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From *Hero* to *Fool*

As we celebrated our granddaughter's eighth birthday on April 28, I was reminded of my own eighth birthday party. It was extra special to have a party with some of my friends invited. They each brought a little gift, and then there was one main gift. I couldn't wait to open it, knowing it must be something I really wanted. What a shock to an eight-year-old to find I had been given an iron. An iron? Mother thought since I was the oldest of four, I should be first to be trusted with an electric iron.

Well, I did take up ironing, helping from time to time. A few years later I was pondering how to prove to Mother and Dad that I was a model son. Why I needed to prove that, I don't know. One Sunday, while the whole family was gone, I came upon the idea of ironing all the clothes. The more I worked, the more proud I became of my accomplishment. I began to compare myself to other teenage boys. It seemed to me I was the only 15-year-old ironing clothes on that Sunday. In fact I became so proud of myself, I was certain I was the only teenage boy in the whole country ironing clothes.

You see, if one tries to press their own robe of righteousness, one quickly becomes judgmental. Instead of comparing ourselves to the perfection of Jesus, we compare ourselves to the imperfections of others. Then I started getting angry that my mother had taught me to iron in the first place. It was her fault I was stuck at home doing this project. When we concentrate on doing rules without the accompanying relationship with Jesus, we miss out on the joy of obedience and service. It's all a form of godliness.

I finished ironing three baskets of clothes. I put them all away. I couldn't wait to brag to my family about my goodness. It's true that when I take my eyes away from Jesus and become proud of my own attempts at holiness, I often witness about my life and work instead of witnessing about what Jesus has done for me. My parents finally arrived, and with appropriate humility I began explaining about all the other 15-year-old boys in the universe and how I was the only one who stayed home to iron clothes.

It was all-impressive until mother asked me if I had washed the clothes before ironing them. One minute I was a hero (in my eyes), the next minute I was a fool. Someone has said, "We aren't sinners because we sin; we sin because we're sinners." One of my favorite chapters in the book *Steps to Christ* is "Growing Up in Christ." Through inspiration, Ellen White says, "When the mind dwells upon self, it is turned away from Christ . . . Talk and think of Jesus. Let self be lost in Him." The robe of righteousness is not partly pressed by my own good works. Jeremiah reminds us, "the **Lord has brought forth our righteousness**; come, and let us declare in Zion the **work of the Lord our God.**" What about obedience? "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, He is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new," 2 Corinthians 5:17.



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Cover Caption: "I believe that is true!" Pam Walker explained with excitement as she pointed to the license plate frame on Van and Jan Boone's SUV. "The Seventh Day Is Still God's Sabbath!"



A License Plate

Is this your car?" a woman called out after we pulled into the driveway next to hers. "Yes," my husband replied, while fearing he had run over her lawn or something even worse.

Pointing to our license plate frame engraved with "THE SEVENTH DAY... Is Still God's Sabbath," she exclaimed, "I believe that is true!" As a long time Bible worker, I knew God was opening a door.

"*Amazing Facts* guides from Doug Batchelor, along with my own personal Bible study, have convinced me of this truth," she revealed. It was difficult for me to contain my excitement that Friday afternoon; yet, I knew I must allow the Lord to control the moment.

In the conversation that followed, Van, my husband, and I told her about the Brooksville, Florida, church near her home. She had never visited an Adventist church before, so we invited her to join us the next day for Sabbath worship services. She promised to come.

True to her word, Pam Walker was at church that Sabbath morning and, then, joined us afterward for the fellowship luncheon. I asked if she would like to study the Bible with me,

and we made plans to meet a few days later.

Studying with Pam was simply fantastic. "I just want to know the truth," she constantly told me. We both hated to stop after the allotted hour, so we agreed to share a little "overtime."

As we studied, I thought about an evangelistic series in 1987 when I worked in the Chesapeake Conference and served as a Bible worker for evangelist Pieter Barkhuizen. During these meetings, Dr. Barkhuizen gave a set of sermon tapes to me that I felt impressed to share with Pam. The cassettes were eagerly taken home; however, the following week she informed me they would no longer play due to their age. "So much for that idea," I thought, not realizing God had a plan.

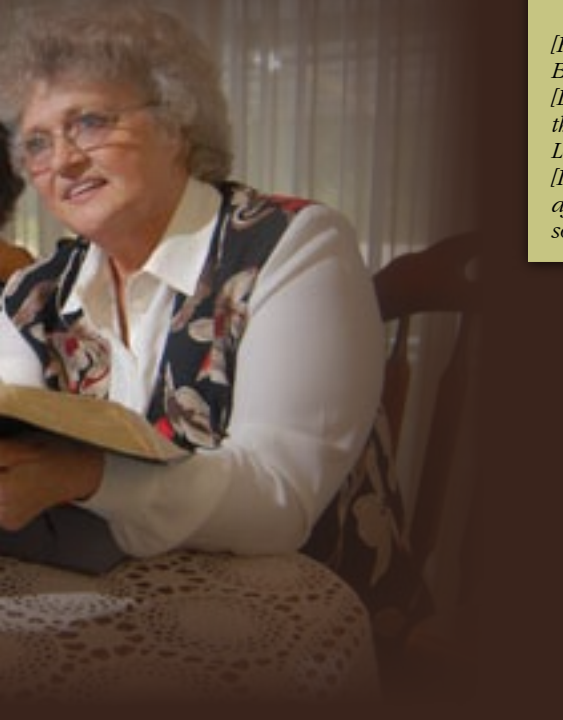
The next day, Van and I stopped by the church to check the mail for personal ministries materials, and, lo and behold, there was a letter from Good Hope Institute. I couldn't believe my eyes when I opened the envelope from Dr. Barkhuizen. I hadn't seen nor heard from him in nearly 20 years. Considering what had just happened with Pam and the audio tapes,

I knew a miracle was in the works.

Arriving home, I went to my computer and e-mailed Dr. Barkhuizen to thank him for sending his latest book, *The Fourth Dilemma*, to our church. I also asked if he remembered working together during the 1987 meetings. He replied at once. As a result of our visit, 1,000 copies of his wonderful book arrived for distribution by members of the Brooksville congregation and those of our sister church in Spring Hill. Enclosed with the books was a video set of his entire evangelistic series.

Pam loved the tapes so much that she called the Barkhuizens to order a set of her own. As she spoke to Yvonne, Dr. Barkhuizen's wife, a voice was overheard in the background, "Tell Pam I will come to Florida to baptize her when she's ready." Pam was so excited she called me to share the news that Dr. Barkhuizen offered to drive down from Tennessee when a date was set for her baptism.

What a reunion we had the weekend of October 28, 2006, when the Barkhuizens pulled into our driveway. There was a lot of catching up as we shared what God had done in our lives since we last worked



[Far left] Pam Walker was taking her dog for a walk when she saw the words on Van and Jan Boone's license plate frame that changed the course of her life. PHOTO CREDIT: RON QUICK

[Left] "Jan pours her heart into every student and every searching soul," says Pam. "She is more than my teacher: she is my mentor, friend, and sister in Christ. Jan's entire life is about serving the Lord. We both are intense when it comes to Bible study." PHOTO CREDIT: RON QUICK

[Inset] An emotion-filled baptismal service saw Pieter Barkhuizen pray for God's blessing on Pam after he drove from Tennessee to Florida for the special occasion. "I will go anywhere to witness a soul come to Jesus," he testified. PHOTO CREDIT: VIRGINIA STUNKARD

MIRACLE

BY JAN BOONE

together. The evening's best moments came when Pam dropped by to meet the Barkhuizens and to have their picture taken together. It was amazing to witness how God "gave the increase" on a gift license plate frame from Randy, our son, that simply testified, "THE SEVENTH DAY... Is Still God's Sabbath."

After a good night's rest, we were inspired to have Dr. Barkhuizen as the guest speaker on that Sabbath morning when he baptized Pam Walker into God's remnant church. Truly, our pastor, John Sabo, and the Brooksville members were touched by Pam's testimony that glorified God and revealed His amazing love for one precious soul searching for truth.



Retired? Not This Bible Worker!

When I was a child, Grandmother's small farm in Maryland was my "safe place." Here, she told me Bible stories, and we sang hymns while she milked the cow or we gathered eggs from the hen house. Grandma was a Seventh-day Adventist and the only Christian influence in my troubled childhood.

How well I remember when county workers built a new road in front of Grandma's house. One day, she invited the entire crew in for a wonderful lunch of homemade bread and fresh tomatoes from her garden. After they left, Grandma explained, "Janice, they didn't know the truth, so I had to tell them." Later, I would learn that her philosophy led to at least 200 souls saved for Jesus.

In 1981, I attended a *Revelation Seminar* and was baptized. Soon, I was pleading with the Lord to let me teach others what I had learned. Although I was already giving home Bible studies, I wanted to work full time for God.

Long story short, I became a Bible worker in the Chesapeake Conference, and Grandma's philosophy became my own. Since my baptism 26 years ago, God has blessed tremendously as I've shared the Gospel with hundreds of souls entrusted to me. I haven't always been on a conference payroll; yet, I've never stopped working.

When Van, my husband, and I moved to Florida 10 years ago, one of the first people we met was Elder Charles Bradford, "retired" president of the North American Division and Spring Hill church member. When I told him I was a retired Bible worker, he asked, "Who can retire?" Instantly, I responded, "You're right. I'm NOT retired."

Once again, I prayed, "Lord, fill the chairs around my dining room table." He answered and sent our house painter with seven family members and friends.

John Sabo, who pastors the Brooksville/Spring Hill church district, anticipates the positive impact that Pam, lay ministries director, and Jan, head elder, will have on the Brooksville church when they assume leadership responsibilities, July 1.

PHOTO CREDIT: VIRGINIA STUNKARD

I told Elder Bradford, now my mentor, that one of my greatest desires as a Bible worker was to make disciples and teach others what God has trusted me to do. With his encouragement, I began holding workshops and the members came to learn. "God's people are interested in doing His work," we joyfully observed. "They just need encouragement and a few 'how to' lessons."

Here, I told rich stories about my Bible-study students who have come to know their Savior, including Van, my dear husband. I waited 17 years for the baptism of the finest person I've ever known. His heart was always filled with love for me and our three sons. When he was baptized in 1998, the joy in my heart was complete. Now, we walk together with Jesus, sharing His love.

Every day, I thank God for a fruitful ministry as I consider my favorite quote from the pen of Ellen White: "To those who make so full a consecration that the Lord can place His touch upon their lips, the word is spoken, 'Go forth into the harvest field. I will cooperate with you.'" *Gospel Workers (1915), page 23.*

To think that God cooperates with me! That's why I thank Him for every soul He places in my path, so I can share Jesus' wonderful love and saving



RON QUICK

Charles Bradford, Jan's mentor, encouraged her to drop the talk of retirement. This spring, her Daniel Seminar resulted in seven new additions to the Brooksville church.

Hand-delivering Relief with Love and Care

BY ANTHONY PAUL AND
MICHELE SOLOMON

Fifteen members of the National Association for the Prevention of Starvation (NAPS) arrived on the campus of Virginia Polytechnic University just before dawn on Monday, April 23, from Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama. The humanitarian group, led by Anthony Paul, Ph.D., NAPS advisor and chair of biological sciences at Oakwood, attended the 7:15 a.m., flag memorial ceremony at West Ambler Johnston Hall, the site where most of the fatal shootings took place at Virginia Tech on Monday, April 16.



NAPS sends a message of encouragement as they march across the Virginia Tech campus.

The band played a few songs, including "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "American the Beauti-

ful." Harvey Kennedy, one of the group members and sophomore biology major at Oakwood, played "It is Well With My Soul" and "Amazing Grace" on his violin. In silence, they marched over to the drill field, where the white flags were posted, and stood by and talked with students and faculty members who expressed words of appreciation for their presence.

From that point, the group marched to the bell tower, in front of Burris Hall, where there were flowers, poems, and pictures of each of the victims. There, they were able to provide comfort for the individuals who gathered. Balloons



Students from both campuses share a word of prayer.



NAPS and Virginia Tech students exchange experiences at lunch.

were released at 9:45 a.m., as a bell rang once in synchronization with the release of each white balloon decorated with orange and black streamers, representing the lives of each student killed on April 16. The ceremony was overwhelming, both in terms of attendance and emotion, as hundreds of people in orange shirts packed the drill field.

After the ceremony, NAPS members marched around the campus, alongside the various dorms, stopping every once in a while to play for students at the various locations and to talk to the students outside the dorms. The continuous outpouring of appreciation from those with whom NAPS students met was overwhelming, and when Virginia Tech students found out that Oakwood students had traveled ten hours from Huntsville, Alabama, to Blacksburg, Virginia, the week before their final exams, they were truly amazed at their commitment to being with them during their time of need.

This was a unique mission for the Oakwood students. Since 1978, NAPS has responded to the diverse needs of natural disaster victims following earthquake, tsunami, drought, and flood in the faraway lands of India, Zambia, Sudan, and Ethiopia. The group, whose credo is "We don't just send relief; we hand-deliver it

with love and care," has also rushed to the aid of hurricane survivors in the neighboring states of Florida, Mississippi, and Louisiana, but never have they ventured out in response to a national tragedy that was not an act of nature and involved the loss of so many lives on so familiar a territory as a college campus.



NAPS members march respectfully past West Ambler Johnston Hall, the building where most of the fatal shootings took place.

"This time, we were there for students," said NAPS member Mia Pile. "They were people *our* age, people like *us*. You couldn't help but think, 'What if that happened on our campus?'" Pile admitted she was a little nervous before the group walked onto the Virginia Tech campus and began playing their instruments. "In times of grief, you don't know if people want to hear music or not," she said, "but we just wanted them to know that we were there to support them. Physical presence means a lot."

No doubt, the music that the NAPS band played had immeasurable impact on the students and others present. "One lady sobbed as 'There is a Balm in Gilead' played on the violin, and she explained that it was her favorite hymn," another NAPS member shared. A Virginia Tech student said she had not felt like getting out of bed that morning, but that the band had provided encouragement that helped her cope with the depression she was experiencing in the wake of this horrendous moment in U.S. history. Several students even shared a smile when they learned that NAPS member Shannin Hatch's hometown was only a few miles away in Roanoke.

Despite the applause that could be heard as the NAPS band marched across the campus, it was the privilege of acting as the hands and feet of Jesus that NAPS students counted as their greatest honor and blessing.

To read a first-hand account of the group's trip to Virginia Tech by NAPS writer Sanique Antonio, or for more information on NAPS' humanitarian work, visit the group's Web site at www.napsoc.org.

Anthony Paul, Ph.D., is NAPS advisor and chair of biological sciences at Oakwood College.

Carolina's "Mr. Fix-it" Dies at 84

Orla L. Collins, 84, a member of the Upward, N.C., church, passed away March 23, 2007.

He served Georgia-Cumberland Academy as farm manager from 1956 to 1961, when he



moved to Cedar Lake Academy to be a supervisor in the mill. In 1964 he accepted a call to Fletcher Academy to be farm manager, developing a successful dairy, gardening, and orchard program. In 1973 the opportunity came to build a youth camp for the Carolina Conference, Nosoca Pines Ranch. He was the first ranger and oversaw the building of almost all the current structures. In 1980 he moved to Mount Pisgah Academy and helped build Pisgah Estates. He then became the maintenance manager at the Academy where he earned the title "Mr. Fix-it." He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Betty Collins; two daughters, Sue Johnson and Dixie Sommerville; two sons, Van Collins and Gary Collins; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Elders Retreat to Nosoca Pines Ranch



RON QUICK

Bill Knot, editor of the *Adventist Review*, was the presenter for the annual elders retreat at Nosoca Pines Ranch, April 27-29. He is pictured above sharing ideas with Rick Russell (left), Conference treasurer; and Yvan Augustin of the

Columbia First church; as well as Noel and Nory Ruiloba from Charlotte Spanish; Karen Saye from Arden; and Charles Eberhardt from Greenville, S.C.

Each of the more than 95 church elders in attendance were given tools

and ideas for their ministry in the local church. The messages were of spiritual awakening in the last days, and the role the elder plays in leading the church to revival.

Spartanburg Member Dies in Kuwait

Joey Sams, II, Spartanburg, S.C., church member, died March 21, 2007, from injuries sustained from being pinned between two vehicles while serving in the United States Army in Kuwait. Joey was 21 years old. He is survived by his parents: Joey and Annie Sams; and three sisters: Felicia, Jennifer, and Markisha. Joey, along with his mother and three sisters attended an evangelistic series in June, 2002, conducted by Ron Halvorson after



receiving Bible studies from Jeff Donaldson, pastor. As the meetings progressed, they attended faithfully, with each making a commitment to follow Jesus in baptism. At the conclusion of the

evangelistic series, the four were baptized by Michael Hill, pastor.

Joey joined the Army a year ago and was stationed in Fort Benning, Ga. According to his father, he joined the Army as an avenue to go into law enforcement. Prior to joining the

Army and leaving the area, he attended church faithfully with his mother and sisters each Sabbath. Hill last saw Joey, attired in full-dress uniform, when he was home on leave in December and attended church that Sabbath. He was proud to serve his country in its armed forces.

Joey was quiet and may not have been well known by many of his fellow members, but those who knew him will miss him greatly. Funeral services were held in Winter Haven, Fla., where the family is originally from.

—BY MICHAEL HILL

Rockingham Couples Recommit to Marriage



It was with joy and some nervousness that 16 couples renewed their marriage vows on March 4, 2007, in Rockingham, N.C.

Delmira Aguilar and the pastor's wife, Judith Flores, of the Rockingham Spanish church, spent weeks before the big day preparing and motivating the couples to experience this

renewal. The two ladies had a wonderful time preparing the details for the special event, and encouraged the "brides" to find a special wedding dress to make it a truly meaningful day.

At first some of the husbands were not interested in participating; they thought it was not necessary. But, the pastor helped

them see the importance of it, and how it could refresh and renew the families of the church, and they agreed to participate.

The ceremony was in a church rented for the occasion, and was followed by a reception with food and activities for the 16 couples, their children, and guests. Many of the couples took

advantage of the event to take wedding pictures, something that they were not able to have at their first wedding ceremonies.

A couple of weeks later one husband revealed, "It has been the best decision that I have made this year. I'm still celebrating my second honeymoon."

—BY JULIO FLORES

Appalachian Praise Wins Angel Awards

Appalachian Praise wasn't even thought of when Brenda Walsh called in the year 2000 and asked if a group of children from North Carolina would come and play for her 3ABN program, "Kids Time." During the next several years, combinations of instruments in duets, trios,

and quartets were played for "Kids Time" by Jillionna and Josianne Bailey, David Allen, Dianne Michelle,

and John and Benjamin Wagner. They realized that they could combine all the instruments and become

a group—Jillionna hammered dulcimer; Josianne, banjo; David, bass; Dianne, mandolin; John, guitar; and Benjamin, violin.

For the last five years

they have appeared on 3ABN live camp meeting and filmed for the "Kids Time" program. Last year, the religious blue grass group produced a DVD and recorded a CD in Asheville, N.C., for which they recently won two Silver Angel Awards for Excellence In Media.

They perform music for churches, religious events, and camp meetings, with the prayer that they can glorify God's name.



Halvorsen Series Nets 50 Baptisms

“Incredible” describes recent meetings held in the Apopka, Fla., church by Ron Halvorsen, evangelist. Fifty people were baptized, and another 15 interests continue their studies for baptism.

The energy of this 69-year-old, soul-winning evangelist truly inspired members to get on board and share the Gospel. Straight up, Halvorsen told the congregation he needed 75 neighborhood prayer walkers to invest time in seeking the Lord’s help, or his efforts would be fruitless.

So, members mapped out areas of the city and surrounding areas. They walked and prayed. People came to the meetings, and the church overflowed. Great victories were witnessed as the lives of children, teens, singles, young married couples, families, and seniors were changed.

A near octogenarian, John, who grew up in an Adventist family and lost his way, was touched by



Ron Halvorsen worked with his daughter, Diane, at the meetings in Apopka, Fla., where she serves as associate pastor.

the Holy Spirit and rebaptized. A Bible study interest, Marie Holloway, was baptized, which prompted her mother, Rachel; her brother and sister-in-law, Andrew and Marcie; and her niece, Allison, to follow in her footsteps one week later. Several couples were also united when spouses joined their mates as baptized church members.

Passion in Halvorsen’s voice throughout the meetings reflected the passion in his heart as earnestness was often blended with humor. Messages presented in this fresh way grabbed



Rita Ordaz was baptized by Haskell Williams, Apopka’s pastor, assisted by Diane Halvorsen and Eugene Torres.

the hearts of members as well, and revival took place among them. Involvement in the series underscored again in their minds why they are here—to share a hope with the world that is often taken for granted.

It was especially exciting to see Diane Halvorsen, Apopka’s associate pastor, work with her father. Like her dad, Diane’s passion is soul-winning, whether it be with the youth of the church or at Sunbelt Living Center located nearby where she holds weekly Bible studies.

Gail Enikeev’s tireless service as Bible worker and



Apopka church member Marla Sorensen joined Charles Haugabrooks, It Is Written musician, in a memorable duet.

visitation coordinator also greatly contributed to the meetings’ success.

Truly, evangelism is the heart of ministry at the Apopka church. Recent meetings with Teenie Finley, Bill Waters, Ron Halvorsen, and a scheduled series in 2009 with Lester Pratt, Conference evangelist, confirm this commitment.

Evangelism in Apopka is an intentional process, not just a program, where all energies are focused on one goal—to seal commitments for eternity.

—BY HASKELL WILLIAMS

Winter Springs Youth Memorize Scripture

Members of the Winter Springs, Fla., junior/earliteen Sabbath school class spent four months hiding God’s Word in their hearts. Leaders John and Renee Brownlow challenged the youth to learn Bible verses through scripture songs or by rote memorization.

Points were assigned to each scripture passage, and 12 young people reached or

surpassed the encouraged goal of 250 points, including Judson Prusia who memorized more than 40 passages of scripture.

Renee Brownlow felt impressed to present the scripture challenge after hearing Derek Morris, Forest Lake church pastor, tell of the impact that scripture songs, composed by his wife, Bodil, had on the lives

of their two sons. “The catchy tunes make the words easy to learn,” says Brownlow.

The Morrises, with Ashley Hold, comprise the group Trilogy. Their six CDs and two song books are available at Adventist Book Centers and at trilogy-scripturesongs.com

—BY ALISON PRUSIA



Junior/earliteen class members led the worship service, February 10, using scripture songs, scripture readings, and a scripture prayer.

Maranatha Church Celebrates 30th Anniversary



Members and guests at the Maranatha church celebrated 30 years of reaching out to the many nationalities represented in Broward and Dade Counties. Founding members were recognized for their vision, resourcefulness, and hard work in making the dream a reality to impact their community for Christ.



PHOTOS: ROBERT GRANT

Malcolm Gordon (right), former Florida Conference president and Southern Union Conference president, paid tribute to the Maranatha church founder, William Kirlaw, pastor. He and his wife, Sylvia, retired in 1997 after prayerfully shepherding the congregation through 21 years of growth.

“One Family Under God” was the theme for the 30th anniversary celebration of the Maranatha church in Miami Gardens, Fla., during the weekend of November 17-19, 2006. The present membership of more than 1,700 is the outgrowth of a group of 25 members that met in the basement of a Baptist church in 1976 under the direction of William Kirlaw, pastor, and his wife, Sylvia.

In keeping with God’s plan of evangelism, the Maranatha church has given birth to 12 churches, implemented several evangelistic endeavors, built the William A. Kirlaw Junior Academy, extended the Child Development Center, and established ties with the local community.

The weekend activities began on Friday evening with a dramatization of old-fashioned Adventist

worship emphasizing fellowship of the family unit.

During Sabbath school, a comparison was made between the journeys and experiences of the Maranatha church and Israel.

Malcolm Gordon, former Florida Conference president and Southern Union Conference president, spoke during the Sabbath worship service. He complimented present and former pastors and members for their significant contributions to the growth of the church, while challenging the world Church to emulate Maranatha’s passion for evangelism and church planting.

In a sermon entitled “The Ultimate Celebration,” Gordon underscored that, although the anniversary celebration was splendid, it paled in comparison with the celebration in the New Earth. He and his wife, Ha-



Keith Harding, current pastor of the Maranatha church, continues to lead the congregation in creative soul-winning strategies and ways to spread the gospel of Christ.

zel, concluded the worship service with a duet, “The Best is Yet to Come.”

The Sabbath afternoon program featured music and testimonies of how God used the Maranatha church to educate, challenge, nurture, and encourage individuals. A candlelight ceremony of dedication was held on the church lawn.

The 30th anniversary weekend culminated with

a family banquet at the Signature Grand Banquet Hall in Davie, Fla.

Currently pastoring the church are Keith Harding and Stephen Stewart, associate pastor. Former associate pastors who also made contributions to the growth of the Maranatha church include Carlton Anderson, Earl Oliphant, Conrad Duncan, Garfield Blake, and John Mills.

—BY LESONIE WALKER

Chris Bullock Ordained into Gospel Ministry

Chris Bullock, pastor, was officially ordained to the Gospel for ministry on April 7, at the Marietta, Ga., church. The Georgia-Cumberland Conference was represented by Ed Wright, president; Kevin Costello, vice president for finance; Stan Patterson, vice president for pastoral ministries and evangelism; and Paul Hoover, ministerial director for the central region.

The ordination message was presented by Jack Blanco, former professor of theology at Southern Adventist University, and the ordination prayer was given by Patterson. Hoover conducted the ministerial commission and responsive reading, after which Wright, along with Marilyn, his wife, welcomed Chris and Sonya Bullock and their son, Daniel, into the ministerial staff of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

Since the Seventh-day Adventist Church

is a world-wide church, Blanco shared that ordination means to minister in a world-wide mission field wherever you may be. Blanco based his remarks on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. He stressed three important points in the life of a Gospel minister: The first responsibility of an ordained minister is to provide spiritual leadership, sensing his own need of God's grace. The second is to provide organizational leadership. The third is to provide personal leadership in the home, spending time with the family, and personal devotions.

Bullock's father, John Bullock shared, "Even as a little boy, he had a soft heart. Chris is the kind of pastor who is more a one-on-one person with people, a shepherd leading the flock."

For Bullock it has been a long journey, which started in 1996 when God called him to ministry. This



Sonya and Chris Bullock with their two-year-old son, Daniel

ordination service meant "an affirmation of God's call in my life," he said.

Bullock was baptized on his mother's birthday, December 31, 1982. His grandmother Grace, unbeknownst to him, told the family that she believed Bullock would become a minister. His teenage years, however, caused his parents to wonder if he would even be a Christian, much less a pastor, but God's hand was over Bullock. At the age of 21, he accepted Jesus Christ for the second time and heard God's call to minister to young people.

Bullock and his wife, Sonya, dated for two years and became engaged after God answered their

prayers for a sign they should be married. They both planned their rebaptism in the same church, independent of each other, while Bullock lived 1,500 miles away in Colorado, where he served as a task-force associate pastor. He proposed to Sonya in 1998, and they were baptized two days later. They were married May 2, 1999.

Bullock holds a master of divinity degree from the Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. He is currently the associate pastor of the Marietta Ga., church, and has served the Georgia-Cumberland Conference for the past six years.

—BY MARTIN KNOPPER



Stan Patterson (left), Conference vice president for pastoral ministries, prepares for the ordination prayer as Ed Wright (right), president, and other officials kneel nearby.

MARTIN KNOPPER

Crisis Intervention Reaches Emotional Needs

Traditionally, Adventist Community Services (ACS) in the Conference has operated receiving and distribution centers for donated goods during times of crisis. However, it has now added a new dimension to disaster response in

the Conference called crisis intervention, which reaches out to people's emotional needs.

"Crisis intervention gives our pastors and members another opportunity to respond in front line disaster ministries, and

it also provides our pastors and members new opportunities for involvement in their local communities in times of need," says Ed Skoretz, director of ACS for the Conference.

Anyone can get involved with crisis intervention once they receive the appropriate training. The Conference offered the first training session, known as CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management) training, March 11 and 12, at the Collegedale, Tenn., church.

"Crisis is a broad term used when loss occurs. For example: a single car wreck, a fire, a death, massive natural disasters (such as tornados, hurricanes, floods, etc.) and terrorist attacks," explains Ron Follett,

crisis care coordinator for the Conference.

Follett shares that the crisis intervention program will allow ACS workers to help both victims and first-responders on a personal, emotional level. "The sooner the intervention takes place—helping people to verbalize their feelings—the greater the chance is to prevent emotional pressures from building up and making it more difficult to work with later."

ACS encourages pastors and church members throughout the Conference to get involved with crisis intervention.

To learn more, email pastorlombardo@gmail.com or call Meralys Bonilla at 1-800-567-1844, x337.

—BY REBECCA BROOKS



MICHAEL LOMBARDO

Ron Follett, Conference crisis care coordinator, shares how to connect with people emotionally at the crisis intervention workshop.

Wimbish Road Hosts Mission Emphasis Weekend

"Everyone is called to be a missionary. Everywhere. All the time!"

Even the children were captivated as Jeff Reich, director of the self-supporting organization Laymen Ministries, spoke about empowering lay members at the first mission emphasis weekend hosted by the Wimbish Road church in Macon, Ga.

Fifty people, including teens and children, sat riveted by stories of missionary adventure and

radical faith on Friday night as Reich, a laymen him-

self, shared how God led through one faith-building adventure after another.

After an inspiring Sabbath morning sermon teaching that God expects us to use our spiritual gifts, even if we think we don't have any, everyone gathered for food and fellowship.

Fifty people stayed Sabbath afternoon to hear stories and see pictures about pioneer mission work in former

communist countries, and how faithful Adventists are persecuted and imprisoned for their beliefs.

Guests attended from Savannah, Augusta, Warner Robins, and Milledgeville, Ga.

Wimbish Road church has planned these mission weekends to help train and prepare its teenagers for an upcoming church mission trip to El Salvador in July, 2007. Teens will be preaching the Gospel, and these mission weekends provide valuable education and inspiration in advance.

—BY SARAH ASAFTEI



SARAH ASAFTEI

Jeff Reich, director of Laymen Ministries, inspires church members to get involved in missions during the mission emphasis weekend at the Wimbish Road church.

Bass Academy Students Give Back at Lady Lake

A tornado ripped through the Florida community of Lady Lake with winds between 136-165 miles per hour on February 3, 2007. One week later, Bass Memorial Academy (BMA) was asked to send students to assist the Adventist Community Team Services (ACTS) group with clean-up of the area. Sixteen students volunteered to travel 12 hours, and on February 12 set off for Lady Lake. The trip was organized by Burney Culpepper, a teacher and the leader of the community outreach ministry group at Bass Academy.

When the group arrived, the area looked as if nothing had occurred—that is until they reached the 600-yard swath of destruction caused by the tornado. Several students commented, “The area reminds me of how it looked after Hurricane Katrina, but in



The students from Bass Academy who helped at Lady Lake felt they were giving back some of the help they had received after Katrina.

a smaller area.” The relief work of ACTS was based next to a church which had been completely destroyed. The church had been rated to withstand a category four hurricane.

On the first day the BMA group helped to clear a trailer park of debris. Many of the trailers were damaged beyond repair, but most will be fixed. The students picked up branches, trash, parts of trailers, and anything that would help the trailer park at least look normal again. The manager

of the facility repeatedly thanked the students and staff for their help.

The following day the BMA team moved their efforts to a nursery that had been completely destroyed. The owner of the nursery had lost his parents in the storm, as well as \$250,000 worth of peace lilies. The group’s job was to find sprinkler heads and undamaged pots under the debris. An estimated 6,000 pots were picked up during the day-and-a-half spent there.

At the end of the last

day, the grandson came out to thank the BMA team for their help. It was a very sobering experience for the students and staff as he talked about losing his grandparents. “It caused us to reflect about what was really important in life,” says Culpepper. The group prayed with the grandson, and then they boarded the bus and returned to camp.

On the final day, the team helped ACTS break down camp as they prepared to move into another area. The bus ride back was long and tiresome, but each student left Florida with a sense of accomplishment.

Culpepper explained, “Having undergone Hurricane Katrina, I cannot say that this was a life-changing experience, but we left with the understanding that this is what practical Christianity is supposed to be.”

—BY BURNEY CULPEPPER

Workshop Trains Sabbath School Leaders



Leslie Louis (left), Conference Sabbath school director, stands with Sabbath school leaders who attended the workshop.

What if the first 15 minutes of your Sabbath school

was filled with enthusiastic reports from the members

sharing how God had led them to witness to their friends and neighbors using a lesson gleaned from the Sabbath school quarterly the past week? What if your Sabbath school leaders and teachers knew how to communicate and make each person feel valuable? What if all Sabbath schools were transformed into a viable, spirit-fed tool for outreach and nurture?

This, plus much more, was a sampling of the

concepts taught by Faith Crumbly, the editor of the *Sabbath School Leadership* magazine, at the Gulf States Conference Sabbath School Training Workshop.

More than 20 Sabbath school leaders and teachers attended the workshop which was held at Camp Alamisco the weekend of April 13-15.

—BY REBECCA GRICE

Student Mission Trip is Faith-Building Experience



Students and staff spent spring break helping at the Holbrook Indian School in Arizona.

The 2007 Gulf States Conference Mission Adventure lived up to its name as students and teachers from Big Cove Christian Academy, Pensacola Junior Academy, and Floral Crest School departed from Huntsville, Ala., on their way to the Holbrook Indian School in Holbrook, Ariz. The group's mission was to insulate and hang dry wall

so church attendees on the campus could worship in physical, as well as spiritual, warmth. But first, they had to arrive at their destination.

A number of problems with the bus occurred, including a broken fuel line and two engine fires, plus 36 hours of travel. After much prayer the team finally arrived at Holbrook.

"The mission trip was certainly a faith-building experience," explained Lisi Wixwat, a student from Pensacola Junior Academy. "We accomplished our goals, and were able to interact with the Navajo student body."

On Sabbath, students and faculty from Holbrook and the Gulf States Conference traveled to the Grand Canyon to witness the

beauty of God's handiwork. The cold temperatures didn't deter several from hiking in the Canyon. The group said good-bye to their new friends at Holbrook and asked God to give them traveling mercies. They arrived safely back home after spending spring break helping others and learning valuable faith-building lessons.

—BY VIKI BLANKS

Weight Management Seminar is Stunning Success



Weight management seminar participants and presenters

The health ministries team of the Montgomery First church began a second Life-Long Weight Management Seminar on January 11, 2007, with nine participants. Ten weeks later, the participants had shed more than

100 pounds and walked 700 miles as they pursued weight reduction through healthy lifestyle changes.

The class was composed of men and women, including nurses, new mothers, retirees, and sev-

eral church members.

Every week, the director, Amy Mapp, presented a different challenge for each day: Eat five to nine servings of fruits and vegetables, three servings of healthy protein, drink eight glasses of water, exercise 30 to 60 minutes, eat five servings of healthy carbohydrates, and three servings of healthy fats. All of the challenges were preceded by a 40-minute presentation on the topic. Many grafts showing the results of scientific studies were featured

in the presentations.

Presenters Amy Mapp, April and Norm Hobbs, Barry and Sharryn Mahorney, and Joan Beck also provided tasty food samples each night to show how easy it is to create healthy, nutritious, low-calorie meals. Jessica Belcher prepared a healthy, nutritious, low-calorie Mexican feast. Betty Anderson served as registrar and called each participant weekly to encourage and remind them of the Thursday night program.

—BY JOAN BECK

Conference Session Casts Vision for the Future

The 30th regular session of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference was held on Sunday, April 29. Delegates representing the Conference's 112 congregations met at the Madison Campus church in Madison, Tenn., to elect the Conference officers, departmental directors, the executive Committee, and board of education. For the first time, live video streaming of the session was provided, making it possible for members not present to view the activities of the day via the Internet.

Don Schneider, president of the North American Division, gave the devotional. Gordon Retzer, president of the Southern Union, and several other personnel from the Southern Union office were present to assist in the proceedings, including Ron Smith, newly elected executive secretary of the Southern Union Conference.



Richard R. Hallock (right) speaks to the delegates following his re-election as president of the Conference as his wife, Connie, stands beside him. Gordon and Cheryl Retzer look on.

Richard R. Hallock was re-elected president of the Conference; Marvin G. Lowman, executive secretary; and Douglas A. Hilliard, treasurer. All departmental directors and associates were re-elected. Among the amendments made to the constitutions and bylaws of the Conference was an action extending the term between

sessions from the current four-year term to five years.

The president's report included a presentation of the Conference's initiative for church growth for the next five years—"Connecting, Growing, and Serving"—focusing on the Church's mission as given in the Gospel commission. This new plan will urge and assist local congrega-

tions in health check-ups, and develop action plans to aid members to connect with God and each other, to grow spiritually, and to serve each other and the community. Delegates were challenged to look at their local church and to focus their energy and resources on things which connect people to God in a relationship that leads to discipleship and service.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Conference. The Adventist work began in Tennessee and Kentucky in 1871. Between 1876 and 1932 there were several different territorial configurations going by various names until the establishment of the Conference as it exists today. The Conference includes the state of Kentucky and the western half of Tennessee. Conference membership at the end of 2006 was 12,910.

—BY MARVIN LOWMAN

William Smith, 1929 - 2006

William H. Smith died July 25, 2006, in Goodlettsville, Tenn., at the age of 77. He was born in Daylight (now McMinnville), Tenn. He married Alice Lorine Hayes on November 12, 1949, in Franklin, Ky. Following a series of meetings, Bill was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1959 and joined the Oakwood Boulevard church in Michigan.

Bill began work at the Southern Publishing Association (SPA) in 1961 as a pressman's helper. He was eventually promoted to assistant pressroom foreman, the position he held until 1981. In 1970, the SPA executive committee honored Bill for submitting two suggestions which resulted in

saving money and providing better service in the pressroom.

When SPA closed its doors and many employees moved to the Review and Herald Publishing Association, Bill and Alice chose to stay in Nashville.

Bill worked for Gustol Records until 1983. He worked for

Tennessee Department of Agriculture as supervisor of the print shop until 1994.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Alice; one son, Steven W. Smith; two daughters: Rita Robiette and Tina Moore; two brothers: Earl and Arlan Smith; one sister, Jenel Farrar; and four grandchildren: Ben and Joe Moore, Rachel Payyad, and Ally Rose Smith.



Members Added to Madison Hispanic Church

Fourteen people were baptized and became members of the Madison Hispanic church recently. The baptismal service came at the close of evangelistic meetings conducted by Ismael Ramirez, associate pastor of the University church in Montemorelos, Mexico. However, another commitment prevented Ramirez from being present at the baptism. Samuel Garcia, a pastor from Dalton, Ga.,



Pictured are 13 newly baptized members of the Madison Hispanic church.

came especially to perform the baptism.

Following the baptismal service, one of the couples solemnized their marriage in a special ceremony.



Samuel Garcia, pastor, pronounces the blessing on the marriage of Susana and Adrian Vazquez.

Adrian and Susana Vazquez, who had been married in a civil ceremony previously, felt now that it was important to have the Church's blessing on their

marriage and family.

Although the congregation is currently between pastors, lay leaders of the church organized and carried out the evangelistic series with the help of Ramirez. The baptismal service was held at the Boulevard church since the Madison Hispanic congregation meets in the chapel of Madison Academy, which has no baptism.

—BY MARVIN LOWMAN

Madison Campus Members Help in Solomon Islands

Have you ever dreamed of spending a month on a beautiful island in the South Pacific with coconuts, bananas, and papayas growing all around?

In February, Madison Campus church members Jim and Judy Culpepper and Richard and Pat Sutton, joined 21 Maranatha International volunteers and 15 Australian Fly and Build Team volunteers in the Solomon Islands. Their goal: Build a boy's dormitory on the campus of the Kopiu Adventist High School within a 13-day time frame.

The Kopiu Adventist School had no electricity or hot water.

There were no air conditioners or fans. But, there were wooden bunk beds in the girls' dormitory for an inflatable mattress (if you brought one from home); a solar panel on the dormitory that provided single bulb florescent lights for about four hours each day; fresh running water outside the dormitory piped from a waterfall in the mountain above the school; an

outdoor toilet enclosed in black plastic; cold showers; a thatch-roofed kitchen with a beach stone floor, and a wonderful cook from Australia.

Prior to the arrival of volunteers, the Australian Fly and Build

Team shipped in steel roofing, plywood, windows, and doors for the project. Trees in the bush are the only source for framing buildings on the islands. Lumber was being cut as building was taking place, and carried, still dripping with sap, to the building site so the project could be completed within the targeted time frame.

Kopiu is a Seventh-day Adventist village. The members of the Kopiu church believe it is their God-given responsibility to spread the Gospel to the nonAdventist villages and to the mountain people of Guadalcanal who do not know Jesus.



Pat Sutton (left) and Judy Culpepper paint.

By most who volunteered, their lives would be viewed as mere existence. They have very few clothes, and many have no shoes. Although they live a very simple life, they are a happy, dedicated people who love the Lord. They recognize the importance of education for their children, and they were so grateful for the help that was provided in building the boys' dormitory for Kopiu Adventist High School.

—BY PAT SUTTON



Richard Sutton (left) and Jim Culpepper carry lumber from the jungle.

Charlotte Area Pastors Conduct Week of Prayer



Students and faculty of Charlotte Berean Junior Academy in Charlotte, N.C., stand with the pastors who participated in the Week of Prayer.

the week was "Jesus," and the theme song for the week was "Jesus in the Morning, Noon-time, Jesus when the Sun Goes Down."

The students, faculty, and staff enjoyed the messages of inspiration that were delivered each morning. The pastors seemed to be just as inspired by the

students. The students were presented with spiritual instruction regarding moral issues and conduct.

The Berean family hopes that the messages that were brought to the students during the Week of Prayer will have a lasting impression on them and encourage them to strive to become heirs to God's Kingdom. The teachers recognize their duty to prepare the students, not only for life on Earth, but for eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

—BY HENRIETTA BISHOP

Pastors Carl Nesmith, Ezra Mendinghall, Marquis Johns, and Eugene Hamilton, as well as Brian Wise, school board chairman,

came together to conduct a spring Week of Prayer on March 19-23, for Charlotte-Berean Junior Academy & Preschool. The theme for

messages of inspiration that were delivered each morning. The pastors seemed to be just as inspired by the

Dalton Holds Grand Opening of Church

Ribbon cutting for First Hispanic church in Dalton, Ga., was held on Saturday April 14, with William L. Winston, executive secretary of the Conference leading out.

It was the first church in that city to become a part of the South Atlantic association of churches. The church has a seating capacity for more than 300

people, and it is one of the most beautiful facilities constructed in Dalton.

Dalton is a city in north Georgia with the second highest Hispanic presence in the state of Georgia. The church is situated in the downtown area where most of the Hispanic businesses are located. This places the church where it is most convenient for the

Hispanic population.

Gabriel Gamez, pastor, and his wife, Mariaelena, have been the leaders of this congregation since its inception in 2000. The small group of 15 started out by renting commercial space of 1,000 square feet. The church has grown rapidly since then, and today more than 120 attend every Sabbath.

The guest singer for the grand opening was Kiomy Quintiana, who delighted the hearts of those present and helped in concluding the sermon preached by Winston. Efrain Poloche, South Atlantic Hispanic coordinator, was also in attendance, and assisted in translating the service into Spanish.

—BY EFFRAIN POLOCHE

Youth Give R&B Message to Community

The birth of Jesus has been told many ways—through music, movies, skits, sermons, and television. But, the youth at First church in Dublin, Ga., found a new way to tell the story. Under the direction of Wendy Wongk, First church youth, as well as youth from the community, they put on

a play called, "Youth With a Message—an R&B (Resurrection and Birth) Christmas."

It was the story of Jesus' birth told through sign language and praise with contemporary gospel music. The story is told from the announcement of the miraculous conception, as told

to Mary by the angel, to the triumphant resurrection from the grave. The dramatization included scenes with Jesus performing miracles of healing, raising the dead, and preventing the stoning of the woman who was an adulteress.

The play was held at the Dublin Theatre, and tickets

were sold to the public. The play was well received by those in attendance. Many of the community youth were impressed by what they saw and heard. The play was dedicated to Robert Derek Hazely, II, a young man whose life was tragically ended.

—BY PAM OVERBY

Boulevard Church Dedicates Fellowship Hall



Pictured are Nathaniel and Jo Hollis (left), and Juanita and Ralph Peay.

The Atlanta Boulevard church dedicated its Fellowship Hall on February 10, 2007, in honor of Ralph and Juanita Peay, former pastor and first lady of the congregation.

A scholarship fund has also been set up in

their honor. The Ralph and Juanita Peay Scholarship Fund will benefit youth who want to further their Christian education.

It has been said that it is appropriate to give a person flowers while he or she is alive, rather

than after death when the beauty and aroma cannot be enjoyed. It is for this reason that the Pastor Emeritus Appreciation Day was celebrated to honor five decades of pastoral, departmental, and administrative service to the Adventist Church. Nathaniel Hollis, current pastor, recommended and endorsed the special day for the church calendar, and asked Frank Stapleton, first elder, to facilitate the program.

During the divine worship service, family and friends paid tribute to Peay—not so much because of whom he is, but because of Whom he serves. His granddaughters stated that when they are having family gatherings, they are careful

about what they say and do, because they feel that they are in the presence of Jesus when “Pop Pop,” as he is affectionately called, is around.

The Peays are the epitome of servant leadership. After preaching, teaching, and ministering for more than a half century, Elder Peay states: “I can honestly testify that Jesus led me all the way.”

—BY FRANK STAPLETON



Ralph Peay delivered the message for the worship service.

High Point School Founder Honored by City

The City of High Point, N.C., is rich with many outstanding individuals who have become heroes and legends, not only in the African American community, but in the general High Point community as well.

Among the 20 historical places and 35 people making history in the *Heritage Guide* is Rosetta

C. Baldwin, the founder of Baldwin's Chapel Seventh-day Adventist Church School. A picture of Baldwin is included in the guide with remarks which state, “In 1922, at the age of 20, Rosetta Cora Baldwin began teaching kindergarten in the living room of her mother's home. As an educator, Miss Baldwin touched the

lives of seven decades of children. Known as a ‘warrior for Christian education,’ she worked to make certain that children in her community received a quality education. Her motto, ‘Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it,’ Proverbs 22:6. This is inscribed on the R. C. Baldwin Museum,

located on the street that bears her name—RC Baldwin Avenue.”

After the death of Baldwin in November, 2000, her home became the R. C. Baldwin Museum, which the city of High Point, along with her nephew, Julius Clark, is maintaining.

—BY BEATRICE BANKS

Touching Lives with Jesus' Love

BY R. STEVEN NORMAN, III

Nearly two years after Hurricane Katrina, the South Central Conference is still helping people in South Mississippi and New Orleans rebuild their lives and communities. To date they have helped 100 families repair their homes.

R. Steven Norman, III, Conference Adventist Community Services director (ACS), says, "When I went to the coast in July of 2006 and saw the number of homes that were devastated, and looked at the \$160,000 that I had to work with, I felt helpless. But, I presented the homes and money to God and began to work. God stretched the money, and now we have helped repair 100 homes. All I can say is God did it!"

We started by making sure that every Seventh-day Adventist member that presented a qualifying application for assistance was helped. Then we moved out to the community around our churches. We reimbursed the insurance deductible for 89 families. We also helped repair the homes of 11 families who were uninsured or whose insurance failed to pay.



Students and faculty of the Rogue Valley Adventist School of Medford, Oregon, presented a check for \$10,000 to assist with the repair of homes in New Orleans, Louisiana, and Gulfport, Mississippi. Fylvia Fowler-Kline, principal, and R. Steven Norman, III, Conference ACS director, are standing at front right.

The first miracle occurred in Gulfport. The house was filled with black mold and uninsured. The homeowner is a retired woman in her 60s, with no money and no place to go. We prayed with her and prom-

ised to repair her home. God then began to move. He sent people, supplies, and discounts. Just before Christmas her home was completed for less than \$15,000.

Partnerships with the North

American Division community services department, United Methodist Committee of Relief (UMCOR), the National Association of Katrina Evacuees, and other volunteer groups have been a great help. The first two volunteer groups to work with the South Central community-rebuilding program were the South Park Church in Birmingham, Alabama, and the Rogue Valley Adventist School in Medford, Oregon. Both of these groups worked in Gulfport and New Orleans during the week of March 18-23, 2007.

The South Park church, under the leadership of Willie Black, pastor, raised \$5,000 to help families rebuild their homes. With 16 volunteers and Bertham Rosembert, a contractor, they painted the exterior, leveled and stabilized the framework of a home in Gulfport, and then went to New Orleans where they hung drywall in a 2,040-square-foot home.

The Rogue Valley Adventist School came with 15 students and six adults. This team gutted three homes and cleared one dozen yards in four days. They also purchased two trailer loads worth of 2'x4' lumber on which they wrote Bible verses, and then donated the lumber to a homeowner who will use it to repair her roof. Fylvia Fowler-Kline,



Willie Black, pastor of the South Park church, fits sheetrock.

principal, says, "The home will be girded with the Word!" The students presented \$10,000 to purchase building materials for two homes in New Orleans and Gulfport.

We thank the pastors, churches, and members who are supporting this effort by contributing money to our "Sheetrock and Shingle Drive" and organizing skilled volunteer teams.

One homeowner who was assisted wrote the following: "Dear South Central Conference, Thank you so very much for your act of kindness. I have lost all of my worldly goods, but I have not lost my faith in God or His people. Thank the Lord for all of the Christians who are still out there helping other people get back on their feet

with the help of God. Your act of kindness to my brothers and me will never be forgotten. P.S. Enclosed is just a little something to help someone else out." The "little something" was a check for \$100.

Much has been accomplished, but much remains to be done. Estimates indicate that it will take more than 12 years to rebuild the Gulfport area. The New Orleans area will require even longer. The focus has been on rebuilding homes, but we have initiated an interdenominational move to assist churches. With hundreds of church buildings destroyed and congregations scattered across America, the faith community that helps counter-balance crime has been severely weakened. If the faith community is going to make a difference, we must help each other rise to our feet. To launch this initiative, the ACS department has adopted the Old Zion Baptist Church and is enlisting interdenominational support to help rebuild churches. Together, we look forward to success in this endeavor.

R. Steven Norman, III, is the director of Adventist Community Services for South Central Conference.



A Rogue Valley volunteer writes a Bible verse on one of the two-by-fours donated to a homeowner whose home was flooded by Hurricane Katrina.



Bertham Rosembert, a contractor, was one of 16 volunteers from the South Park church in Birmingham, Alabama. He is measuring sheet rock while repairing a Katrina-damaged home.

Student Receives \$62,996 Scholarship from Oakwood College

Vanessa M. Diambois, a member of the Tabernacle church, recently received a \$62,996 academic scholarship from Oakwood College.

Diambois received the scholarship at a special honors convocation at her local high school, North Miami Beach Senior High School.

Carol Byrd, Conference associate superintendent, presented the scholarship to Diambois on behalf of Jason McCracken and the enrollment team at Oakwood College.

Diambois is a Silver Knight nominee, a National Merit Scholarship finalist, and a National Achievement Scholarship finalist.

She plans to attend Oakwood College in the fall, and plans to major in biology to pursue her goal to become a geneticist.

Oakwood College ranks fifth in the nation in placing blacks in medical and graduate school.

Diambois is SGA presi-

dent and class vice president at North Miami Beach, where she ranks fifth in her class with a GPA of 5.5, and 2220 SAT test score.

She achieved a perfect score of five on the national English AP exam, and a four on the AP biology and AP calculus.

Diambois is very active in her church where she has 1,600 hours in community service, serves as AYS secretary, a member of Eternal Praise Youth Choir, and always seeks a closer relationship with God.

She also volunteers at Mount Sinai Medical Center's Young Presidents Club Child Care Center, where she began an introduction to poetry program for two- and three-year-old children.

David Peay, pastor, and the Tabernacle church family are proud of Diambois' academic achievements. Her family gives God all the praise and the honor for her success.

—BY CAROL BYRD



Vanessa Diambois volunteers at Mt. Sinai Medical Center.

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Intercessory Prayer Warriors Unite for Christ

More than 900 prayer warriors attended the second annual Southeastern Prayer Ministries Conference in Miami, Fla.

The purpose of the three-day event was to demonstrate to prayer warriors how intercessory prayer can impact evangelistic campaigns.

"Seventh-day Adventists have always advocated the importance of intercessory prayer in evangelism. However, how intercessory prayer functions in spiritual

warfare is not always clear to pastors and members involved in evangelism," stated Samuel Telemaque, director of prayer ministries for the Caribbean Union Conference and keynote speaker.

Telemaque demonstrated the power of prayer through a series of dynamic prayer sessions and workshops.

A prayer ministries Web site was launched during the weekend. The site features a prayer blog

where members can share how God answered their prayers.

While some may question the need for prayer ministries, Nicole Brise, Conference director of prayer ministries and conference organizer, feels that, "If we are to do God's will and finish His work, we must rediscover the art and power of prayer."

Southeastern is one of the three conferences in



Samuel Telemaque prays during the anointing service.

the Southern Union that has established prayer ministries.

—BY ROBERT HENLEY

Master Guide Campout Held at New Camp

Camp Alachua, the new Conference campground, provided the perfect location for the 2007 Master Guide Campout.

More than 60 Master Guides, club directors, and staff members attended, with specific instructions to carry one backpack with all they needed to survive the weekend.

John Ellington, district one Master Guide coordinator, and his staff worked diligently in planning a wil-

derness/training weekend. They showed the group how to live off the land.

They were taught how to cook eggs without any utensils by wrapping them in soft mud and placing in an open fire pit to bake; how to make a stove out of a tin can by boring three holes in the form of a smiley face, making a door opening at the back of the tin, placing over a small fire, and cooking on top; and how to make camping

furniture by lashing small sticks together to make chairs and tables.

Club directors and staff members were reminded

of the reason why they became Master Guides, and how they must continue to lead by example.

—BY SHEREE BARTON



Master Guides met at Camp Alachua for training.

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GC President Speaks to Students

Jan Paulsen, General Conference president, spoke to Southern's student body and gave religion graduates a few words of advice at the final vespers program of the school year, which included a special School of Religion senior consecration.

Paulsen emphasized the need to remember the basic message that Christ lived, died, and rose for us. He also reminded those who have been called to ministry that "if we do not

keep in focus that Jesus Christ rose in death, our faith is meaningless."

Students were encouraged to spread the word of Christ's second coming and to stand up for what they believe.

"If Jesus Christ is not part of your plans," Paulsen cautioned, "you have nothing to plan for."

—BY JAIME MYERS



Jan Paulsen, GC president, speaks to students after vespers.

Southern Recognized at Festival

Students, faculty, and alumni of Southern's School of Visual Art and Design were recognized at the 2007 SONSscreen Film Festival. The festival was also the premiere of the University's movie, *Secret of the Cave*.

The annual film festival, sponsored by the North American Division of

Seventh-day Adventists, is for Christian young adults and industry professionals who create outstanding film and video productions for outreach, social awareness, uplifting, and creative entertainment.

Senior film major Kevin Ekvall's documentary won the Audience Choice Award

and Outstanding Achievement in Documentary Film-making.

Senior film major Nick Livanos' short film won Best Comedy. Jon-Michael Brown, '06, won Best Public Service Announcement.

Southern alumni, Nathan Huber, '04, and Melody George, '06, were

on a discussion panel presenting "Surviving Your First Year in Hollywood." Nathan is working as an assistant to Kevin Bright, the creator of television's "Friends," and is developing two film projects. Melody is a freelance film editor and is developing a short film.

—BY ANH PHAM

SIFE Team Wins Competition

The Southern Adventist University SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) team won the Atlanta, Ga., SIFE USA regional competition on April 5. Securing this championship means the team will participate in the national competition in Dallas, Tex.

During this year, Southern's SIFE team organized 14 projects in the greater Chattanooga



Southern's SIFE team smiles after winning the USA regional competition in Atlanta, Ga.

community. In total, 21 SIFE students worked for 388 hours and impacted at least 797 people.

SIFE is an international non-profit organization active on more than 1,400 university campuses in

48 countries. SIFE teams create economic opportunities in their communities by organizing outreach projects that teach market economics, entrepreneurship, personal financial success skills, and business ethics.

Southern's SIFE team is a function of the University's School of Business and Management.

—BY LORI FUTCHER

Bringing the Homeless Home

BY JAIME MYERS

More than 90 Southern Adventist University students combed the neighborhoods of Chattanooga passing out fliers for a health expo sponsored by several of Southern's campus clubs. When the students ran out of houses, they took their message to the streets, and that's where Jeff Tatarchuk's ministry has been ever since. While passing out health expo fliers, a grassroots homeless ministry found the sophomore theology major.

Jeff was walking in downtown Chattanooga when he came across two homeless men and immediately introduced himself, handing them a flier and adding that there would be free food, a stop smoking meeting, and free massages.

"What religious organization are you with?" asked one of the men (we'll call him Dale), putting out his cigarette.

Jeff replied, "I go to the Seventh-day Adventist Church."

"That," Dale said emphatically, "is what I wanted to hear."

Dale's Search

Many of the homeless people living in Chattanooga spend time at the public library. They study, or go online to write emails to family or friends, and some even study the Bible. Dale was one of those whose curiosity about God and different Christian denominations led him to study Ellen White, Doug Bachelor, and the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Dale was full of questions for Jeff, ranging from anointing the sick, to Ellen White's status as prophetess. He also shared with Jeff his conscious need to give up rock music and smoking.



Among the homeless, Southern Adventist University student Jeff Tatarchuk has earned himself the nickname of "Pastor Jeff."

"You're the first Adventist who has ever witnessed to me," said Dale. Reaching into his pocket, he pulled out a paper with someone's phone number. "I was just on my way to call this pastor." Jeff looked down at the paper in disbelief. "That's my pastor!"

The Visit

Dale wanted to go to an Adventist church, and he wanted to meet Jeff's pastor, so they made plans to meet at the public library the next Sabbath at 9:30 a.m. On the way to the church, Dale mentioned that he had been experiencing chest pain that week and had to take an extra dose of his medication, but Dale wasn't going to let a little heartburn drown his excitement on his first day in an Adventist church.

During the service, questioning eyes sought out the odd pair—the clean-cut Southern student and the rough-around-the-edges homeless man. After the sermon, Jeff and Dale enjoyed the potluck luncheon. When a call for prayer requests was made, Dale expressed praise at finally being in an Adventist church.

Before saying goodbye to Dale, Jeff gave him his phone number so the two could make arrangements to

attend church again the following week. But, when Jeff didn't hear from Dale again, he began wondering if the "heartburn" Dale had been experiencing was instead something worse.

"I have a feeling that he may have ended up in the hospital or even died," says Jeff. "He was sincere and legitimate. I know if he had been able, I would have seen him again."

A Continued Ministry

Since meeting Dale, Jeff has continued to work through campus organizations like the South East Youth Conference's Open Door Project to lead the homeless to Christ.

Every week Jeff combs the streets for the down-and-out to take to an evangelistic series or to church. In fact, among the homeless of Chattanooga, he has earned himself the name "Pastor Jeff." He is also organizing worship services at a subsidized housing development.

"Homelessness isn't just a lack of food or shelter; it's an inadequate connection with the community, friends, and family," says Jeff. By giving of his time and heart, Jeff is repairing that connection.



Jeff has discovered that one of the biggest needs among the homeless, like the couple pictured here, is a sense of connection to community, friends, and family.

Camp Meeting's Comin'...



*South Central Conference 61st Camp Meeting
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Theme Song: "Press On"*

Key Note Speaker, Friday Night:

June 8, 2007 - Pastor John Nixon
Collegedale SDA Church, Collegedale, TN

Sabbath Divine Worship Speakers:

June 9 - Dr. Ron Smith
Executive Secretary, Southern Union
June 16 - Pastor Wintley Phipps, World of Praise

All Night Prayer Meeting:

Tuesday, June 12, 10:00 pm-Sunrise

Ordination Service:

June 16, 5:00 pm
Speaker: Elder Dennis Ross
Director, Evangelism, Southern Union

Youth Speakers:

June 9 - Pastor Baron Sovory, Associate Pastor
Mt. Rubidoux SDA Church, Riverside, CA
June 16 - Pastor Damian Chandler
Impact Youth Ministries

Young Adult Speakers:

June 9 - Pastor Abraham Jules
Mt. Vernon SDA Church, Mt. Vernon, NY
June 16 - Pastor Debleaire Snell
Lima Drive SDA Church, Lexington, KY

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Friday

Getting Ready for Eternity
Sabbath

The Controversy in Heaven
Sunday

The Controversy in Eden
Monday

The Plan of Redemption
Tuesday

The Controversy Today
Wednesday

God's People Delivered
Thursday

Women's Ministries
Friday

Home Alone
Sabbath

The Controversy Ended/Eden Restored



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Children's Ministries
And much more...



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CORRECTION:

One of the captions printed for the May South Central feature on page 21, reads:

Roy Rugless (left), prayer coordinator for South Central, leads worship with his wife, Diane Rugless, and Cindi DeWild, prayer coordinator for Gulf States. Roy Rugless' wife's name is Elaine.

Shower Brings Blessings

BY TERRY HAIGHT, REBECCA BROOKS, AND KEN WETMORE

It has been nearly a year and a half since Hurricane Katrina devastated communities along the Gulf Coast. However, the victims still have needs, and the Georgia-Cumberland Conference is continuing to help meet those needs from funds donated to the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

The Conference has used a large portion of these funds to provide a shower trailer for people in areas affected by the hurricane. The insulated semi-trailer holds 13 portable showers, along with sinks covered by an awning outside. A 3,000-gallon water container, propane water heaters, ventilation and heating systems, a generator, and a water filtration/purification system are all packed inside the trailer, guaranteeing that it will operate in almost any area—no matter what the infrastructure.

The Conference is currently putting the shower trailer to use in

Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi, at the camp for His Hands and Feet Ministry, which is a self-supporting ministry under the direction of Todd Johnson and Joe Sexton. The group began by helping with debris removal right after the storm, and stayed on, switching its emphasis from debris removal to rebuilding homes for people with little or no insurance. They set up a camp where volunteers stay while they work. The camp supplies a bed, three meals a day, laundry facilities, and now the new shower trailer. The Conference's regular disaster response trailer is also there, serving as the office for His Hands and Feet Ministry. These facilities are provided free of charge.

Shower trailers built commercially range from \$100,000 to \$300,000 dollars. However, Southern Adventist University's transportation services department volunteered to build the unit virtually at cost.

"I have been down to Mississippi about three

times following Hurricane Katrina, and I know what the facilities are like. I know there is a real need for shower trailers, so I was really excited when I got the call to make this happen," said Barry Becker, director of Southern's transportation services department.

"A mobile shower unit in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference will have long term value. It will enable us to provide this service in future disasters, and more importantly, it will enable us to provide an immediate response whenever disasters strike," says Ed Skoretz, Conference Adventist Community Services and disaster response director. He sees the shower units as an opportunity for members of the Conference to be among first responders to disasters and said the units can serve as the central point from which other relief work can flow.



A hot shower after a hard day of work can make all the difference for people still cleaning up after Hurricane Katrina.



Volunteers wash their hands in hot running water at the sinks outside the Georgia-Cumberland Conference shower trailer.

His Hands and Feet Ministry reports that it is involved in several projects in the Bay Saint Louis and Waveland, Mississippi, areas. There is still a need for skilled volunteers, such as carpenters, electricians, plumbers, sheetrock hangers, and roofers, to volunteer their assistance. The ministry requests that those wishing to volunteer call or e-mail first to make arrangements, as volunteer efforts need to be coordinated with job and materials availability. Contact information for His Hands and Feet Ministry: Todd Johnson 423-802-9917; Joe Sexton 423-442-0345; digging4gems2@juno.com.

Obituaries

ALCOCK, Theresa, 87, born Oct. 25, 1918, died Aug. 15, 2006. She was a charter member of the Silver Springs Shores church in Ocala, FL.

ANDERSON, Ann, 80, born in Meriden, CT, died Oct. 18, 2004 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center. She worked for 26 years at Florida Hospital. She was a member of the Shelby, FL, church; and a former member of Kress Memorial in Orlando.

AYERS, James B. (Jimmy), Jr., 59, born Feb. 22, 1947 in Davidson County, TN, died Dec. 11, 2006 in Springfield, TN. He was an active member of the Cross Plains, TN, church.

BARNES, Edward J., 98, born November 8, 1908 in Denver, CO, died March 28, 2007. He retired from the Florida Conference after serving as Educational Superintendent. Prior to that, he also was Education Superintendent of the Kentucky/Tennessee, Ohio, and Virginia conferences. He also served as the Dean of Men at Southern Missionary College (Southern Adventist University) in Collegedale, TN. He taught Bible school classes at Forest Lake Academy and was the Principal at Kansas City Elementary SDA School. Once retired, he began his missionary work in Singapore as acting Education Director for the Far Eastern Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Singapore with his wife, Iva, for three years; covering the region from Vietnam all the way to New Guinea.

CAMP, Tom, 65, born Jan. 19, 1941, died May 11, 2006. He was a member of the Forest Lake church in Apopka, FL. At the time of his death he had been employed for six years as a receiving clerk/truck driver at the Florida Adventist Book Center.

CLARK, Emma, 100, born June 22, 1906, died Oct. 19, 2006. She was a member of the Florida Living church in Apopka, FL. She was a literature evangelist in Baltimore, MD, from 1945-1965.

CRESS, Charles C., 84, born Aug. 27, 1922, died Oct. 24, 2006. He was a member of the Collegedale, TN, church. He served more than 45 years in pastoral ministry for the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

EATON, Irene, 83, born Feb. 21, 1922, died Feb. 9, 2006. She was a member of the Dayton Beach, FL, church.

EVANS, Joanne Nichols, 69, born Sept. 26, 1937, died Oct. 10, 2006. She was a member of the Collegedale, TN, church and had retired from Southern Adventist University after 28 years of service.

FARIA, Edward C., 81, born in Peabody, MA, died April 5, 2006 in Columbia, SC. He was a member of the Columbia church where he held numerous offices.

FREDERICK, Brendalie, 41, born Jan. 28, 1965, died Dec. 1, 2006. She was a member of the Collegedale, TN, church.

HAINES, Edith, 100, born Oct. 6, 2006, died Jan. 11, 2007. She was a member of the Florida Living church in Apopka, FL.

HAYNES, Pauline, 79, born April 25, 1927, died Nov. 30, 2006. She was a member of the Fannin County, GA, church.

HORTON, Mary Gracie, born Aug. 5, 1919,

died Dec. 28, 2006. She was a member of the Ellijay, GA, church.

IMBRIANO, James Francis, 55, born April 4, 1951 in Brooklyn, NY, died Nov. 27, 2006 in Charlotte, NC. He was a member of the Charlotte Sharon church.

JACOBS, Alberta Mabel, 95, born July 29, 1911, died Oct. 27, 2006. She was a member of the Collegedale, TN, church.

JACOBS, Ray L., 95, born Jan. 25, 1911, died Dec. 13, 2006. He was a member of the Collegedale, TN, church. He had 38 years of overseas mission service in Cuba, Peru, Lebanon, and Haiti. He retired in 1975 as secretary of the Afro-Mideast Division based in Beirut, Lebanon.

JONES, Carl E., died December 14, 2006, in Sulphur, OK. He was a member of the Benton, Ladd Springs, Highland, TN., and the Groveland Academy church, which is now the Pine Lake Resort church. He was Vice Principal and Boys Dean at Highlandale Academy in Rockland, WI.

KINGRY, Elizabeth Cress Foxworth, 88, died Dec. 25, 2006. She was a member of the Collegedale, TN, community church. She served as the community services director for the Pensacola, FL, church for many years.

KNAPP, Brooke Leah, 1, born Jan. 10, 2005 in Chattanooga, TN, died Nov. 9, 2006 in Villa Rica, GA. She was dedicated at the Douglasville, GA, church; where her parents, Ron and Dianna Knapp, and her five-year-old brother, Braden Dale Knapp, are members.

KOCH, Willa Faye, 61, born July 27, 1945 in Cleveland, TN, died Aug. 5, 2006 in Clanton, AL. She was a member of the Clanton church.

KWASNESKI, John, 94, born Jan. 21, 1912, died Nov. 18, 2006. He was a member of the Daytona Beach, FL, church.

LUND, Howard, 81, born Aug. 12, 1925, died Nov. 12, 2006. He was a member of the Collegedale, TN, church.

MAIER, Anna, 89, born Aug. 5, 1917, died Dec. 14, 2006. She was a member of the Kress Memorial church in Winter Park, FL.

MCKEWEN, Willard Robert (Bob), 81, born Dec. 21, 1923, died Sept. 19, 2005. He was a member of the Calhoun, GA, church.

MICHAUD, Carol Eva Hemba, 93, born Oct. 2, 1912 in Purvis, MS, died July 6, 2006 in Hattiesburg, MS. She was a member of the Hattiesburg church.

MORRIS, Aston, 86, born Aug. 19, 1920, died Oct. 22, 2006. He was a member of the Palm Coast, FL, church.

MOSES, Marion Maurice Maxwell, 92, born Aug. 17, 1913, died Aug. 2, 2006. He was a member of the Ringgold, GA, church. He worked for 25 years in institutional maintenance for the Southern Union Conference.

MOSES, Miriam Crystalene, 84, born Oct. 13, 1921, died March 25, 2006. She was a member of the Ringgold, GA, church. She worked for Forsyth Memorial Hospital as an LPN and the Southern Union Conference.

RAITZ, Sandra (Sandy), 37, died Oct. 30, 2006 in Denver, CO. She was a graduate of

Georgia-Cumberland Academy and Southern Adventist University.

RICHARDS, Berneva, 92, born May 2, 1914, died Nov. 12, 2006. She was a member of Florida Living church in Apopka, FL. She was a church-school teacher from 1949-1953 at the Culver School in Rochester, NY, teaching grades 1-4; and at the Rochester Junior Academy from 1975-1981, teaching grades 1 and 2.

RICHERS, Dr. Rex, 71, born Sept. 20, 1935 in Ipswich, England, died Jan. 1, 2007 in Collegedale, TN. He was a member of the Collegedale, TN, church. He was a retired minister and administrator having served in Britain, Southern Asia, and the United States.

SERRA, Michael, 61, born Aug. 25, 1945, died Dec. 25, 2006. He was a member of the Winter Springs, FL, church.

SMITH, A. B., 79, died Nov. 21, 2006. He was a member of the Meridian, MS, church.

STONE, Bobbie Jean Shealy, 73, born in Lexington County, SC, died Dec. 21, 2006 in West Columbia, SC. She was a member of the Columbia church, where she was a former treasurer, active both in the music program and a ladies trio, "The Melody Aires."

STRAKER, William, 82, born March 11, 1924, died Sept. 18, 2006. He was a member of the Silver Springs Shores church in Ocala, FL.

STRAW, Arlington, 69, born April 19, 1937, died Oct. 7, 2006. He was a member of the Walker Memorial church in Avon Park, FL.

SWAIN, Mary E., 96, born June 30, 1910 in Buncombe County, NC, died Oct. 9, 2006 in Morganton, NC. Mary was a member of the Morganton church.

SWINSON, H. Arthur, 78, born April 8, 1928, died July 19, 2006. He was a member of the Wauchula, FL, church. He was a pastor, evangelist, and administrator for more than 26 years in the Chesapeake, Iowa, Texas, Texico, Illinois, and Florida conferences.

TY, Tu, 70, born June 2, 1936 in Cambodia, died July 3, 2006 in Lexington, NC. He was a member of the Lexington church.

VANDERBOSS, Arthur M., 76, born Nov. 8, 1930, died Nov. 20, 2006 in Friendsville, TN. He attended the Portland, TN, church.

VIDONIS, AnnaMaria, died Dec. 8, 2006. She was a member of the Daytona Beach, FL, church.

WESTCOTT, Gerald, P., 71, born Sept. 26, 1934, died Aug. 31, 2006. He was a member of the Atlanta North church.

WYATT, Seither Aubrey, 60, born Oct. 16, 1946 in Charlottesville, VA, died Nov. 11, 2006 in Columbia, SC. He was a member of the Columbia church.

YOUNG, Georgia Ann, 54, died July 24, 2006 in Columbia, SC. She was a member of the Columbia church.

ZERVOX, John George, 52, born Aug. 12, 1953 in Takoma Park, MD, died May 30, 2006 in Orlando, FL. He was a radio engineer at WGTS for 15 years, and worked with Drs. Hiten and Keough in the external degree program at Columbia Union College. He was a member of the Forest Lake church in Apopka, FL.

Takoma Adventist Hospital Affiliates with Wellmont Health System



Takoma Adventist Hospital officially affiliated with Wellmont Health System in northeastern Tennessee on May 1. The affiliation was first announced in December when Adventist Health System and Wellmont reached an agreement to share ownership of Takoma. Adventist Health System transferred ownership of the 108-bed hospital to a new, not-for-profit corporation, with Wellmont serving as the majority owner. The hospital name was changed to Takoma Regional Hospital to reflect Wellmont's regional market.

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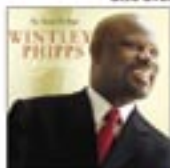
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World Church: New Site for Adventist Lawyers ...

The Office of General Counsel (OGC) at the Seventh-day Adventist Church's headquarters has launched a Web site to connect Adventist lawyers. The new site, www.adventistlawyer.org, will make it easier for church members to find Adventist lawyers in different parts of the world and allow the Church to easily share pertinent legal updates with the Adventist legal community, says OGC General Counsel Bob Kyte. The OGC used to list the names of all the Adventist lawyers in a book, but Kyte says "the day it was printed it was out of date."

The site now has the names and areas of practice for about 1,000 Adventist lawyers all over the world, but Kyte anticipates much more to come because lawyers can now submit their information anytime. The Web site will also have articles, news releases, case updates, and a roster for law students to register included on the site. [ANN Staff]

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Evangelism Series

July 1-Aug. 4. DeLand. Lester/Zula Pratt.

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June 30. St. Petersburg.

July 1. Clearwater, New Port Richey, Spring Hill, Brooksville, East Pasco in Zephyrhills, Plant City.

July 14. Tallahassee.

July 15. Perry, Cross City, Ocala, Silver Springs Shores, Belleview, Inverness.

July 21. Port Charlotte.

July 22. North Port, Venice-Nokomis, Sarasota, West Coast Christian Academy in Bradenton, Brandon, Tampa First.

July 28. West Palm Beach.

July 29. Jupiter, Fort Pierce, Cocoa, Titusville. (Southeastern Conference: Port St. Lucie, Palm Bay.)

Aug. 11. Jacksonville Southpoint.

Aug. 12. Jacksonville First, Orange Cove, St. Augustine, Palatka, Palm Coast.

Aug. 25. Maranatha in Miami.

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Youth Mission Trips—Details: 407-644-5000 x129.

July 20-27. Costa Rica.

July 23-Aug. 1. Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico.

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Planned Giving Clinic—Aug. 26. Northwest Dade Church.

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Women's Conference—June 16. Savannah, GA.

Kids in Discipleship Training—June 17-20. Collegedale, TN.

Olde Fashioned Camp Meeting—June 28-30. Deer Lodge, TN.

Advent Home Graduation—July 1. Calhoun, TN.

Family Ministries Boot Camp Training—July 13-15. Cohutta Springs.

GCC Uganda ShareHim Campaign—July 13-28. Uganda, Africa.

Women's Ministries Level II Leadership Certification—July 20-22. Cohutta Springs, GA.

CHIP Leadership Training Workshop—July 26-29. Collegedale, TN. Pre-registration required. Discount before June 28.

Gulf States

Conference Executive Committee—June 12. Montgomery.

Teen Mission Outreach—July 5-24.

Hispanic Youth Federation Meeting—July 20-22. Camp Alamisco.

Kentucky-Tennessee

Conference Association Board—July 24. Sept. 18. Nov. 27.

Conference Executive Committee

July 24. Sept. 18. Nov. 27.

Women's Ministry Executive Committee—Aug. 12.

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Announcements

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Stonecave Homecoming 2007—July 11-15. Chattanooga, TN. If you attended Stonecave Academy of Dunlap, TN; Stoneybrook Academy, Castle Valley Academy, or Beautiful Valley Academy, please join us this summer for the Reunion of the millennium. Details: 863-385-1856, stonecaveacademy@earthlink.net or www.beautifulstonecavecastleassoc.org

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Charleston, SC	8:25	8:28	8:31	8:32	8:32	8:30
Charlotte, NC	8:35	8:38	8:41	8:42	8:42	8:40
Collegedale, TN	8:52	8:55	8:57	8:59	8:59	8:57
Huntsville, AL	7:57	8:00	8:02	8:03	8:03	8:02
Jackson, MS	8:05	8:08	8:10	8:12	8:11	8:10
Louisville, KY	9:03	9:07	9:09	9:10	9:10	9:08
Memphis, TN	8:11	8:15	8:17	8:18	8:18	8:16
Miami, FL	8:10	8:13	8:15	8:16	8:16	8:16
Montgomery, AL	7:50	7:53	7:55	7:56	7:56	7:55
Nashville, TN	8:01	8:05	8:07	8:08	8:08	8:06
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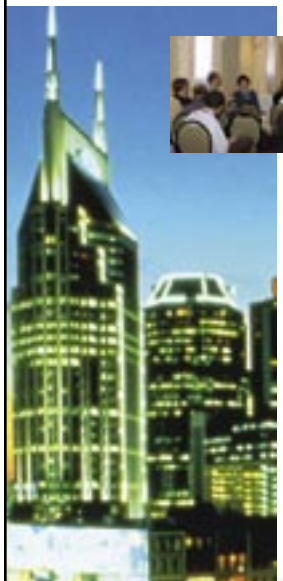
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