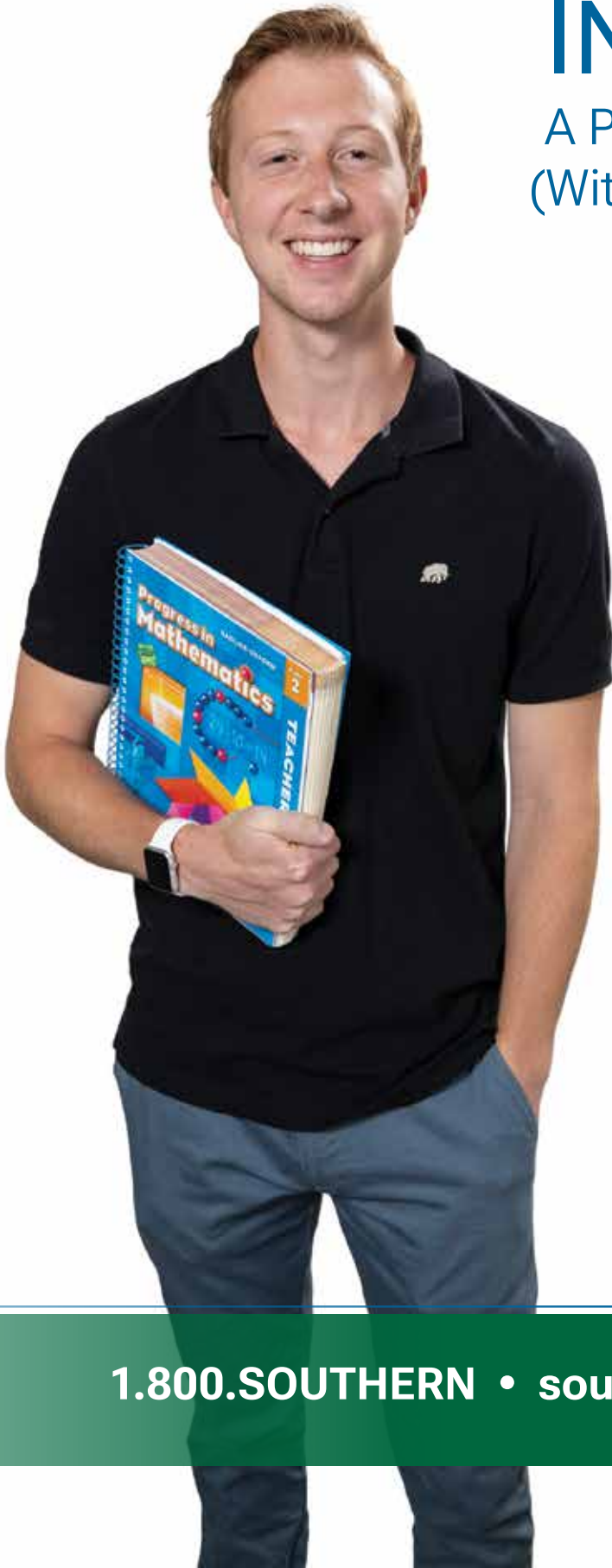
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