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The Crisis of Low Self-Esteem



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Bible teaching and theological discussions on self-esteem are at the basis of many inferiority and self-concept problems. There can be different reasons for low self-esteem; however, the most challenging culprit is faulty theology. Any of us will feel inferior if we assume that all humans are worthless, that sin makes us of no significance to God, and that the way to be humble is to condemn ourselves while we deny the gifts and abilities that the Lord God has given to each of His children. Each of these views is held by sincere people, many of whom apparently assume, incorrectly, that self-esteem is wrong or that feelings of inferiority should typify committed Christians.

In talking to His disciples, Jesus once said, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” Christians are not to live self-centered, self-gratifying, self-affirming lives. Instead, we are to abandon selfish personal ambition so we can serve Christ sacrificially. To deny oneself is to make God the ruling principle — more, the ruling passion, of life. The life of constant self-denial is the life of constant assent to God.

It does not follow, however, that the person who denies selfish ambition or the drive for personal gratification must also deny his or her God-given worth. Believers have been forgiven, adopted into God’s family, and endowed with special gifts and responsibilities that enable them to serve Christ and the Church more effectively.

Ideally, the local church is a body of believers with a commitment to worship and world evangelism, along with a determination to teach, care for, build up, and do good deeds for one another — all free from the power struggles, manipulation, and status seeking that characterize so much of our society. Of course, most churches fall short, often far short, of this ideal. Even so, the Christian community can have a powerful influence in changing self-concepts and preventing individual feelings of inferiority. This can come through teaching, support giving, and parental guidance.

What about prevention through teaching? We have seen that many people develop low self-esteem because they have been taught that spiritual people should constantly put themselves down and feel inferior. Some are taught that God is either a harsh judge who is waiting to pounce on our misdeeds so He can condemn us, or a being who delights in squelching our personalities and taking the fun out of life. These harmful and distorted views need to be challenged and replaced with the biblical teachings on human worth, forgiveness, pride, and the importance of self-love.

A person’s self-concept cannot depend on human goals and achievements alone. Each person’s sense of belonging, worth, and competence comes because we are loved and held up by the sovereign Almighty God who teaches us about sin and divine forgiveness, endows us with unique abilities and gifts, makes us into new creatures, and gives the true reason to have a healthy self-esteem because we have been redeemed by Christ.

Within the Church, Christians should learn that we can love ourselves because God loves us and has made us His children. We can accept and acknowledge our abilities, gifts, and achievements because they come from God and with His permission. We can experience the forgiveness of sins because God forgives unconditionally, and believers can praise God for what He is doing in and through our lives. There is no institution that comes closer than the Church in educating people toward a more realistic self-concept. ❶

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be the motivation for service.”

-Sherman Rogers





PREPARING TODAY

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BY MICHELLE JAMES



Tragedy: “A lamentable, dreadful, or fatal event” is how the dictionary defines tragedy. Everyone faces tragedy in their lives, but it is when the person cannot act or speak for themselves that many issues arise. What happens to me? What happens to my children? These are questions that have been asked over and over for decades.

The Terri Schiavo case should remind all of us how important it is to be prepared today for tomorrow.

In 1990, Terri suffered cardiac arrest which triggered other medical issues that left her with no brain function, and in a vegetative state. Her husband was made her legal guardian under the state of Florida. It was her husband and her parents who were left to make the decision as to when to stop the artificial nutrition. After three years, her husband wanted to remove the artificial nutrients, but her parents hoped that other treatments would help her improve.

She was kept alive in a vegetative state for 15 years.

There is nothing known of Terri leaving a written document of her last wishes, so the family was left to make difficult decisions at a difficult time.

There are many options to prepare today for tomorrow: medical directives, living wills, wills, trusts, gifts We are not promised tomorrow, so why not do something now and be able to see results from your gift?

“Looking back over the lives of my parents,” says a donor, “I realized how they had exemplified generosity. Their gifts of time, talent, and money to projects meant a lot to them. Remembering

their legacy of generosity gave me a clearer vision of what can be accomplished to further the cause of God, and how to be a Christian witness in our sphere of influence.

“As we began to age and plan our future legacy gift, my husband and I decided to include Southern Adventist University in our estate plan that would one day fund an endowed scholarship to help young people financially at Southern.

“It is quite humbling to look back on the last 40 years, and to see how the Lord has blessed us financially so that we have the ability to share His blessings with others. We are committed to continuing our parents’ legacy of generosity by following their example.”

What kind of legacy will you leave?

Many of us have parents or close friends that we honor for the service they have given through the years. Having a heart of service and compassion is what ministry is all about.

“Love, and not hope of reward, should be the motivation for service,” says Sherman Rogers. Jeanette Rogers-Dulan, Ph.D., and her brother, Sherman, remember the service to others their parents taught them.

“Ernest Rogers saved, supported his family, and used his meager funds to assist many with needs such as furniture for their homes, money for tuition, bills that must be paid, and housing, to name a few. The Lord blessed his giving spirit with providing him with health and a quality of life that influences others to give of their means to assist institutions,

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charitable funds, and trusts that multiplies blessings to many.

“In essence, some are able to save and, at the end of life, leave a bequest, an endowment, or monetary blessing to schools, churches, or institutions. Dad saved for family, sacrificed to assist others in need, served the Church and institutions, and gave of himself and monetarily throughout life as the Holy Spirit led to people in need. What a legacy, what love!”

How do you want to take care of your loved ones and help your favorite charities?

“As we watch the news and read our Bible with the Spirit of Prophecy,” says Doug Henderson, “we are convinced, we are living on the very edge of time.

“That is what convinced both of us that we needed to rethink our estate plan. We also wanted to make sure we were adequately funding the ministries of the Church we love so much. We felt that giv-

ing currently wasn’t enough. We wanted to make sure that we would be partners in ministry even after we are gone.”

There are many opportunities to prepare today for tomorrow. Many want to see their gift in action; they want to be a “living legacy” to see how the Lord blesses their funds. Others want to have their ministry continue even after they are gone, so they plan their wills and trusts to do just that.

Only you can assess your values and how they can be most effectively passed on if something should happen to you or use today to bless others. Your conference or university Planned Giving and Trust Services Department stands ready to help you. 📞

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Doug and Cathryn Henderson

"We are committed to continuing our parents' legacy of generosity by following their example."

—The Hendersons



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2016 MEDICAL/DENTAL/ HEALTH PROFESSIONAL CONVENTION

A Southern Union Biennial Event

BY JIM DAVIDSON



The longest running — this is the 50th anniversary — as well as one of the largest events hosted by the Southern Union is the biennial Medical/Dental/Health Professional Convention. October 6-9, 2016, will see physicians, dentists, and allied health providers from around the Union and across North America gathered in Stone Mountain, Georgia, for three days of continuing education, recreation, and spiritual refreshment.

The venue for 2016 is the beautiful Stone Mountain Park. It has more than 3,000 acres of lakes and forest, and the nationally recognized mountain of stone which towers 1,686 feet above the sur-

rounding countryside. Contained within the park is the convention hotel, which is a Marriott four-diamond resort; two 18-hole golf courses; and the largest RV park in the state of Georgia. There are a host of family activities including hiking trails, boating, a grist mill, covered bridge, as well as experiences for the more adventurous such as “Trek through the treetops on SkyHike®,” the nation’s largest adventure course. Of course there is the tramway which whisks visitors to the top of Stone Mountain, as well as many other family-oriented opportunities. The Friday golf tournament will be held five minutes from the convention hotel at the Stone Mountain golf course.

But, the greatest joy comes from a time of seeing old friends and making new ones. The theme for this year’s convention is “Balancing Your Professional, Personal, and Spiritual Lives.” The featured weekend speaker is David Smith, Ph.D., who is currently serving as the pastor of the Collegedale, Tennessee, Church, but was recently elected as the incoming president of Southern Adventist University. His topics for the weekend are “Protecting Margin,” “The Tyranny of the Urgent,” and “Priming the Pump.” Smith is a sought-after speaker who has blessed audiences around the world. John S. Nixon Sr., D.Min., professor of theology and



The Summit Skyride at Stone Mountain Park



Stone Mountain Park features 15 miles of hiking and walking trails, including the one-mile trail to the top of the mountain.



There are two 18-hole golf courses at Stone Mountain Park; one is five minutes from the convention hotel.

spirituality at Southern Adventist University, will also be featured during the weekend. During his 34 years in pastoral ministry, he has served as senior pastor on three university campuses.

Music will be provided by the King's Heralds quartet. This well-known Adventist musical ministry performs in a variety of musical styles, making them a favorite with audiences of all ages. Their rich blend, harmony, and balance as interpreted through their well-known a'capella singing creates a rich musical experience. Also, all will be blessed by a concert from I Cantori, the premiere choral ensemble within the School of Music at Southern Adventist University.

A major component of this time together includes the continuing education

credits for a number of medical disciplines. Along with providing current information on best practices, each class is taught with an Adventist foundation. This year's presenters include some of the best educators in the United States: David DeRose, M.D., for physicians and practitioners; Alan S. Herford, D.D.S., for dentists and hygienists; David Dwight Markoff, M.D. and Grace Oh, M.D., for ophthalmologists and optometrists; Holly Gadd, Ph.D., Barbara James, D.S.N., Frances Johnson, D.N.P., Michael Liedke, D.N.P., and Lilly Tryon, M.S.N., for nurses; and Laura Podschun, P.T., D.P.T., for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants.

The Southern Union continues this long-standing tradition of providing min-

istry for health professionals because of the counsel given by inspiration: "The medical missionary work was ever to be as the arm to the great work that was to prepare a people to stand in the day of God so soon to be realized ... The Gospel ministry of truth for these last days, in its sacred dignity, is to stand as the body; Christ Himself is the head; and the [medical] missionary work is to be the arm and hand," *Manuscript Releases*, Volume 4, page 140. ①

To receive the early bird rate, register by August 31, 2016. For more information and registration, visit www.southernunion.com/MedicalDentalConvention or call Advent-Source/PlusLine at 800-732-7587.

LIFE-CHANGING MISSION TRIP

for Forest Lake Academy Students

BY GRANT HAGEN



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PHOTO BY: LUCY FINCHER

Students and staff from Forest Lake Academy took an 11-day mission trip to the village of Binalbagan, Philippines. Staff members included Judel Ditta, Maxwell Ditta (project coordinator), Johanne Etienne, Lucy Fincher (leader), Floyd Fincher, Pam Hile, and Fely Rugless. FLA students included Jonathan Batchelder, Tyler Braithwaite, Dan Catangay, Bailey DuBose, Danyla Etienne, Daniel Gonzalez, Grant Hagen, Garren Miler, Jessica Nephew, Ariana Nickless, and Christina Nickless.

It was September 2015. Fely Rugless, information technology director at Forest Lake Academy, Apopka, Florida, was on stage in a chapel program announcing an opportunity to travel half-way around the world: destination — the Philippines, to a school we learned was partially built as a result of proceeds from a Forest Lake Academy Student Association gala five years ago.

My mind was transfixed by the possibility of going on the school's mission trip to the Philippines. I heard the Holy Spirit tell me that I was to go on that trip. Through the generosity of many church and family

members, along with multiple school-sponsored fundraisers, my fundraising goal was met. Eleven other students and I were ready to leave for the Philippines on March 3, 2016.

When we arrived at the school in Binalbagan, we were greeted by many smiling faces. Students welcomed us with cultural dances and gave us flowers made of paper and colored cellophane. It was overwhelmingly appreciated.

That evening as we organized the worship program, we felt a little discouraged, thinking we were underprepared to be do-

ing peer-to-peer ministry. It seemed as if the students there had so many more talents than we had to offer. Feeling moved to let Jesus shine and not ourselves, we still knew God would use our talents, and that would make the difference. Our theme song became "Shine, Jesus, Shine."

This point was made clear in an entry by Ariana Nickless, one of our mission team members. She kept a daily journal, and, at the bottom of each entry, she would write a life lesson she learned that day. The lesson she wrote on the first day stood out to me: "Don't focus on what you're doing wrong.

Focus on God, and [everything] will work out.”

On the second day, our team was divided between the four classes of the school, grades 7 through 10. We spent the week in these small groups of about 25 students. We led worship, played games, made crafts, shared stories, and talked about God.

In the afternoons, we visited the homes of the students to give their families a book of Bible promises, and offer a prayer over the family and home. We returned to the school each evening and held an event for

all the children in the area.

Each day our medical team went out in the village sharing health talks; measuring blood pressure; and handing out vitamins, tooth brushes, and care kits.

One team member, Jonathan Batchelder, spoke of a student, Vanessa Enegrío. She compiled a notebook for the days we were there with a message for each of us. “She skipped meals for three days so she could afford to complete it,” said Batchelder. This shows the generosity of these students who clearly live with so little.

On the last day of the mission, four students, one from each class, gave a prepared speech about how thankful they were that we came. Everyone was in tears because of the love that was shared. It was very tough for all of us to say goodbye.

We learned two major things on this trip: trust in God wholeheartedly, and give of our resources unrelentingly. Because of the students at Binalbagan school, we came away with a greater sense of God. We will never lose sight of this. Praise the Lord! 🙏



PHOTO BY: LUCY FINCHER

Bailey DuBose and Daniel Gonzalez pray with families during home visits.



PHOTO BY: PAMELA HILE

Jonathan Batchelder checks a woman's blood pressure.



PHOTO BY: LUCY FINCHER

Garren Miller explains in a science experiment how hot air causes a 60-foot plastic tube to rise as it heats up.

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

BY JUSTIN CHILDERS



In 1999, a few months after my wife and I were married, I quit my steady job as a security guard and went to work for Rose Hills Cemetery in Whittier, California. I worked in the sales department, and my income was totally based on commission. Sales of any kind can be difficult, but selling cemetery property is extremely difficult, as most people do not want to talk about death — especially their own.

About the time I went to work for Rose Hills, my wife was laid off from her steady job, and we found ourselves in the middle of a worker's comp case for the next two years. My wife did receive a little compensation each month during this case, but I was hardly making any sales.

One month we had \$500 in the bank, and the rent was \$500, and it was almost due. As Sabbath was just a few days away, I contemplated holding back the tithe from my wife's small check just until things got better for us. But, then a thought came to me. If I did this it would become very easy to continue this practice in the future, and the tithe that we owed God would snowball to the point we could never make it up. I had always been faithful with my tithing in the past, so I decided to continue this practice.

That Sabbath, I gave back to God what was rightfully His ... and that following week I made a sale. God was truly faithful to my wife and me, as we stepped out

in faith and were faithful to Him. He will always be faithful! 🙏

Justin Childers is the pastor of the Jellico and La Follette, Tennessee, churches in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.



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GULF STATES CONFERENCE ELECTS OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORS

to Serve for the Next Five Years

BY REBECCA GRICE



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Officers elected for the next five years include Martin Fancher (left), executive secretary; David Livermore, president; and Brian Danese, treasurer.

The 32nd Constituency General Session for the Gulf States Conference was held on Sunday, April 10, 2016, in Montgomery, Alabama. The delegates representing churches throughout the Conference meet every five years to elect the Conference officers, departmental directors, Executive Committee members, and members of several other committees, and to vote on business pertaining to the Conference. Conference officers reelected were David O. Livermore, president, and Brian Danese, treasurer. Martin Fancher, former stewardship and human resources director, was elected executive secretary.

At this session, the delegates discovered how God has been leading the Conference. During the past five years, membership has increased from 10,781 at the beginning of 2011, to 12,236 at the end of 2015. The goal is to have 13,000 members by the end of 2016. This growth is also a reflection of the 2,000 people who have joined the churches through baptism or profession of faith.

During the past five years, faithful members of the Conference returned to God a total of \$51,070,983.17 in tithe. This is compared with the tithe of \$44,092,043 given in

the previous five-year period.

The delegates approved of all changes made to the constitution and by-laws, except for a proposal to change the constituency representation of one delegate for 30 members to one delegate for 50 member. One delegate for 30 members will remain.



PHOTO BY: R. STEVEN NORMAN III

Delegates hold up their green cards to vote their approval of the Nominating Committee's decision.

During the Session, special recognition was given to Melvin K. Eisele and his wife, Phyllis, who guided the Conference for four out of five years of this quinquennium.

Departmental directors reelected were Linda Anderson, Adventist Book Center; David O. Livermore, Adventist Layman Services & Industries, Association president; Martin Fancher, Association secre-

tary, adult Sabbath School, medical/dental recruitment, human resources, religious liberty; Brian Danese, Association treasurer; Jerome Edmeade, assistant treasurer; Brian Halley, IT/church and school auditor; Nilton Garcia, communications, assistant ministerial, Hispanic ministries, and small groups; Stan Hobbs, education; Peter Trzinski, ministerial, evangelism, personal ministries; Todd Casey, youth, children's ministries, Pathfinders, and camp director; April Hobbs, women's ministries; Ray Elsberry, Adventist Community Services & Disaster Response; Joyce Russell, prayer ministries; and Jasoln Shives, health ministries.

Livermore recommends that the Conference theme for the next five years be "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8. He explains, "We need an army of volunteers to ascend upon our communities. This Conference should never look like a spotless yacht sailing along the Gulf Coast, but instead, a battleship on a search-and-rescue mission. Together we need to recognize that the mission God gave to our Church will never be completed unless we put our shoulders together and go to work." ●



PHOTO BY: MARVIN L. ALLISON SR.

Mineola Dozier-Smith, a 95-year-old prayer warrior, has not missed a single Prayer Conference.



PHOTO BY: MARVIN L. ALLISON SR.

Collin Hone was the featured presenter for the weekend.

EAT. PRAY. LOVE.

The Amazing Journey of a New Church Plant

BY RODNEY ROYSTON

The South Central Conference (SCC) currently has six churches in the Memphis, Tennessee, area. They are spread throughout the city, and are thriving churches with an impactful presence in their communities.

As SCC scouted the Memphis area, they noticed that there was a community right outside of Memphis, but still connected to the Memphis area, that would be a per-

fect place to plant a new church. SCC then reached out to pastors Kymone Hinds and Shawn Moss to pastor two of the Memphis churches. But, that assignment came with a vision—for them to work together to start a new church in Cordova, Tennessee. This vision seemed to be God-sent for Hinds, who was personally given a task years earlier by God to lead a new group of people. The two pastors accepted the task from the Confer-

ence, and began to plant their church.

In April 2013, Hinds and Moss held their first meeting to lay out the vision for a new church. It was then that the name Journey Fellowship was revealed. Journey Fellowship was planted with the mission to be a church that is much different from the other six existing churches in the Memphis area. This church was designed to be a non-traditional, community-focused church seek-

ing to bring church along the path of life by making the needs of the community its primary focus. In this day and time, people are not only looking to seek God, but they are also looking for convenience, companionship, and connection.

Understanding the needs of the community, Journey Fellowship decided that the first thing they needed to do was to find a place of worship that would accommodate these needs. Traditional churches typically hold their worship gatherings in a church building with a steeple. Unfortunately, some people feel uncomfortable walking into a church, for fear of being judged by those who may dress better than they do or have their lives better put together than their own. They also sometimes feel that they are unworthy of stepping inside of a “church house.” Knowing that a traditional church building would not meet the needs of the community, Journey Fellowship decided to hold its services in the local community center, a place where a diverse group of people visit daily without fear of judgment or unworthiness.

Hinds says, “Worshipping at the local community center allows us to be in a place where people can bump into us as they come to a neutral location.” By doing this, they have been able to meet a lot of people without having to seek them out, and it is working. They also decided to call their worship gatherings “CONNECT.” CONNECT is a time where people can come in their casual attire, and not feel ashamed or out of place as they *connect* with God and each other. CONNECT services start at 5 p.m. on Saturday. This allows people to enjoy their families and personal time with God during the Sabbath day, and end the Sabbath connecting with God and others. After establishing a suitable place and time to *connect*, Journey Fellowship felt a need to develop a concept that would *connect* the community to God and each other on multiple levels. It was at that point that the concept “Eat. Pray. Love.” was birthed.

EAT (Sharing Life Together)

In order for Journey Fellowship to *connect* with the community, they knew that food had to be involved. Eating is a major part of any family’s life. From your big meal



Velma McConico, one of the more than 200 attendees, in praise to God



Elaine Rugless, retiring soon, is caught up in the “retirement spirit.”

on Thanksgiving to your weekly Sabbath dinners, there is a great benefit to eating together. Eating together builds relationships. It connects people, laying the groundwork for open discussions, planning, and fun, unforgettable moments that draw them all closer together. We see many instances in the Bible where groups of people ate food together and grew closer as a result. This is a major piece of the concept of who Journey Fellowship is and how they interact with each other. On every first Friday of the month, they hold what they call First Fridays Fellowship. During this time, they meet at different members’ houses across the city. It is an hour-long event where they eat together, sing songs together, and study the Word of God together.

PRAY (Seeking God Together)

Journey Fellowship produces moments of prayer for the community. It has been proven through research and studies that prayer makes you stress-free, reduces your chances of suffering from depression and anxiety, and keeps away common stress-related disorders. It is true; prayer changes things. Journey Fellowship has taken prayer to another level by providing their community with prayer groups called Triads. These Triads consist of people who have a commonality in certain areas of life. For example, there are several members of Journey Fellowship who work for the same company on a large, widespread campus. Each of them work in separate buildings, but they come together, either at their cafeteria or an offsite eatery, to have lunch and pray. They share stories about their jobs and

individual departments, along with many other topics such as life and health issues.

LOVE (Serve Others Together)

For Journey Fellowship, they want to have an impactful presence in their community, so that the community will love to see them coming. They achieve this by going out into the community to show love by serving them. On second Saturdays, Journey Fellowship performs service activities within the community. They have assisted with service projects such as an elementary school cleanup and a barbecue for the homeless, created goody baskets for the Salvation Army, and regularly scheduled visits to Youth Villages — a private nonprofit organization dedicated to helping emotionally and behaviorally troubled children and their families live successfully. With more than 22,000 children being helped across the country, Journey Fellowship has partnered with the Youth Villages location in their community, providing them with an hour of dedicated time and companionship each month. Journey Fellowship is dedicated to expressing love to their community, and they continue to show their love every month by serving others together.

“Journey Fellowship seeks, by everything we do, to foster a connection with God and others. We want to provide opportunities for people to experience God and grow in community,” says Hinds. And, they have done just that. By creating something so simple in structure and programming, this concept has allowed them to provide their community with an easy pathway toward connecting with God and each other. ❶

Carolina Conference Holds “The Last Day of Prophecy” Series



Doug Batchelor

The importance of the Sabbath and its observance is being overlooked — not only by non-believers, but by the Adventist church members. In response the Carolina Conference had the privilege of teaming with Amazing Facts and Doug Batchelor, March 21-26, for an evangelistic series called “The Last Day of Prophecy,” on the importance of the Sabbath, held at Ovens Auditorium in Charlotte, N.C. The event was telecast live by 3ABN, Amazing Facts TV, and the Hope Church Channel.

Across the Carolinas, the Southern



Kelly Mowrer (on piano) and Charles Haugabrooks (singing) performing during a mini concert Sabbath evening.

Union, the North American Division, and the world, these messages were viewed by people in host churches, meeting halls, and in their homes. Pictures were sent in by churches from Florida, North and South Carolina, Ohio, California, and Tennessee. There were even people watching in the Middle East.

Each night the attendance grew, and by the weekend few seats could be found on the main floor of the auditorium. The inspiring and rousing song selections from Charles Haugabrooks and Kelly Mowrer got the attendees pumped and primed for the message delivered by Batchelor.

“It is really neat to see the people coming night after night, and welcoming them back with a hug. They look surprised that you remember them, and care that they



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have come back another night,” said Siera Hernandez, a member of the Charlotte Sharon Church and a “row host” for the meetings.

Batchelor took a historic, biblical approach to showing how Sabbath observance is important to God, how it was altered to Sunday, and the significance of the Sabbath in the last days. At the end of the week, Batchelor made an appeal, and handed out cards for those who would like further study or information.

To follow up on the momentum of “The Last Day of Prophecy,” the Carolina Conference designated the month of April for “reaping meetings.” Evangelistic events were scheduled in more than 100 churches, with the sole purpose of leading people to Jesus. The Conference praises God for His work in the Carolinas and around the world. ❶

BY COURTNEY HEROD

Teachers Walk in Footsteps of Jesus

Eight educators and four spouses from the Carolina Conference had the amazing opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Jesus in Israel on March 3-13, 2016. The trip was sponsored by the North American Division Education Department, and guided by Andy Nash, associate professor of journalism and communication and religious education at Southern Adventist University, and associate



Andy Nash rebaptizes Wendell Carlton in the Jordan River.

PHOTO BY: DERRAL REEVE

pastor at the Collegedale Church.

Starting on Friday in Tel Aviv, and they continued for two days by the Sea of Galilee. During the visit to Galilee, Wendell Carlton, a teacher at Adventist Christian Academy in Charlotte, N.C., was re-baptized in the Jordan River by Andy Nash.

On Monday, the group had the opportunity to float in the Dead Sea and experience the



PHOTO BY: GARY ROUSE

Back row left: Wendell Carlton (Charlotte), Tim Kripps, Charles Eberhart (Raleigh), Dennis Green (Tryon), and Gary Rouse. Front row left: Cheryl Simonds (Tri-City), Cathy Carlton (Charlotte), Angeliqua Kripps, Sonja Eberhart (Raleigh), Jackie Green (Tryon), Coralie Lallemand (Tri-City), and Jayme Rouse.

buoyancy created by the dense salt content of the water. This fulfilled a life-long dream for some in the group.

Despite the bus breaking down on Tuesday on the West Bank, they were still able to visit Jericho, Masada, and Qumron, home of

the Dead Sea Scrolls, and still arrive safely in Jerusalem. While in Jerusalem, the group visited the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, Caiaphas' house, the Upper Room, and many other inspirational sites.

As this trip was sponsored by the NAD Education Department, the group also visited two schools in Jerusalem. The first was an elementary school mainly for Palestinian children. Some of the students have a daily commute, which includes security checkpoints, and can take more than two hours one way.

The second school was located inside the Old City. The interesting thing about this school is that they teach three religion courses: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. The students also learn four languages: French, Arabic, Hebrew, and English.

On Sabbath, Gary Rouse, superintendent of education for the Carolina Conference, delivered a sermonette at the Garden Tomb before communion. Everyone then boarded the bus for the Valley of Elah, the site where David killed Goliath. The group also visited Khirbet Qeiyafa, the archaeological site where students from Southern Adventist University had previously been digging. One last stop before the airport was the city of Joppa.

Everyone on the trip had an amazing experience seeing first-hand the places that they had only read about in the Bible. The teachers have added a whole new element to their Bible lessons in class, as they are now able to share these experiences with their students. ①

BY TIM KRIPPS

Carolina Holds Elders' Retreat 2016

Dealing with the hustle and bustle of daily life as well as the needs of constituents, church leaders can feel drained of energy at times. Even Jesus demonstrated the need for a spiritual retreat, and left His followers and disciples for time with His Father, to recharge and find the strength to continue.

Following this example, in March the Carolina Conference held its annual Elders' Retreat. Joe Kidder, professor of Christian ministry, coordinator for the doctor of ministry degree, evangelism, and church growth concentration at Andrews University, was the presenter, and his messages were well-received and helped to reenergize the local church leaders. He also captivated the attendees with his stories from Iraq, telling of his persecution for being a

Christian, even being beaten by his own family and left for dead. God was with him then as He is now, and brought two members of his family — the two who held him down while he was being beaten — to a saving relationship with Him.

In addition to the speakers, the weekend was full of prayer and time to feel the presence of the Lord among His people through nature and the camp activities.

Two of the Sabbath afternoon highlights were the "Ministry Reports" and the "Town Hall" with the Conference officers. The officers gave the elders the opportunity to ask questions and bring concerns that they might have to the officers for answers and clarification.

One attendee expressed his need for this retreat, and his gratitude to the Conference

for creating an environment where the elders can become excited about the Gospel all over again. ①

BY COURTNEY HEROD

LEGAL NOTICE

CAROLINA CONFERENCE SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the 42nd regular session of the Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Inc. will be held in the auditorium at Nosoca Pines Ranch in Liberty Hill, South Carolina. The first meeting is called for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 18, 2016, and will continue through Sunday, August 21, 2016. The session is called for the purpose of electing officers and formulating plans for the next quinquennium, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the session.



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Joe Kidder, elder



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Homosassa Church Pantry Provides Tons of Food to Community



PHOTO BY: BOB HALSTEAD

Helpers ready to deliver food are Don Gesell (left), Richard Starcher, Wally Zollins, and retired pastor Dale Wolfe.

Each month, Homosassa Church provides an average of two tons of food to friends and neighbors in their local community. During the past year alone, the food pantry assisted approxi-

mately 3,500 members of local families.

Five years ago, the men's group started the food pantry as a community outreach. Supported by church members who serve as volunteers, the pantry has

grown to be one of the largest in Citrus County. Pantry doors are opened twice a month and staffed by members and friends of the church. This effort has truly touched hearts in the local community.

In addition to the food provided, the church has taken this opportunity to bring Christ to the community. Two clients were baptized, and every time the pantry is open, there are Bible studies in progress. The church has given a variety of publications to each family, including large-print editions of the Bible and various DVDs and CDs.

After five years of operation, this effort is truly a blessing to the community as well as to the church members. ❶

BY BOB HALSTEAD

Students of Edible Education Experience Show New Skills

Orlando Junior Academy, College Park, Fla., recently held a nine-week Edible Education Class where core curriculum subjects were integrated. The final exam for the class was a competition.

Students worked in teams to create hand-made pasta and healthy, tasty sauces based on ingredients provided. Some of the herbs for the competition were harvested fresh from the Edible Schoolyard Garden. The winning eighth-grade team, Small Chefs, Big Flavors, was treated to lunch at K Restaurant, compliments of Chef Kevin Fonzo.

Principal Anthony Oucharek expressed his gratitude to the judges: "Thank you for sharing your valuable time and expertise with our students. The students were so excited to show off their new skills and knowledge in front of such distinguished guests,"

which included local chefs and community leaders Kathleen Blake, owner/chef, and sous chef; Reanna McNamara of The Rusty Spoon; Greg Richie of Soco Restaurant; Dawn Viola of This Honest Food; Mark Kusche of Alford Inn; Pam Brandon of *Edible Orlando* magazine; and local celebrity Emily Ellyn, as well as kid celebrities Zac Kara, Julie Wilder, and Terri Matthias.

Orlando Junior Academy, established in 1906, offers a high standard of academics in a loving Christian atmosphere for pre-K through eighth grade. The Edible Education Experience is led by Kevin Fonzo, owner/chef of K Restaurant in College Park; Sarah Cahill, certified raw food chef; Brad Jones, gardener; and Janice Banks, executive director. ❶



PHOTO BY: SHELLY VILLANUEVA

Eighth-grade boys with chef Emily Ellyn prepare vegetable sauce for topping their hand-made pasta.

BY JANICE BANKS

Couple Have Love for People of Peru

Convicted by the Holy Spirit to reach the people of Peru, Gabriel and Lina Acuña sold their Orlando-area home in the year 2000 and, with the proceeds, built and bought two Christian radio stations.

When the stations played a role in a nationwide evangelistic endeavor that brought thousands into the Adventist Church, the Acuñas sensed God's call to build houses of worship for the new members. Returning to Orlando, they held garage sales, spoke with friends, and told their story in churches to raise funds for construction materials.

Fast forward to 2016 where, today, the Peruvian landscape includes 10 beautiful churches built by the Acuñas. Making a trip back nearly every year, this couple has volunteered tirelessly to build sanctuaries, children's Sabbath School classrooms, and modern restroom facilities.

In 2010, they inspired an evangelistic team from Florida to accompany them to Peru and hold meetings in 10 locations. As a result, nearly 200 people were baptized. José LeGrand, at the time director of planned giving and trust services at Florida Conference, organized the group.

"It was amazing to see how people related to this couple who totally live by faith," he testifies. "I saw how every dollar donated for their ministry is spent wisely."

In 2015, the Acuñas experienced a providential meeting when they visited a dentist in Peru to get some work done on their teeth. During their conversation, Lina Acuña learned the dentist had often wished to bring his dentist wife and children on a vacation to Florida.

Spontaneously, Lina invited them to stay in their Altamonte Springs apartment. The dentist was so touched by the offer, he said, "Any charges for today's visit are on me." The family vacationed in Florida in March 2016, and experienced Christian hospitality, delicious meals, evening worships, and the joy of giving.

Wanting to give back, the dentist offered money to the Acuñas for opening their



Gabriel and Lina Acuña (front row, center), in November 2012, stand with Juan Carlos Livague (left), district pastor; José Meza (right, now retired), treasurer of Northeast Peru Mission; and members of the new Amiño Church the Acuñas built.

home to them. Lina Acuña counter-offered with a proposal to help a small congregation that meets near his office under a corrugated aluminum roof with no walls. He jumped at the suggestion and said he would gladly pay for the construction of four new walls.

The Acuñas will take their annual trip to Peru this June. "Making plans and raising money for that next trip is what motivates Lina and Gabriel every day they are in the States," observes their friend, LeGrand. "It doesn't matter how much money they've raised or set aside from their retirement pension between trips — they'll go, they'll fix, they'll build, and they'll find every way possible to stretch what they bring because of their love for the people of Peru." ●



David Acuña Gonzales was 14 when he studied the Bible with his uncle, Gabriel Acuña. After his baptism, David expressed a desire to become a pastor. Later, he would help the Acuñas build churches and, from those pulpits, gain preaching experience. This past December 4, because of the financial sacrifices of his aunt and uncle, David graduated from Peruvian Union University in Lima with his fiancée, Anamaria Cabrera Mendoza. This spring they began employment at the Adventist school in Aguaytía, Peru, where David is campus chaplain, and Anamaria is the executive secretary.

BY MARTIN BUTLER

Jellico Members Hold an Evening of Intrigue, Mysterious Food



PHOTO BY: ELYN CHILDERS

Guests are seated at a table in the form of a question mark at Jellico's "An Evening of Intrigue, The Case of the Mysterious Food" dinner in Tennessee.

The Jellico Church social committee, directed by chair Linda Eaves, planned and presented a Vespers worship service followed by "The Case of the Mysterious Food" dinner on February 20, 2016, in the Jellico Christian Academy Gym in Tennessee. Sixty people attended, including Bible study students, friends and neighbors of church members, the servers, and social committee members.

At the beginning of the program, guests were seated at tables arranged in the form of a question mark. Everyone enjoyed a devotional message by church elder Gerald Hamman. He presented Bible texts on witnessing to people you might encounter who seek prayer and other spiritual nurturing or answers. Hamman demonstrated with verses printed on cards, stating that he carries these with him at all times, prepared for witnessing opportunities. Everyone was encouraged to have scriptural answers to questions that could be posed by those who are searching.

The "Mysterious Food" dinner fol-

lowed the Vespers. Guests were given a mystery menu with the instructions, "Your case: Choose combinations from the menus to satisfy your curiosity and hunger."

The menu was arranged in five parts. Each person was to observe carefully, and mark an X next to one item he or she wished to investigate from each course, stating, "This will take all your deductive powers. Be sure to place your identification on the paper. Have a puzzling good time! Hand this requisition to your server."

This sparked considerable guessing and collaboration as to what the menu items might include. Course one was beverages with names Adam and Eve's Downfall, Fruit of the Tree of Life, and Nose Tinger. Course two was salad and toppers with topper choices from which to pick, three with mysterious names such as Cool Wheels, Finger Puppets, and Rosy Cheeks. Next came salad dressings, two choices, named Not American and Dude's Favorite. Course three was grains, with several choices

like Antibiotic Treatment, Mixed Tile, and others. Course four was soup, with Artic Pottage, Irish Root, and Mr. Roni's Best Kept Secret. Course five was desserts, with Yummy Garbage — Rich, Dark, and Handsome.

Each guest was identified as "detective trainee" and instructed to write his or her name on the menu, and give it to the server after selecting course options.

While waiting for dinner, everyone was provided with several puzzle games to play, including one with a combination of letters of the alphabet to make words which had to include the letter "K," with strictly limiting rules.

Heidi Gaitan's class of third- through eighth-graders were the servers, professionally dressed in white shirts and dark pants. They efficiently took the orders and served the food, returning to the tables frequently to ask if anyone would like something else, and promptly returning with the requested item. ①

BY ELVIN AND JANETH CHILDRESS

Church Relocates Due to Plumber's Faith



PHOTO BY: RICK GREVE

The Chattanooga North River Church found its church home after a few moves. Here, Miguel Valdivia, vice president for administration for the Conference, preaches the sermon at the grand opening ceremony on December 12, 2015. The congregation owes their new facility to the faith of a plumber.

The Chattanooga North River Church has relocated to an updated facility at 949 Runyan Drive in Chattanooga, Tenn. The 70-member church celebrated with a grand opening service on Sabbath, December 12, 2015. Mike Pettengill, pastor, reports results of the move: "We have had two recent baptisms, one profession of faith, and five more individuals preparing for baptism."

The newly renovated building where they now meet is the fellowship hall of an older church that split and closed, and the history of how they acquired the building is interesting. North River had wished to purchase the seven-acre property with its sanctuary and fellowship hall two years ago, but a married couple beat them to the buy. While looking at an adjacent three acres with a small house and large garage, and gauging the feasibility of using the house as a temporary church, contractor Andy Fahsholtz told Pettengill that the house renovation would be costly. The contractor's plumber, Graham Slater, knowing of the church's previous interest

in the adjoining seven-acre property, inquired if the pastor had asked the owners if they would sell the church. Pettengill said they had just bought it a few months before, and he doubted they would sell. Slater said to the pastor, "Well, you have not because you ask not! Let's go ask them."

Pettengill shared that the pastor, the plumber, and the contractor walked across the field to the church building, and he left his business card with a note saying, "If you would ever be interested in selling your property, the church would love to buy to use it as a church and possibly a school in the future."

Two weeks later, Pettengill received a phone call from the now ex-husband. He explained that shortly after the couple purchased the property, his now ex-wife filed for a divorce, and as part of the settlement the judge ordered them to sell the property and divide the proceeds.

"When you left your card, the property was not for sale, but as of 10:00 a.m. this morning, it is," said the owner. The judge allowed North River Church to purchase

the facility without placing it on the market.

Renovations on the fellowship hall took a little more than a year, and the church began using it for worship services, fellowship meals, socials, a cooking class, and a health expo presented by Wildwood students. Work has progressed slowly on the sanctuary building; it received a new roof while the fellowship hall was being renovated because the old one leaked. Classrooms are also being remodeled, and new windows have been purchased.

North River Church began as a church plant in March of 2005 from the Ooltewah, Tenn., Church, where Pettengill previously pastored. The church has met in three different rented facilities over the years while they searched for their church home.

Pettengill says it's funny how God answered the church prayers through the faith of a plumber. ❶

BY MIKE PETTENGILL

Hoover Christian School Student Wins Art Award



Angel Armistead holds her reward and art entitled "From Emmett Till Freedom."

Angel Armistead, a fourth-grade student at Hoover Christian School (HCS), near Birmingham, Ala., won the Judge's Pick Award for her entry in the McDonald's Celebration of Creativity in the Community Art Contest. Her work, entitled "From Emmett Till Freedom," refers to a young teenag-

er lynched after allegedly flirting with a white woman, and who then became an icon of the Civil Rights Movement.

Angel's mother, Linda Rhodes, saw a commercial about the contest and encouraged her to enter, feeling that her intelligence and artistic ability gave her a very good chance of winning. Her art teacher

at HCS, Beth Jeffers, was very interested to see the mix of materials Angel used to create her winning entry. She began by sketching out her plan in pencil, and then used varied materials and colors to express her vision.

A black and white portrait of Emmett Till is at the center of the work. Angel explains that the left side, also in black, white, and shades of gray, is filled with signs of racism. There are chains holding the young man back from his freedom; there are Jim Crow era signs, warning that blacks and whites were not allowed to eat together, sit together on buses, or drink from the same fountain. One even said, "No Dogs – Mexicans – Negroes," which Angel says was "really mean. Those signs are saying that they thought a person was just like an animal!" To the right, the vivid red and white stripes of the American flag represent the freedom that all want to enjoy.

The prize included \$500 for the family, and \$250 in art materials for the school. The painting will be framed and displayed in the lobby of the school. 📍

BY CAROLYN PETTY

Adventurer Club Children Hold Church Service

The Blue Birds Adventurer Club from the Community Church in Meridian, Miss., held an Adventurer Sabbath at the church on March 19, 2016. Nine Adventurers and four staff members were in charge of the entire service. This included the welcome and announcements, children's story, invocation, call for offering, family prayer

time, Scripture reading, ushering, and the worship message.

The worship message was in song and included six songs. The children worked hard. They practiced their songs for more



The Adventurers were in charge of the entire worship service.

than a month, and their hard work paid off. Each song was sung by either the Adventurer children, the older Adventurers, or the younger Adventurers. The songs performed included “Here I am to Worship,” “Step by Step,” “Thy Word,” “Wonderful, Merciful Savior,” “Awesome God,” and “You are My All in All.” Sheila Castillo, Adventurer club director, read from the

Bible between each song, which gave the staff time to get the Adventurers lined up and situated for the next song. The service and texts reflected the theme of this year’s Family Fun Weekend, “Jesus’ Second Coming.”

A wonderful response came from all in attendance with comments such as “That was a great job,” “What a blessing,”

“I know the kids worked really hard on that,” “That is the best service I have ever been to,” and “Thank you for all you do!”

At the end of the service, the children passed out handmade bookmarks that contained a Bible verse. ❶

BY SHEILA CASTILLO

South Central, Gulf States Youth Join at “One Youth Rally”

More than 200 youth from the South Central and Gulf States conferences gathered at the Birmingham First Church in Hoover, Ala., on Sabbath, February 27, 2016, to attend the first “One Youth Rally.” Todd Casey, Gulf States Conference youth ministries director, says, “We want the youth to catch the vision that, although we may be from different conferences, we are one Church, one faith, and one mission. Vandean Griffin, South Central Conference youth ministries director, adds, “My prayer is that relationships for eternity were formed, and that the work of mission began with the students who committed to one cause — Jesus!”

The day began with a prayer and praise session followed by small group breakout sessions. Roger Wade, Northeastern Conference youth ministries director, was the main speaker and one of the small group leaders. Other small group leaders included Darron George, Birmingham Hillsview Church pastor; Ken Rogers, Southern Union youth ministries director;



More than 200 youth from both the Gulf States and South Central conferences attended the “One Youth Rally.”

and Casey and Griffin. From 12 to 1 p.m., a general session was held with Wade speaking.

Special music was provided by a singing group from Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Tex. This group joined the Birmingham Ephesus Church children’s choir to lift up Jesus through their music.

In the afternoon, the youth worked together as a team on a community outreach project. In 35 minutes, they put together 1,000 toiletry bags — which included a toothbrush, toothpaste, razor, shaving

cream, bar of soap, comb, and mouthwash — along with a personal note with a message of hope written by the youth. Casey concludes, “The highlight for me was that we had youth from both South Central and Gulf States conferences come together as one, and give their time and energies in order to share Jesus with others.”

The day concluded with Vespers, and then supper and recreation was provided by Hoover Christian School. ❷

BY REBECCA GRICE

Lawrenceburg Church Reaches Out Through Radio



Norman Henderson, M.D. (left), is with participants from Bill Egly Adventist School in Lawrenceburg, Tenn.: Veronica McGee, school board chair; Katie Meert, head teacher and grades 1-4; and Jaime Burns, grades 5-8 teacher.

A 15-minute-per-week radio program, co-hosted by Norman Henderson, M.D., and Lloyd Schomburg, pastor of the Lawrenceburg, Tenn., Church, began airing on September 5, 2015. This program provides an opportunity to reach out to the community and make friends via radio ministry in the Lawrenceburg and Pulaski, Tenn., areas.

The adult children of the radio station owner and the station manager provide free

recording and professional editing of each program. They are among the 3,000 babies Henderson helped deliver.

The programs have included interviews with laypersons, Church school teachers, and health and pastoral professionals, all of whom are eager to share their testimony of God's leading in their lives. One interview was made by phone with the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference president, Steve Haley. Another phone interview was made with Ryan Irwin, coach

of the Highland Academy Gymnix, just prior to the team performing in Lawrenceburg.

Subjects have ranged from the inspiration of the Bible to the second coming of Jesus. After one program, a woman went to the station office to request a copy of the program "those two kind gentlemen have on Saturday morning." Nurses have told Henderson, "We've been listening to and enjoying your program." Henderson's friend told the Lions Club members he was really enjoying listening to the Saturday morning program, and hoped everyone else would listen.

Each program begins with the words, "Encouraging words of faith and hope: That's what we want to share with you during the next 15 minutes." Each program ends with this message, "Thank you for listening. This is Pastor Lloyd Schomburg and Dr. Norman Henderson, with the Seventh-day Adventist Church, inviting you to have faith, dear friend, in God." 📻

BY LLOYD SCHOMBURG

Highland Elementary Participates in Lego League

The seventh and eighth grade students from Highland Elementary recently won multiple regional awards for solving a real-world problem as part of a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) project sponsored by the First Lego League.

"The challenge posed in this year's contest was to find ways to make less trash or improve the way people handle the trash we make," says Heather Drusky, teacher. "The students researched ways to ease or even solve this problem on the Internet, but their biggest inspiration came from recent field trips to Nissan North America



Kaitlyn Bolerjack (front row, left); Heather Drusky, teacher/coach; Mackenzie Bauersachs (middle row, left); Jack Campbell; Sammy Schmidt; Nick De Leon; Skeeter Medlock (back row, left), Coach; Sophia Cirigliano; Samuel Keener; Luke Medlock; Amber Fisher; Taryn Tunesvik; and Daniel De Leon, coach

Plant in Smyrna, Tenn., and the Corvette plant in Bowling Green, Ky.”

While on these field trips, the students learned that the manufacturers made recycling first priority. Their recycling passion was fueled by federal and local incentives received to recycle their waste.

The students worked together to develop a plan of incentives that would motivate a recycling passion in the general public. It was decided to develop an iPhone app that would record how much an individual recycled. “A recycling attendant will scan your phone app and load into your account the weight of everything recycled and label the materials. At the end of the year, you would

receive a tax break based on what you have recycled,” Drusky says. The students contacted many local and state officials asking about the viability of this concept. All the officials surveyed agreed it was a great idea, and hadn’t been done before.

A second part of the challenge was to design a computer program and a robot using LEGO Mind Storms Technology. The students were given a large mat that was placed on a robotics table that had multiple robot challenges to attempt. The students wrote code to make their robot complete multiple maneuvers, and were graded on how their robot performed those maneuvers.

“We earned an invitation to the North American Division Robotics Championship Tournament in Sacramento, Calif., because we finished in the top three of the Southern Robotics Challenge. Raising the money to go may be our biggest challenge,” says Drusky.

Awards Highland Elementary earned at the Southern Robotics Challenge include First place – Core Values, First place – Overall Creativity, First place – Project, First place – Programming, Second place – Robot Performance, and Second place – Robot Design. ❶

BY ALBERT DITTES

Ridgetop Elementary Holds “A Night at the Museum” Art Exhibit



Best of Show seventh-grader Gabriel Brown with her “trash sculpture” and art teacher, Linda Raines: Gabriel’s artwork was made of a tea kettle, stove burners, hammer, and other objects from a junk pile.



Ashton McClure dressed as Abraham Lincoln.

The students at Ridgetop Adventist Elementary School (RAES) held “A Night at the Museum” and art exhibit on February 25, 2016. It was a show of the students’ artwork, and a live depiction of notable historical figures.

Linda Raines, art teacher, has taught the students to think outside the box, and they

did so with great creativity in many different mediums. An artist who lives in Clarksville judged the art and awarded ribbons.

The historical figures represented by the students included George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Abraham Lincoln, and many others. Dressed in period costumes, the students imparted little-known but fascinating

facts about each character. Family and friends enjoyed refreshments while viewing the exhibits.

Thanks to RAES teaching staff, the students are inspired to love learning. ❶

BY LIZ TORKELSON

Atlanta's Concerned Black Clergy Elects New President



Frank Cornelius Brown (right), immediate CBC past president, congratulates Ralph Peay on his election as CBC's new president.



Chief Judge Robert C. McBurney (right), Fulton County Superior Court, administers the oath of office to Ralph Peay.

Ralph Peay, D.Min., was installed as president of the Concerned Black Clergy (CBC) of metropolitan Atlanta on January 25, 2016. He took the reins of the 33-year-old religious organization as the ministers “seek to start the year with excitement and enthusiasm by welcoming the community-at-large, as well as more theologians of various races and ethnicities.” As CBC’s new leader, Peay’s mission is “to see blacks and others experience and enjoy unrestricted access to economic, political, and educational services, as well as affordable healthcare and residential benefits, equitably.”

A mantra that Peay lives by daily is applicable toward CBC’s success for his two-year term, “It is better to STAY well than to GET well,” and staying well Peay seeks to accomplish. Meeting every Monday morning, he and his fellow officers continue to be “very concerned for the homeless and other issues” that hinder the advancement of African-Americans. They stay focused on black voter registration, and encouraging citizens to go to the polls on election days. Their overarching mission is to advocate for citizens to be able to attend their preferred place of worship, along with assisting to improve respective Atlanta and

suburban communities with its myriad of committees and annual events. These events include the Black Clergy Luncheon; the “Parade of Black Businesses,” which encourages participation of members and communities to patronize minority-owned businesses; the Clergy Healthcare Forum; the “Salute to Black Fathers” luncheon scheduled each year in June; and the annual “Salute to Black Mothers” dinner presented each year in October.

Peay further stresses that membership “is key to CBC’s success to promote our programs and initiatives which benefit the family and the church. You don’t have to be clergy or black to join CBC...but you must be concerned. Everyone is welcomed to join in the effort to improve our communities.”

Atlanta’s CBC was organized in 1983. Peay is a 20-year clergy member, and is the ninth CBC president. He is the former president of the South Atlantic Conference, serving in this capacity for nine years (from 1988 to 1997), and is currently assistant pastor at the Atlanta-Boulevard Church. He and his wife, Juanita Jackson Peay, have been married for 61 years. ●

BY CURRINE HARRIS

Berean Photographers

“Love to Tell the Story”



Berean photographers include Richard White (first row, seated left), Robert Johnson, Burdie Henri, Shirlean Seawood, Brigitte Mack, Sam Cort Jr., Laura Baynard, Kenneth Hines (second row, standing left), Andre Osborne, Derrick Ashley, Christopher Lockhart, Paris Hawk, Mark Lee, Sam Lindo, David Stewart, and Derrick Barrett



PHOTO BY: MARK LEE

In addition to Father's Day, National Photography Day is also in June — June 15 to be exact. In recognition of this day, it is an honor for members of the Berean Church in Atlanta, Ga., to celebrate the art of photography that is present throughout the Adventist churches today, and to also acknowledge the impact it has on ministry and evangelism.

In 2009, a group of photographers at Berean Church, who had a love of photography and understood the value of memorializing Sabbath services and other church events, organized the Berean Photography Ministry (BPM). Each Sabbath, photographers strategically move throughout the sanctuary making sure the pieces of all the stories are captured. From Sabbath School to personal ministries to the divine worship service, complete with sermon, music, and baptism on any given Sabbath, as well as many afternoon services and other special events — the true worship experience is told.

For these photographers, the real blessing they receive from their involvement in this ministry is its local yet broad geographical reach, and hearing testimonies from hundreds who “attend” Berean via the church website. One visitor wrote, “I am a photographer in Kenya, and have been following your photos for some time now ... I LOVE

your church and cannot wait to bring my family when I am in the states this fall ... God bless you all!”

Attending the Adventist Theological Seminary meetings in Atlanta last November, the General Conference (GC) president, Ted N.C. Wilson, and other GC staff also worshipped at Berean, and posted these comments: “We had a wonderful experience ... the photographers were shooting during church and we scrolled through the amazing galleries ... We have never seen an Adventist church with the level of photographers and photos Berean has ... it was really something to see ... amazing ... Thanks for the photo history of your church ...”

And, this from one of five sons whose mother was a member of Berean: “We all earn seven-figure salaries, but despite our success, my mother would never let us lavish her with gifts; she said our love was enough. She lived a simple life until she unexpectedly passed. I doubt anyone knew her because she would slip in, sit in the back, and leave right after service. Yet, as we beat ourselves up for not having professional photos made of her, my brother in Dubai ran across two photos of her that your photographers took ... What a gift — you have no idea how much of a treasure this will be for us forever. God bless each of you and your

ministry.”

BPM now consists of 16 photographers

who do an exceptional job helping to chronicle not only Berean's stories, but also the journey of other churches, organizations, community advocates, and so many more. Their portfolio exceeds 100,000 photos of church ministries and programs in a number of churches, community events, and different types of occasions. Robert Johnson has been with BPM for 10 years, and is a professional, corporate photographer with 20-plus years' experience. He exclaims, “God has allowed me to travel the world with my photography, and it's wonderful to share my talents with the Church while furthering the message of Jesus Christ.” Blessings and kudos to photographers everywhere! 🙏

Please visit the following websites for more Berean stories and information:

Berean Photo website:

<http://photos.atlantaberean.com/>

About Us:

<http://photos.atlantaberean.com/about.html>

Berean Photographers:

<http://photos.atlantaberean.com/berean-photographers>

BY SHIRLEAN SEAWOOD AND
CURRINE HARRIS

New Life Church Celebrates Grand Opening



Ribbon-cutting ceremony with South Central Conference officials include Dana Edmond, president; Aldwin Humphrey, executive secretary; Merkita Mosley, treasurer; Michael Ross Sr., New Life pastor; and Judy Ross.



Kevin McGlamery (left), pastor, turns the building over to Michael Ross Sr., New Life pastor.

New Life Church in Huntsville, Ala., celebrated its grand opening celebration on December 5-6, 2015. Through many years of toil and labor, God has blessed the New Life Church family to survive the storms, and has shown favor by expanding their ministry.

New Life began in 1983 as a result of an evangelistic crusade conducted by First Church, resulting in hundreds baptized. This church with no name began worshipping at a storefront called the Old Fred's Store on Jordan Lane. They eventually made a home on Blue Springs Road in 1984.

Several leaders have served the New Life congregation through the years, starting with their first pastor, S. J. Jackson. Other pastors continued to lead this congregation, including Morris Patterson, 1984; E. E. Rogers, 1986; Sargent Simms, 1988; Joe I. Grider, 1991; James Young, 1994; H. L. Cleveland, 1996; and Harold Goodloe, 2002.

Michael R. Ross Sr., began his pastorate at New Life in 2012. The church began to transform into a "House of Prayer," which was New Life's 2015 theme.

God answered ongoing prayers, providing miracle after miracle with the sale of the old church on the same day as they purchased the new facility — which was discounted more than \$800,000! The final

purchase was 2.1 million. Ross and the members' sacrificial giving and prayers culminated a long history of building projects to bring them to the grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The grand opening started with an early morning prayer service, followed by Sabbath School, with the lesson led by Simms. The ribbon-cutting ceremony and unveiling of the street sign was conducted outside, with a processional led by the New Life Drum Corp.

The main service was a grand opening as the sanctuary was officially open for worship, as the illustrious New Life mass choir joined their splendid voices to contribute to what has become known as the New Life Worship Experience. Former pastors participated in the services, as well as South Central Conference officials who played a major role in making this dream a reality. Councilman Richard Showers, a long-lasting

friend of New Life, participated in congratulating the church; and, the pastor of Life Church Huntsville (the former church owner) presented Ross the symbolic keys to the church as they acknowledged the friendship they developed through the process of purchasing this facility.

The powerful Word of God was shared with the audience of 600-plus people by Dana C. Edmond, president of South Central Conference.

A delicious dinner was provided for all, and the Vesper service was performed by another former pastor, Goodloe, followed by an evening concert. The weekend ended with a youth fun day on Sunday as all had fun, games, food, and horseback riding.

Ross says, "I believe that if the curtains of New Life's history were drawn, it would reveal that God has always been by our side. The reality is God has kept this church under His wings for us to safely abide. Since we know how God has led us from the past, let us continue to build upon what God promised and delivered. Let us strive for excellence, and embrace every opportunity the Spirit of God gives us to hasten His coming." ❏



Inside view of New Life Church sanctuary

BY ROBIN DALY

South Central Conference 25th Constituency

Constitution Amendments

July 24, 2016

1. **Membership: Article III, Sec. 2 a:-** Each church shall be entitled to one (1) delegate for the organization and one delegate for each ~~25~~ 50 members or major fraction thereof [P.2, a. I. 87]
2. **Organizing Committee (OCs):** There shall be geographical region OC(s), Chaired by the SUC President or his designee. Churches will select delegates for the OC(s) no later than eight (8) weeks before the Const. meeting. These . . . Committees shall convene in their geographical areas as designated by the Conf. Executive Committee, no sooner than six (6) weeks prior to the Const. Session. There shall be a quorum of fifty-one (51%). In the case of smaller regions where travel distance would diminish face- to-face meetings, the SUC designee and the Conference Secretary, shall put forth every effort to arrange video or phone conferencing to establish a quorum. The OCs shall be empowered to select, from their region, members of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee and members of the Nominating Committee. The names for these committee members shall be submitted to the SUC President and the Conference Secretary, within five (5) weeks of the Const. Session. [P.5-6, I. 214 -226]
3. **Nominating Committee: Article V, Sec. 2 a.:** . . .The Nominating Committee shall meet at least four weeks, (30) days, prior to the regular constituency meeting, to nominate a President. The name of for the President shall be published on the conference website and in the churches not earlier than seven (7) days prior to the session. The nominated President shall be Voted into office at the Constituency session. Following the election of the President, the Nominating Committee will continue its work of nominating the remaining Officers, Directors/Associates, Executive Committee and Association Board. [P. 6, I. 245 – 247]
4. **Quorum for the Session & Committees: Article IV, Sec. 4:** At least fifty-one percent (51%) ~~(66 2/3)~~ of delegates authorized herein above under Section 2-a of Article III must be present at a regular or special constituency meeting to constitute a quorum to do business. [P. 4, I. 168]
5. **Membership of Executive Com. Article VI, Sec.2:** Exec. Com must consist of not more than 25 ~~(23)~~ members
6. **Quorum for Executive Committee: Article VI, Sec. 6:** . . . Thirteen (13) ~~12~~ [P. 9, I. 385 – 387]
7. **Quorum for Organizing Committee: Article V, Sec. 1, a:** . . . Fifty-one percent (51%) ~~66 2/3~~ [P. 5, I. 127]
8. **Voting: Article V, Sec. 4:** Voting shall take place by . . . widely recognized secured means. [P. 7, I. 314, 315]
9. **Election & Term of Office: Article IV, Sec. 6:** The President and Conference Secretary shall be elected quinquennially and shall serve no more than two(2) full five (5) year terms. The Treasurer, directors of departments/Associates/ services and members of the Executive Committee/Constitution and Bylaws Committee and Associate Board members, shall be elected. quinquennially [P. 4, I. 181 – p. 5, I. 190]

Oakwood University Constituency Meets for Quinquennial Session, Elects Board, President for 2016-2021

Members of the Oakwood University Constituency met on April 17, 2016, for its quinquennial constituency session. The meeting was held on the campus of Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala., in its McKee Business & Technology Complex. Themed “120 Years of Delivering on the Promise of Mission.” The members of the constituency met to receive reports, elect the Board of Trustees for 2016-2021, and approve amendments to the Articles and Bylaws of the Corporation.

During an executive session of the new Board of Trustees, Leslie N. Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., was unanimously reelected as the president of Oakwood University. Pollard was initially elected as president in 2010. Election on April 17, commences Pollard’s second term as president. “I am deeply humbled by the invitation to serve our University, because no individual is sufficient for these responsibilities. At a time when faith-based education is challenged by turbulent crosswinds, Oakwood continues to stand as a tower of spiritual commitment, academic excellence, and social consciousness. My deepest thanks are extended to our talented administrators, our dedicated faculty, our committed staff, and our inspiring students. Across the next five years, we will build our students a health and wellness center. We will launch cutting-edge academic programs. We will continue our moves toward reducing institutional dependency on tuition as a means of primary revenue. And I personally plan to use the leadership lessons learned during the last five years to improve our institutional performance even more in the next five years,” said Pollard.



Constituency members vote changes to the constitution and bylaws.

“The reelection of Dr. Pollard as president of Oakwood moves the University forward in its positive trajectory. He is a visionary, proactive, and energetic. I am deeply grateful that he continues to be at the helm,” said Dan Jackson, president of the North American Division and chair of the Oakwood University Board of Trustees.

The following administrators were also unanimously reelected for the 2016-2021 term: Sabrina Cotton, vice president for financial administration; David Knight, vice president for student services; Kisha Norris, executive director for advancement and development; Kirk Nugent, chief information officer; Prudence Pollard, vice president for research and faculty development; and Howard Weems, assistant to the president for spiritual life and senior chaplain.

Tricia Penniecook, M.D., M.P.H., current vice president for academic administration, announced her intent to return

to Costa Rica by May 31, 2016. Special appreciation was expressed for her year of service to Oakwood. The new vice president for academic administration is Karen Benn Marshall, Ed.D., who was elected to fill the vacancy created by Penniecook’s departure.

New members were also brought onto the board with considerable discussion being given to adding younger members, in an effort to ensure that Oakwood remains connected to the voice and vision of younger alumni and current students.

President Pollard also expressed his appreciation to several individuals who helped to prepare for the meeting including Timothy McDonald, Ed.D., recently retired provost and senior vice president.

A copy of the printed Constituency Report may be found at oakwood.edu.¹

BY GEORGE JOHNSON JR.

Community Development Program to Host Missions Forum in July



Graduate students Albert Hernandez (left) and Breck Lang worked with ADRA at a refugee camp as part of their academic work in the Global Community Development program.



Jeremy Weaver, a 2015 graduate of the Global Community Development program, mapped the impact of improved access to dairy cattle on rural Tanzanian families during site work associated with his studies.

The missionary work of yesteryear was significant in seeding a global Adventist church, but as times have changed, Christians have rightly needed to evolve new strategies for end-time outreach. This topic is paramount for students in Southern's global community development graduate program. The TEAMS (Transforming and Educating Ambassadors for Missions and Service) Forum, being held July 14-17, at Southern, opens the door for others to join this critical conversation.

Nothing accomplished in short-term mission work is simple, but each year churches are getting better and more strategic in their approaches. Southern is eager to support congregations in capacity-building mission work by training future leaders through its graduate degree in global community development, a two-year program consisting of both online and community-based instruction. Administrators are excited that the TEAMS Forum, held on-campus in Collegedale, Tenn., is another avenue for the University to use its resources in service to the World Church.

Churches and nonprofits interested in global missions must address certain

challenges and opportunities before they outline their strategies for partnering with local communities in transformational and restorative difference-making. Key values need to be identified to ensure the motivation for serving these communities is in line with Christ's mission while on Earth. Important items for personal reflection — and discussion at the forum in July — include mutual brokenness, serving locally first, using a holistic model, appreciative approaches, strategic partnership, and results orientation.

Some of the topics covered during TEAMS Forum include best practices in engineering and infrastructure, agriculture and food security, enterprise and sustainability, emergency response, human rights and social justice, health and wellness, urban ministries, and logistics.

The gathering's big picture goals are to connect, educate, and equip short-term and ongoing mission team ambassadors for mission and service that impacts individuals, families, and communities through the power of the Gospel Commission. Distilling the event's aim even further, organizers hope attendees learn to do the following: promote the integration of sus-

tainable community-based development with Gospel outreach, network agencies and churches together for collaboration and sharing, and provide interdisciplinary skills training and curriculum resources for transformational mission and service.

To register for the conference, visit facebook.com/mgcdsouthern.

Those who have been active in short-term mission work and would like to share their best practices July 14-17, during TEAMS Forum, may email a proposal (no more than two pages, please) to mgcd@southern.edu. Presenters will have 60 minutes for their topic, followed by additional question-and-answer time. Submissions need to be in by the middle of May. Adventist missions ministries seeking an exhibition table at the event may email mgcd@southern.edu for more information, as well.

Come see what a 21st century missionary looks like! Connect with people from across the North American Division, and become equipped to make a greater difference in your local communities and abroad. ☛

BY SHARON PITTMAN



BENSON, LOUISE RINGER, 88, born Oct. 15, 1926 in Benton Harbor, MI, died May 5, 2015 at her home in Fletcher, NC.

She took pre-nursing at Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University), and graduated with her degree in nursing from Florida Hospital School of Nursing.

She married Nathan Benson on March 26, 1955, and they celebrated 60 years of marriage prior to her death.

She worked at Florida Hospital and Forest Lake Academy. After moving to North Carolina in 1973, she worked at Fletcher Hospital until she retired in the late 1970s.

She was a charter member of the Arden, NC, Church (where her husband still attends). She will be remembered by her family and friends for her positive, cheerful attitude, and loving spirit. She loved her family and enjoyed each new addition.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Nathan Benson; three daughters: Sandy (Bill) Worthen, Becky (Greg) Christensen, Patti (David) Lowery; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

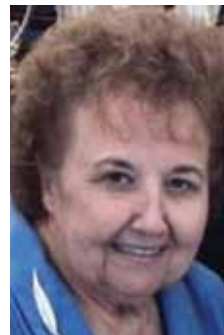
Her funeral service was conducted by Dr. Eric Bates and Pastor David Dobias. She was buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Hendersonville, NC.

BERGHERM, BERNICE SUHRIE, 82, born Aug. 5, 1933, died Jan. 23, 2016. She graduated in 1955 from Washington Adventist University (formerly Washington Missionary College) with a degree in nursing, and was the operating room director at Washington Adventist Hospital before retiring to raise her family in Georgia.

Her late husband, Dr. Bruce Bergherm, was an anesthesiologist at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta, GA. She is survived by her sons: Bruce (Ellen), Brent (Leigh Ann), and Brian (Debbie); seven grandchildren: Bruce III, Christopher, Nashay, Melanie, Garrett, Nicholas, Alexandra; and seven great-grandchildren: Graceson, Blake, Kaleb, Evan, Sariya, Faith, and London.

She was a long term resident of Atlanta where she served on various committees with the Atlanta Belvedere Church, Atlanta North Church, the Southern Union Conference, and the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

She most recently lived in Sebring, FL, where she passed away. The funeral service was held Jan. 26, at the H. M. Patterson & Son Funeral Chapel in Sandy Springs, GA, with Elders Albert Ellis and Noel Shanko officiating. Burial was beside her husband at Arlington Memorial Park in Sandy Springs.



BORNSTEIN, DR. WILLIAM (BILL) R., 90, born July 28, 1925 in Paterson, NJ, died Feb. 18, 2016 in Sanford, FL. He was a member of the Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL.

When his family relocated to Rhode Island, he developed his love of the sea. The New England work ethic became his life's motto: "It is not what you start that counts, but what you finish." He was drafted into WWII in Sept. 1943, serving in the United States Navy as a Pharmacist's Mate Second Class until an Honorable Discharge in April 1946.

In 1949, he graduated with a bachelor of arts from Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) in Berrien Springs, MI. He married Marilyn Eliene Fellows on June 4, 1950. In 1951, he graduated with a master of divinity from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in Takoma Park, MD, and by 1953 received his ordination. In 1984, he completed doctoral studies at Fuller Theological Seminary in Thousand Oaks, CA.

His life represents one of total dedication, devotion, and service in ministry. His 42 years of denominational service included pastoral work, evangelism, and administrative positions in the following conferences: Pennsylvania, Ohio, Rocky Mountain, Greater New York, Upper Columbia, Ontario, Canadian Union, and ending with Florida. Retiring in 1992, he continued evangelism and guest-speaking appointments with Florida Conference on a volunteer basis for the next eight years.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Marilyn; one daughter, Bonnie Bornstein-Rodriguez and son-in-law, Dr. Santiago Rodriguez, Commander, United States Navy, Chaplain Corps; and two grandsons: James-Ryan Rodriguez and Michael Rodriguez. He was predeceased by his parents, Benjamin and Lena Bornstein; and his only brother, Dr. Leonard Bornstein.

MYERS-PARKER, KATHRYN B. (K.B.), 97, born March 15, 1918 in Enosburg Falls, VT, died Feb. 3, 2016 at Brookdale Senior Living in Greeneville, TN. She was the daughter of Margie (Wells) and Chester Durgin.

On December 28, 1937, while attending Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, MA, she married Richard Myers. They moved to Battle Creek, Michigan in 1949, where she began writing and publishing children's Sabbath School songs, many of them still being sung in Cradle Rolls throughout the Adventist world.

From Battle Creek, the family moved to Adelpian Academy in Holly, MI, and in 1960 to Berrien Springs, MI, where she was Andrews University's head cashier from 1961 to 1981. After retirement, she continued to write songs and arrange flowers for the sanctuary of Pioneer Memorial Church.

When Richard died in 2001, she moved to Fletcher Park Inn in Fletcher, NC, where she hosted weekly sing-alongs and volunteered for the Park Ridge Hospital Auxiliary. There she met and married retired pastor Albert Roland Parker.

She is survived by her sister, Martha (John) Warden of Portland OR; children: Richard Jr. (Myrna), of Winter Haven, FL; Frederick (Barbara) of Greeneville, TN; Martha of Forest Falls, CA; and Jonathan of Elkton FL and Winslow, AZ; five grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren. Her husbands Richard Myers and Albert Roland Parker preceded her in death. She was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Berrien Springs, MI.



SUMNER, RUSSELL CALVIN, 92, of Hendersonville, NC, born Aug. 13, 1923 in Lodi, CA, died Feb. 15, 2016. He was the son of Evan and Elsie Sumner. He was the eldest of four sons, and a sixth generation Seventh-day Adventist. He was a member of the Hendersonville Church and a resident of Fletcher Park Inn Retirement Center. He served with the U.S. Army Medical Corps in the Philippines where he drove an ambulance.

At the age of six weeks, the young Sumner family moved to South Lancaster, MA. Russell, his father, and soon his three brothers ran a small dairy farm while his mother taught school. Upon completion of the academy at South Lancaster, he went on to study at Atlantic Union College.

Coming of age during World War II, he was drafted into the U.S. Army, where he was trained as a medic. After basic training, he traveled to the Philippines on the U.S.S. William F. Fitch. While there he said he had no problem maintaining his vegetarian diet as his bunk mates were always more than willing to trade fruit and vegetables for the meat that he did not eat.

After his discharge from the service, he obtained a private pilot's license and returned to Atlantic Union College. While visiting at New England San and Hospital, he had the good fortune to meet Margaret Emma Twomley. Having a love for music in common, they found many excuses to spend time together. He was a talented tenor, and Margaret was an accomplished pianist. He loved to sing with quartets and did so for many years.

Russell and Margaret were married in Holly, MI, in 1949, and in the due course of time, they had two sons, Charles and Garrett. After six years in Michigan, they moved to Orlando, FL, where they both found work at Florida Hospital. Russell as a lab tech, and Margaret as an RN.

They both retired from hospital work and moved to Murphy, NC, to enjoy country living and gardening. They lived in Murphy for 23 wonderful years. In November 2005, they moved to Fletcher Park Inn where they enjoyed the beautiful campus and a lovely villa.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Margaret; two sons: Charles and Garrett; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

WEST, HAROLD K., 86, born March 4, 1929 in Bridgeton, NJ, died July 13, 2015 in DeLand, FL.

He was a graduate of Washington Missionary College (now Washington Adventist University) in Takoma Park, MD. While there he met and married Ruth R. Jerman. They were married in 1950, and their marriage continued for 63 years until her death in 2013 in DeLand, FL.

He taught physical education and Bible, along with being boys' dean at Mount Vernon Academy in Ohio. He taught Bible at Union Springs Academy in New York, and was a pastor/evangelist in West Virginia, New York, South Carolina, California, Kentucky, and Florida. He served as ministerial secretary in Florida, Far Eastern Division (Singapore), and central California.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley; two sons: Dr. H. Kenneth West of Apopka, FL; and Richard West of DeLand, FL; one brother, Ray West of North Port, FL; one sister, Faye Boyd of Jensen Beach; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. The memorial service was conducted by Art Bakewell, chaplain of Fish Memorial Hospital, at the DeLand Church.



BECKER, AUDREY MAE, 84, born July 29, 1931 in Bennett, CO, died Nov. 30, 2015 in Apopka, FL. She was a member of Forest Lake Church in Apopka for seven years. Besides taking care of her children and keeping the household running smoothly, she helped her husband with record-keeping tasks for his construction business. Church was a large part of her life. She was a church treasurer and prepared materials and programs for the Cradle Roll while attending the Denver First Church in Denver, CO. She is survived by two sons: Mark (Becky) of Apopka, and Stacey of Denver, CO; one daughter, Melody (David) Huffman of Lake Mary, FL; two brothers: Alvin (Betty) Young of Bennett, CO, and Arnold (Betty) Young of North Little Rock, AR; one sister, Betty Harney of Strasburg, CO; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alvin "Bud", and two infant sons, Terry and Kelly. The service was conducted by Pastor Danny Hernandez at Olinger Chapel Hill in Centennial, CO. Interment is at the Olinger Chapel Hill Cemetery in Centennial.

BUDDY, DR. FRED W., 75, born March 8, 1940 in Grenada, died Dec. 11, 2015 in Silver Spring, MD. He "fought a good fight, finished his course, and kept the faith." He graduated from Oakwood College (now Oakwood University) in Huntsville, AL, in 1971; earned a M.Ed. degree from Kent State University in Ohio in 1975, and a doctorate from the University of Akron in Ohio in 1990. He was employed by Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company in Akron; Cleveland State University in Ohio; The University of Akron; and Spelman College in Atlanta, GA, when he retired in 2005. He faithfully worked for decades in local churches as an elder, Sabbath School superintendent and teacher, and a finance committee member. Known as "Brother Buddy," he was a mentor to many students preparing for college. He loved gardening and helping others. He is survived by his daughter, Frenita Buddy (Courtney Darnell) Fullwood; his mother; eight siblings; a host of nieces; nephews; cousins; and friends.

CABALO, MARJORIE ANN BECKER, 71, born April 20, 1944 in Philadelphia, PA, died Aug 31, 2015. She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Gerry; one son, Jerry; two granddaughters: Jenna and Anna

of Towson, MD, and one sister, Pat Hildebrandt of Berwyn, PA. She was a member of the Wilkesboro Church in North Carolina.

CLASSER, CHARLES G., 88, born June 13, 1926 in Frankton, IN, died March 14, 2015 in Apopka, FL. He was a member of the Apopka Church for more than 55 years. He is survived by two sons: Bruce (Linda) of Berrien Springs, MI, and Milton (Judy) of Eustis, FL; one daughter, Sharla (Don) Bogar of Lakeland, FL; one brother, Franklin of Orlando, FL; two sisters: Virginia Dunder of Cicero, IN, and Darlene Cox of Anderson, IN; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. His wife, Katherine, predeceased him. The graveside service was conducted by Pastor Ron Merchant at the Highland Memory Gardens in Apopka.

ERKSINE, FLORA, 88, born 1928 in Battle Creek, MI, died Jan. 7, 2016 in Hendersonville, NC. She was a member of the Arden, NC, Church. She is survived by one son, James David (Cathy) Erksine Jr., of Weaverville, NC; one daughter, Pamerla Erksine (Raymond) Livingston of Hendersonville; three grandchildren: Kris Erksine, Tony Livingston, and Holly Livingston Clark; four great-grandchildren; a number of nieces; and nephews.

GOODWIN, GENEVIEVE BARNES, 88, born Jan. 1, 1927 in Jessamine County, KY, died Nov. 11, 2015. She was one of 10 children born to the late James and Lettie Laffoon Barnes. She was a member of the Lexington Church. She was a retired nurse. She was a dedicated wife, mother, and loved her church. She is survived by her husband, Merrill Goodwin; children: Ronnie (Kathy) Elliott, Kenny (Liz) Elliott, and Darlene (Rick) Hickman; grandchildren: Dr. Ronnie (Kelly) Elliott Jr., Dr. Michael Elliott, Jennifer (Brian) Lowman, Kenny Elliott II, Rick (Katelin) Hickman II, and Jonathan (Joy) Hickman; step-grandchildren: Joey and Krista Goodwin; great-grandchildren: Coby Lowman, Cortney Lowman, and Ronnie "Trey" Elliott III; step-son, Ricky (Faye) Goodwin; and two sisters: Lyda Reynolds and Lula Bell Robinson. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Dallas Elliott; siblings: James Barnes Jr., Walter Barnes, Edna Shanks, Sally Johnson, Margaret Cuzick, Homer Barnes, and LeRoy Barnes; and step-son, Larry Goodwin. The funeral service was handle by

Kerr Brothers Funeral Home. Interment is at Camp Nelson National Cemetery in Jessamine County.

GRACE, MARIE F., 91, born Feb. 4, 1924 in Matanzas, Cuba, died Jan. 22, 2016 in Gainesville, FL. She was a member of the Gainesville Church. She is survived by one son, Joseph Acebal; three daughters: Jo Ellen Goldberg, Linda Ann Orsini, and Dr. Cynthia Figueroa all of Gainesville; one brother, Samuel Acebal of DeLand, FL; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Daniel Graham in Gainesville.

GREGORY, WANDA D., 60, born Nov. 18, 1955 in Owensboro, KY, died Feb. 2, 2016 in Owensboro. She received a bachelor's of science in Early Childhood Education in 1977 from Kentucky State University. She worked as a data processor with Baskin Robbins for more than 20 years. She was an active member of the Owensboro Church. She is survived by her loving husband of 43 years, Dexter Gregory; two sons: Quincy and Patrick; one granddaughter, Maleyia; one brother, Hugh Wilhite Jr.; four sisters: Evelyn (Michael) Chilton, Eleanor Parker, Donnie Wilhite, and Eunice (Mark) Garner; many nieces; and nephews.

JONES, ERIC A., 88, born Feb. 24, 1927, died Aug. 22, 2015. He was the son of G. Eric and Myrtle Jones, and brother of Lorne, Gerald, and Orville. He was born in Mussoorie, India, where his parents were missionaries. Three months later, his family came to the United States, where his father served for nine years on the faculty of what is now Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, MD, and then for 12 years at Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, MA. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and served in Italy. He received an Honorable Discharge on Nov. 10, 1946. He began working at the Review & Herald Publishing Association in Hagerstown, MD, in 1950 as a linotype operator. He later worked in the production office, and then as the list room supervisor, and moved to the computer center in 1968. He retired from the Review & Herald Publishing Association in 1993 after 42 years of service. He and the Sines family were instrumental in starting the Mountaintop Seventh-day Adventist Church in Oakland, MD. The church was dedicated on July 18, 1970. He

served as the lay pastor of the church until a full-time pastor was hired. Although born to Canadian parents, he never lived in Canada. He became a United States citizen on July 22, 1983. He moved to Collegedale, TN, in July 2011. He is survived by his fiancé, Juanita Stinchfield, of Collegedale; sister-in-law, Joyce Jones of California; and nieces and nephews: Patricia Jones, Peter Jones, Dwight Jones, DeAnn Dunn, Diane Stewart, Donald Jones, and Marble Jones.

KELLY, LARRY F., 85, born Nov. 6, 1930 in Cedar Grove, TN, died Dec. 15, 2015 in Madison, TN. He attended Madison College in the early 1950s, and then Howard College (now Stamford University) in Birmingham, AL, graduating with a bachelor's degree in pharmacy. He served as a medic in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1958. Most of his career was spent in retail pharmacy. He enjoyed gardening and had many hobbies that he pursued after retiring. He was a faithful member of the Ridgeway, TN, Church for 48 years, and served as a deacon for many of those years. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Helen Kelly; two daughters: Donna Kelly and Beverly Kelly; one son, Benjamin (Amanda) Kelly; one brother, Martin Ray; and one sister-in-law, Johnie Kelly. He was preceded in death by his parents: James and Mae Kelly; one brother, James Raymond; and one sister-in-law, Claudine Kelly.

LAIRD, JUNE B., 96, born Jan. 27, 1919 in Hartsville, TN, died Jan. 7, 2016. She was a member of the Lancaster, TN, Church. She and her grandmother, Lilly Ascough, started a home church which became the Savannah, TN, Church. During WWII, she worked as one of the famous "Rosie the Riveters." She loved reading and Bible study, artwork, and carving until she became blind. She is survived by three children: Martha Laird, Roy Laird Jr., and Mary (Gerald) Vogt; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

LUCAS, MARILYN ARLENE, 78, born Oct. 5, 1937, died Dec. 10, 2015 peacefully at home after a long illness. She reluctantly retired from North Park Hospital where she worked as a medical technologist for many years. She is survived by her daughter, Bonnie (Chris) Freeland; son, David Lucas; granddaughter, Katie Freeland; broth-

er, Bill (Dot) Krenrich; sister, Pat (Dan) Ferree; brother-in-law, Ed (Sharon) Lucas; sister-in-law, Lee Weaver; a host of nieces; and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Arlene Krenrich; and her husband, Chuck Lucas. A memorial service was held in December in Tampa, FL.

MACENTEE, WARREN THEIS, 93, born Sept. 27, 1921, died June 13, 2015 in Hendersonville, NC. He was a member of the Arden, NC, Church. He is survived by his wife, Ruth MacEntee.

MAXSON, FAYE HARMON, 82, born May 2, 1932, died Dec. 18, 2015 in SC. She was a member of the Columbia First Church. She is survived by two sons: John D. (Darlene) and Joe D. (Charlene) Harmon; two daughters: Dixie F. (Keith) Ricard and Rita H. (Oliver) Ballington; one brother, John Reeder Jr.; one sister, Zulieme; seven grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

NIELSEN, JOREE M., 91, born July 14, 1924 in Samson, AL, died Nov. 4, 2015 in Altamonte Springs, FL. She was a member of the Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL, for 52 years. She is survived by two daughters: Dr. Penny Nielsen of Weaver, AL, and Vernelee (Bob) Swanson of Altamonte Springs; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was predeceased by her husband, Vernon; and one son, Lynn. The service was conducted by Pastor Bill Crofton at the Forest Lake Church, and the interment was at the Glen Haven Memorial Park in Winter Haven, FL.

SHERMAN, GARY LYNN, 74, born Dec. 14, 1942 in Washington, DC, died Feb. 10, 2016. He was a member of the Columbia, SC, First Church. He served as a police detective in Takoma Park, MD, and later was the general manager of WBAJ 890-AM radio. He is survived by his brother, Neil Sherman; nieces; and one nephew. He was preceded in death by his sister, Sharon Weine.

SHIFLETT, EUGENE L., 89, born Dec. 1, 1926 in Albemarle, VA, died Dec. 30, 2015 in Hudson, FL. He was a member of the New Port Richey Church for seven years. He is survived by his wife, Beverly; one grandchild; and one great-grandchild. The memorial service was conducted by

Pastor Glenn Aguirre at the Meadow Oaks Country Club in Hudson.

SULLENBERGER, CHARLENE ELAINE, 69, died Nov. 14, 2015 in Hendersonville, NC. She was a member of the Arden, NC, Church. She is survived by her husband, Jim; three children: Cheryl (Ar-ron) Rubin Foulkrod, John Sullenberger, and Wren Watkins (Paul) Roesner; and seven grandsons: Devan Rubin, Connor Rubin, Jeremiah James Rubin, Michael Sullenberger, Evan Watkins, Josiah Watkins, and Alexander James Dean Roesner.

WARD, EVELYN P., 87, born Oct. 2, 1928, died Jan. 29, 2016. She was the mother of Brian Ward, David Ward, and Robert Ward; and grandmother to two grandchildren. The service was held Feb. 4, 2016 in the Gospel Chapel of the Collegedale, TN, Church.

WESCOTT, MARY SUE (CALLIS), 90, born Jan. 15, 1925, died Oct. 15, 2015 in Ringgold, GA. She met her husband Dr. Elbert Wayne Wescott at Walla Walla University. Dr. Wescott taught botany at Southern Adventist University and Walla Walla University. She most recently worked as a dental assistant in Wildwood, GA, and at the Review & Herald Publishing Association some years before. She is survived by two children: Heather J. Williams and Gerard Bently Wescott. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Elbert Wayne Wescott.

WETMORE, JEANETTE MARIE, 39, born June 27, 1976 in Hinsdale IL, died Nov. 16, 2015 in Lincoln. She was a member of the Arden, NC, Church. She was a public services librarian and assistant professor at Union College. She is survived by her parents: Calvin and Carol Ann Wetmore; brother, Jeremy (Marta) Wetmore; nieces: Emily and Abigail Wetmore; and grandfather, Kenneth Wetmore.

WHITE, MARDELL, 94, born July 12, 1921, died Jan. 2, 2016. She was the mother of Floyd (Charlotte) White and Ladonna (Gary) Gryte; grandmother to Greg Gryte, Gavin Gryte, Crystal Apuy, and Lisa White; and great-grandmother to six great-grandchildren. The service was held Feb. 13, 2016 at the Collegedale, TN, Church. ☛

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NORTH CAROLINA SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES FEDERATION

- Sept. 30-Oct. 2. "God on the Mountain is God in the Valley Retreat." Lake Junaluska Resort, Lake Junaluska, N.C. Hands on workshops for home remedies, music, and great fellowship. Contact Joyce Crawford, 828-298-5436 or Barbara Grier, 704-396-6680 for an application.

FLETCHER ACADEMY ALUMNI WEEKEND

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CAROLINA

HISPANIC CAMP MEETING - May 6-8. NPR. **ELDERS' CERTIFICATION TRAINING** - May 13-14. Kernersville Church.

CHURCH PLANTING/CHURCH GROWTH RALLY - May 13-14. Charleston Church.

MPA GRADUATION WEEKEND - May 20-22. MPA.

MAGABOOK PROGRAM - May 29 - Aug 2. Columbia, SC.

LAKE JUNALUSKA CAMP MEETING - May 29-June 5. Maggie Valley, NC. Ordinations at this year's camp meeting are for Pastor Ralph Henderson (Mills River/Brevard) and Pastor Jeff Sagala (Roanoke Rapids/Rocky Mount). Ordination Ceremony begins at 4 p.m. in Stuart Auditorium.

SUMMER CAMP - June 5-July 3. NPR. **ORDINATION CEREMONY** - June 11. Pastor Nelson Fernandez (Clemson/

Greenville SC-Spanish). Greenville, SC, Spanish.

SHAREHIM CAROLINA MISSION TRIP - June 15-June 30. Peru.

FLORIDA

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The South Central Conference Session

Notice is hereby given that the 25th regular session of the South Central Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Oakwood University Church in Huntsville, Alabama, Sunday, July 24, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. The Organizing Committee will meet on Saturday night, July 23, 2016, at 8:00 p.m. This constituency session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and for transacting any other business that may properly come before the session. Each church in the conference is entitled to one (1) delegate for the church and one additional delegate for each 25 members or major fraction thereof. For the Organizing Committee, each church is entitled to one representative for the church and one additional representative for each full 500 members.

The South Central Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, Inc.

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FLORIDA ADVENTIST BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

June 12. Daytona Beach, New Smyrna Beach, Titusville, Pompano Beach, Ambassador in Lauderdale Lakes, Fort Lauderdale.

June 13. Margate, Boynton Beach, Ambassador in Lauderdale Lakes, Victory in Port St. Lucie.

June 19. East Pasco in Zephyrhills, Brooksville, Homosassa, Spring Hill, New Port Richey, Clearwater, St. Petersburg.

June 26. Palm Coast. Palatka, St. Augustine, Orange Cove, Jacksonville First, Jacksonville Southpoint. (Southeastern Conference: Jacksonville Ephesus.)

July 10. Silver Springs Shores, Ocala, Cross City, Perry, Tallahassee.

July 11. Belleview, North Lake, Lady Lake, Inverness.

July 17. Lauderhill, Plantation, Sunrise. (Southeastern Conference: Mt. Olivet.)

July 24. Winter Haven, Avon Park, Arcadia, Cape Coral, Fort Myers, Lehigh Acres, Naples.

July 25. Port Charlotte, North Port, Sarasota, West Coast Christian Academy in Bradenton, Brandon, Tampa First.

July 31. Cocoa, Fort Pierce, Midport, West Palm Beach First (Southeastern Conference: Palm Bay, Port St. Lucie.)

REGIONAL PRE-SESSION MEETINGS FOR THE 71ST REGULAR FLORIDA CONFERENCE CONSTITUENCY SESSION

July 28. East Central Region. Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park. 7-9 p.m.

July 31. Lower Gold Region. Hollywood Spanish Church, 1808 Van Buren St., Hollywood. 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

July 31. Upper Gold Region. Fort Lauderdale Church, 1820 NE 17th Way, Fort Lauderdale. 4-6 p.m.

Aug. 4. West Central Region. Forest City Spanish Church (location dependent upon whether church relocates before pre-Session date). Past address: 1238 Bunnell Road, Altamonte Springs. Future new address: 7601 Forest City Road, Orlando. 7-9 p.m.

Aug. 7. North Region. Ocala Church, 415 NE 41st Ave., Ocala. 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Aug. 7. Gulf Region. Tampa First Church, 822 W. Linebaugh Ave., Tampa. 4-6 p.m.

Aug. 8. Ridge Region. Port Charlotte Church, 2100 Loveland Blvd., Punta Gorda. 7-9 p.m.

71ST REGULAR FLORIDA CONFERENCE CONSTITUENCY SESSION - Oct. 9. Forest Lake Academy, 500 Education Loop, Apopka. Quadrennial business meeting for Florida Conference. Theme: How God Has Led Us.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

ADVENTURER FAMILY FUN DAY - May 15.

Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.

HISPANIC PASTORS' MEETING - May 18.

CROSS CONNECT - May 20. Monthly young adult cross-cultural gathering. Details: Betza Roman, broman@gccsda.com. Atlanta Korean Church, Duluth, GA.

KOREAN CAMP MEETING - May 20-21. Speakers: Kwangsoo Park (Korean) and Jeffrey Rosario (English). Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND ACADEMY GRADUATION WEEKEND - May 20, 21. Friday, 8 p.m. Consecration. Sabbath, 11:10 a.m. Baccalaureate; 4 p.m. Parent Tribute; 8 p.m. Commencement. Calhoun, GA.

ATLANTA ADVENTIST ACADEMY GRADUATION - May 21. Duluth, GA.

COLLEGE DALE ACADEMY GRADUATION - May 22. Collegedale, TN

MASTER GUIDE BIBLE BOWL - May 21. Mississippi.

WILL CLINICS

May 21. Jeff Wilson. Monteagle, TN, Church.

May 21. Les Speer. Augusta, GA, First Church.

7 BRIDGES APPRECIATION NIGHT AT CHATTANOOGA LOOKOUTS - May 26, 7:15 p.m., playing Tennessee Smokies. Chattanooga, TN.

HEALTH RALLY - May 28. 2-5 p.m. Thomaston, GA.

COMM(UNITY) YOUNG ADULT CAMP MEETING - June 2-4. A multi-site event with speaker Kessia Bennett. Locations: Southern Adventist University, Marietta Church, Valdosta Park Avenue Church, Duluth Church, Peachtree City Church, Augusta First Church, and Knoxville Advent House. www.gccsda.com/events/community.

ARK 5K/10K - June 5. 8-10 a.m. Don't miss this 5K/10K road race benefitting Scenic City ARK (Acts of Random Kindness). There will also be a 400-meter race for children 12 and under. Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, TN.

PATHFINDER TEEN LOCAL MISSION PROJECT - June 14-18. Serving Local Refugees, Clarkston, GA.

Some events require pre-registration; details at registration.gccsda.com.

GULF STATES

ADVENTURER FUN WEEKEND - April 29-May 1.

NORTH AND CENTRAL AL PATHFINDER INVESTITURE - May 7.

BASS MEMORIAL ACADEMY GRADUATION - May 13, 14.

CAMP MEETING - May 20-28. Bass Memorial Academy. Lumberton, MS.

PATHFINDER FAIR - May 22. Bass Memorial Academy.

CAMP ALAMISCO ADVENTURER WEEK - June 5-11.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - June 13.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - May 10 & July 19. Conference Office.

HIGHLAND ACADEMY BOARD - May 12. Highland Academy.

MADISON ACADEMY GRADUATION - May 21, 8:30 p.m. Madison Academy.

HIGHLAND ACADEMY GRADUATION - May 22, 10 a.m. Highland Academy.

CAMP MEETING - May 27-June 4. Highland Academy.

HISPANIC CAMP MEETING - June 10-11. Highland Academy.

MINISTERS' MEETING - Aug. 1-3. Indian Creek Camp.

TEACHERS' CONVENTION - Aug. 7-9. Conference Office.

50+ CAMP - Aug. 9-14. Indian Creek Camp.

LE SUMMER RETREAT - Aug. 11-14. Pennyville State Park.

SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY

FIRST SUMMER SESSION - May 9. Numerous online courses are available for both undergraduate and graduate curriculums. Prospective students must apply and be accepted before registering. Sign up for classes no later than May 11. Learn more by visiting southern.edu.

CHRISTIAN MEDIA CAMP - May 23-25. High school students are invited to come explore photography, videography, film editing, writing for the media, and branding design. The \$100 registration covers all materials and meals. For more information, visit southern.edu/camps.

SALT EVANGELISM TRAINING - July 13-17. The Summer SALT program covers the basics of personal and public evangelism, the evangelism cycle, and tools for outreach in your local church and community. Designed for busy people looking for condensed training. For more information, visit southern.edu/salt or call 423-236-2034.

SOUTHERN UNION

SOUTHERN UNION PATHFINDER CAMPOREE - Oct. 12-15. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, FL.

CAMP MEETINGS 2016 SCHEDULE

CAROLINA

Portions of Camp Meeting will be viewable at www.carolinasda.org/camp-meeting
 Hispanic.....May 6-8.....Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, SC
 English.....May 29-June 4.....Theme: *All of me in Response to all of Him*
 Speaker Sunday-Wednesday: *Roger Hernandez*
 Speaker Thursday-Sabbath: *Derek Morris*
 Eastern Carolina.....Oct. 22.....Greenville North Church, Greenville, NC
 Speaker: *Des Cummings*

FLORIDA

Florida Camp Meeting is held in the spring. Archived sermon video is posted to floridaconference.com/campmeeting
 English.....April 7-10.....Theme: *Restore the Vision, Restore the Mission*
 Speaker: *John Bradshaw*
 Spanish.....April 15-17.....Theme: *Sirviendo a tu comunidad • a tu iglesia*
 Speaker: *Elizabeth Talbot*

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Korean.....May 20, 21.....Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA
 Speakers: *Kwangsoo Park (Korean), and Jeffrey Rosario (English)*
 Collegedale.....June 1-4.....Theme: *Marching to Zion*
 Speaker: *Shawn Boonstra*
 Olde Time.....June 9-11.....Theme: *Marching to Zion*
 Speaker: *Fred Fuller*
 Northeast Tennessee.....Sept. 23, 24.....Theme: *Marching to Zion*
 Speaker: *Roy Gane*
 Hispanic.....Nov. 4-6.....Theme: *Somos del Señor (We Are the Lord's)*
 Southern Deaf.....Aug. 10-14.....Theme: *God's Remnant Church*

Speaker: *Paul Kelly*

South Georgia.....Nov. 14.....Theme: *Marching to Zion*
 Speakers: *Conference staff will be preaching at numerous south Georgia churches.*

GULF STATES

May 19-22.....Camp Pitch
 May 20-28.....Bass Memorial Academy, Lumberton, MS
 Speaker 1st Sabbath: *John Bradshaw*
 Speaker Sunday-Thursdays: *Ty Gibson*
 Speaker 2nd Sabbath: *Mike Tucker*

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

English.....May 27-June 4.....Theme: *Knowing the Time!*.....Highland Academy, Portland, TN
 Speakers: *Barry Black, John Bradshaw, Steve Haley, John Lomacang, Neil Nedley, and Melvin Santos*
 Hispanic.....June 10, 11.....Highland Academy, Portland, TN

SOUTH ATLANTIC

June 9-18.....River Oaks Campground, Orangeburg, SC

SOUTH CENTRAL

Theme: *At the Cross*
 Latino.....May 26-29.....Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL
 Korean & Haitian.....June 10-18.....Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL
 English.....June 10-18.....Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL
 Friday Keynote Speaker: *Carlton Byrd*
 Speaker 1st Sabbath: *Wintley Phipps Sr.*
 Speaker 2nd Sabbath: *Dana C. Edmond*

SOUTHEASTERN

English-Adult/Main Pavilion.....June 16-25.....Theme: *Keepers of the Flame*.....Hawthorne, FL
 Speaker 1st Sabbath: *Marcus Harris*
 Speaker 2nd Sabbath: *Calvin Watkins*
 Youth Pavilion.....June 16-25.....Hawthorne, FL
 Haitian-Adult/Main Pavilion.....June 29-July 2.....Hawthorne, FL

SUMMER CAMPS 2016 SCHEDULE

CAROLINA

Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, SC
 [Register online at www.nosoca.org]

Traditional Camps

Adventure (ages 7-11).....June 19-26
 Junior Camp (ages 10-13).....June 26-July 3
 Teen (ages 13-16).....July 3-10

Specialty Camps

Horse Camp Trip to Virginia (ages 14-17).....May 29-June 3
 SIT Camp (ages 16-17).....June 12-24
 Water Sports Camp (ages 13-16).....June 19-26
 Horsemanship I Camp (ages 12-16).....June 19-26
 Horsemanship II Camp (ages 13-16).....June 26-July 3
 Water Sports Camp (ages 13-16).....June 19-26
 Sports Camp (ages 13-16).....June 26-July 3
 Family Camp (all ages).....July 11-15

FLORIDA

Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, FL
 [Details: www.campkulaqua.com]

Cub Camp (ages 7-9).....June 5-12
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12).....June 5-12
 Teen Camp (ages 13-17).....June 5-12
 Horsemanship Specialty Camp (ages 11-14).....June 5-12
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9).....June 12-19
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12).....June 12-19
 Teen Camp (ages 13-17).....June 12-19
 Horsemanship Specialty Camp (ages 11-14).....June 12-19
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9).....June 19-26
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12).....June 19-26
 Teen Camp (ages 13-17).....June 19-26
 Horsemanship Specialty Camp (ages 11-14).....June 19-26

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Cohutta Springs Adventist Center, Crandall, GA
 [Details: www.cs-yc.com]

Camp Staff Training.....June 2-11
 Junior I (ages 10-12).....June 12-19
 Golf Camp I (ages 13-17).....June 12-19
 Paintball I (ages 13-17).....June 12-19
 Fit for Life I (ages 10-13).....June 12-26
 W.I.T. Camp (ages 15+).....June 12-July 17
 (Offered every week except June 26-July 3)
 Junior II (ages 10-12).....June 19-26
 Ultimate RAD Camp (ages 13-17).....June 19-26
 Paintball Camp II (ages 13-17).....June 19-26
 SIT Camp (ages 15+).....June 19-26
 Adventure Camp (ages 7-9).....June 26-July 1
 RAD Horse Trip (ages 13-17).....June 26-July 3
 Paintball Camp III (ages 13-17).....June 26-July 3
 Wakeboard Camp I (ages 13-17).....June 26-July 3
 C.I.T. Camp (ages 15+).....June 26-July 3
 Fit for Life II (ages 13-17).....June 26-July 17
 Teen I (ages 13-17).....July 3-10
 Rock Solid Teen I (ages 16-18).....July 3-10
 Basketball Camp (ages 13-17).....July 3-10
 Whitewater/Kayak Camp (ages 13-17).....July 3-10
 Gym-Masters Camp (ages 13-17).....July 3-10
 Gym-Masters DAY Camp (ages 7-17).....July 4-8
 Teen II (ages 13-17).....July 10-17
 Rock Solid Teen II (ages 16-18).....July 10-17
 Golf Camp II (ages 13-17).....July 10-17
 Soccer Camp (ages 13-17).....July 10-17
 Wakeboard Camp II (ages 13-17).....July 10-17
 Surf Camp (ages 13-17).....July 17-24
 Family Camp (all ages).....July 19-24

GULF STATES

Camp Alamisco, Dadeville, AL
 [Details: www.Alamisco.org]

Staff Week.....May 29-June 5
 Adventure Camp (ages 7-10).....June 5-12
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12).....June 12-19
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16).....June 19-26
 Health Camp Poarch Creek Native Americans.....June 26-July 1
 Family Camp (all ages).....July 4-10
 Family Weekend Camp.....July 7-10
 Young Adult Camp.....July 14-17

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Indian Creek Camp, Liberty, TN
 Staff-in-Training (ages 16, 17).....June 5-12
 Junior Camp I (ages 8-12).....June 12-19
 Junior Camp II (8-12).....June 19-26
 Teen Camp (ages 13-17).....June 26-July 3
 Family Camp I (all ages).....July 5-10
 Middle Family Camp (all ages).....July 10-17
 Family Camp II (all ages).....July 17-24
 Lifeguarding Camp (ages 15-18).....July 24-29

SOUTH ATLANTIC

River Oaks Campground, Orangeburg, SC
 Junior Bible/Summer Camp (ages 8-17).....TBA

SOUTH CENTRAL

Camp Thunderbird, Chattanooga, TN
 Camp Reaching Out (ages 6-15).....July 3-10
 Extreme Team Camp (ages 8-16).....July 10-17
 Ultimate Sports Camp (ages 8-16).....July 10-17

SOUTHEASTERN

Southeastern Conference Campground, Hawthorne, FL
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