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Making the *First Move*

How did the feud get started, and who started it? Not sure. Often, disagreements and arguments that turn into full-fledged feuds live on without defining the reasons that originated the fight in the first place. What we know is that the Earl of Ormond and the Earl of Kildare, in Ireland, had issues. Serious issues. One day, in 1492, the Earl of Ormond had locked himself inside the Chapter House, taking refuge from his enemy. On that day, the Earl of Kildare decided to take action. He cut a rectangular hole in the door from the outside, and through it he stretched out his arm to grasp the hand of the Earl of Ormond, his enemy. By taking the initiative and making the first move to reach out in reconciliation, peace was restored.

That was a long time ago, but the story of reconciliation and restoration lives on as the door of the Chapter House is displayed in St. Patrick's cathedral in Dublin, Ireland. The picture of the door is worth a thousand words.

The Gospel story of grace and forgiveness is about the first move. "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" Romans 5:8. No matter the sinner's predicament, Jesus always stands at the door making the first move.

Maybe, just maybe, there's someone you know taking refuge behind some door that would respond to you making the first move. Maybe, just maybe, there's someone in the community who hasn't darkened the door of the church for years that would respond to someone from the church who would make the first move. Maybe, just maybe, you are thinking right now, "Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me."



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Give and it *Shall* be Given Unto *You*

BY JOSE LEGRAND

After He had chosen His disciples, Jesus came down from the mountain and in the presence of a great multitude began to instruct them. Among the instructions to them, which we find recorded in the sixth chapter of Luke, He said, “Give and it shall be given unto you...” Luke 6:38.

The apostle Paul, writing to the members at Corinth, admonished, “But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully” II Corinthians 9:6.

These instructions to the disciples and church members seem somewhat difficult to follow when the economy is on the skids and many of us struggle with the management of the resources allotted to us. When children need to be fed, credit card balances need to be lowered, and it is difficult to keep gas in the car, some of us have difficulty following these admonitions. We may think that we do not have much to give, but it is when we

give, even of the little that we have, that God will bless us as He did the widow who shared the last of her food with the prophet Elijah. She gave, and God provided a constant source of food to sustain her and her child.

Taking a closer look at the Christian and ownership, we find that the Psalmist reminds us that we do not own anything. He says, “The earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein” Psalm 24:1.

Perhaps our problem is centered in our view of ownership and stewardship. The worldly view regarding ownership might be stated in the following manner:

- I am the owner.

- I am responsible for my success.
- I am responsible to no one for what I do with my property.

Those of us who choose to serve the Lord have a different view of ownership. It might be stated as follows:

- God is the owner.
- I am His steward.
- God is responsible for my success.
- God holds me responsible for what I do with His property.

It might be well for us to arrive at a definition of stewardship that is easy to understand. In feudal times, the lord of the manor was often away for long periods of time. To

manage his property, he appointed a steward who was responsible to him for all details regarding the property.

Perhaps for those of us living today, the use of the word “trustee” might be more appropriate. It is likely that we have a better understanding of the duties of a trustee than we do those of a steward. Both terms have to do with management of properties that belong to someone else. For the Christian, this means management of properties that belong to God. If we truly believe His word, we must acknowledge that we own nothing, and that everything belongs to Him. He has, however, entrusted us with the management of His properties, and has promised to bless us in this regard. He does require that we return to Him a portion of the resources that are provided for our use, and we are blessed when we faithfully

return to Him both the tithe and our freewill offerings.

We have certain choices which we can make. We can give to ourselves, we can give to our families, and we can give to God’s cause. Our God is so gracious that He expects that we will do all of the above. The good steward or trustee will not just give by impulse, but will give after making plans for the gifts and their use — whether they be for personal use, for our families, or for the work of the Lord. This method of giving is called “planned giving.”

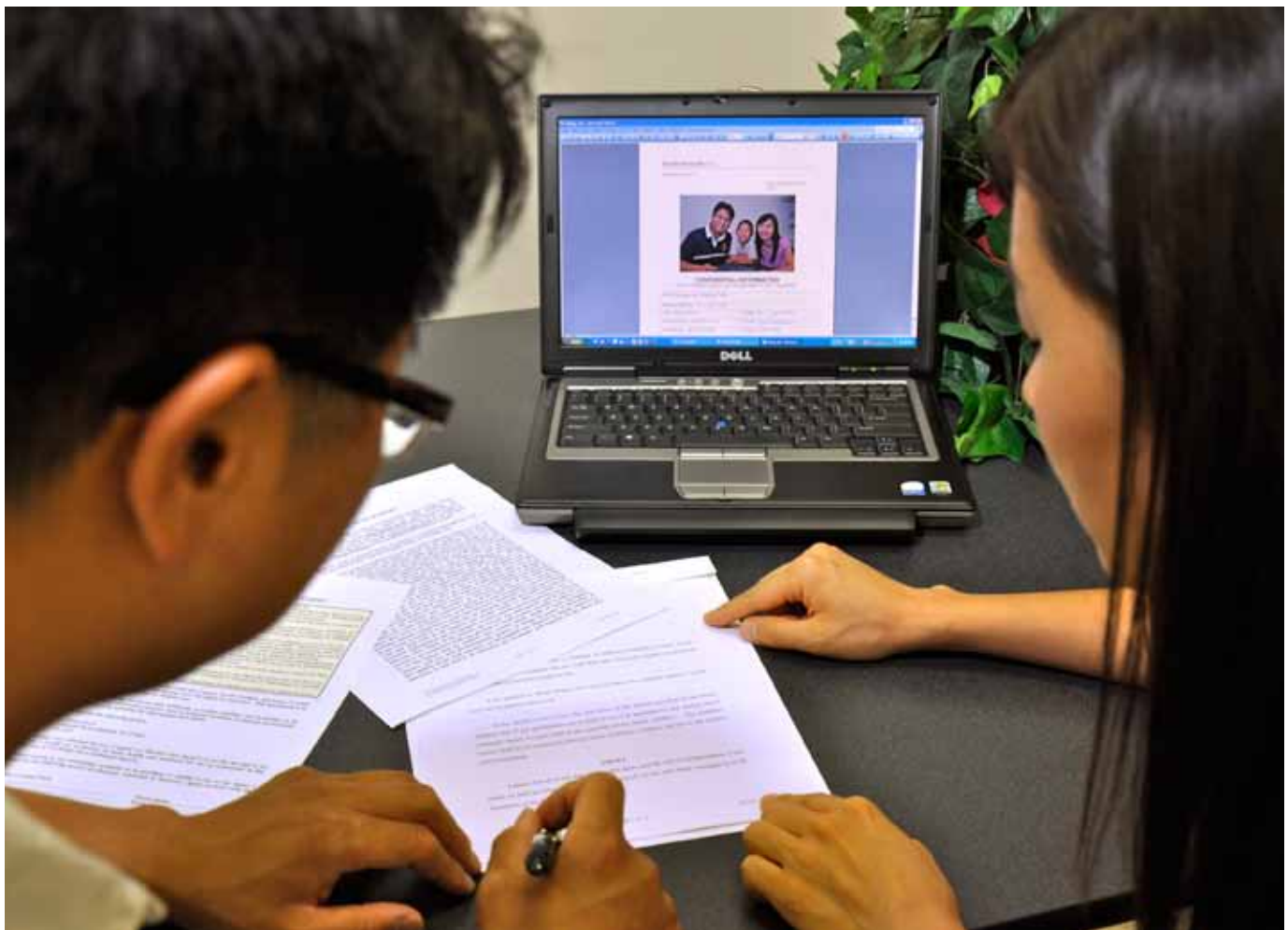
Those of us who claim to be Christians have accepted the role of trustee. We give in the spirit of philanthropy, accepting our role in the “great commission,” while also assisting others with their material needs. In recognition of the needs of others, and promoting philanthropy, our government gives us special incentives to give. We are allowed

to deduct up to 50 percent of our adjusted gross income for income tax purposes in a given year for gifts that are given to qualified charities. We are also allowed additional tax benefits. When we make certain types of gifts, the capital gains tax on long-term appreciated properties can be avoided. We also are allowed gift and estate tax deductions for gifts made to qualified charities.

Some of our readers may not be familiar with the term planned giving.

Perhaps a good definition would be this: Planned giving refers to gifts that are made with careful planning. For followers of Jesus Christ, this means making plans which include benefits for me, my family, other needy persons or projects, and for the benefit of the work of the Lord.

A number of types of planned gifts come readily to mind. Each gift plan listed can be used to meet



Unjong Yang, pastor, and his wife, Yeon Su, look over their trust and will documents.

your charitable objectives, as well as meeting yours needs during life. Plans include the following:

Bequests

Bequests are usually in the form of a last will and testament, and persons may provide through this legal document provision for family members and others, as well as providing for the spread of the Gospel.

Charitable Gift Annuities

These contracts between the donor(s) and a qualified charity provide income to the donor(s) and a remainder benefit to the charitable organization. The income to the donor(s) may be for lifetime(s) or for a specified time period, and the remainder benefit to the charitable organization can be designated for specific purposes which are approved by the organization.

Charitable Remainder Trusts

Trusts which are governed by state and federal law, these instruments provide income to the trustor(s), and a remainder benefit to the charitable organization. There are two kinds of charitable remainder trusts — the charitable remainder unitrust, and the charitable remainder annuity trust. Both kind are highly technical in nature and should be managed by persons who have specific knowledge concerning their management. Both the trustors and the charitable organizations have benefitted from the use of these trusts.

Charitable Lead Trusts

Trusts which are governed by state and federal law, these instruments provide income to the charitable organization for a designated period of time, after which the principal reverts back to the grantor or to the family. A lead trust is usually used when the donor does not need the income from a business or other assets for a period of time, and desires to assign the income to the charitable organization. There are two types — the grantor lead trust and the family lead trust.

Life Estate Reserved

This plan transfers the ownership of property to a charitable organization, but allows the donor to continue to reside in or use the property for lifetime, or for a designated time period. The donor enjoys the use of the property, but must continue to maintain the property in good condition and continue to insure the property, and pay any taxes due. After the death of the donor or the period of time allotted, the charitable organization is free to dispose of the property and use the income received.

Pooled Income Fund

This fund is managed by professionals to whom the donor may make gifts and earn income from the principal donated. For our denominational organization, this fund is managed by the General Conference. Donors may wish to use this fund instead of the stock market. After the death of the donor(s), the funds are used as designated for the work of the Lord.

Donor-Advised Funds

These funds allow the donor(s) to make gifts and provide recommendations for the use of the interest earned. It should be noted that not all of the denominational entities have established donor-advised funds. If your Conference has a donor-advised fund, you may find that the use of it can assist you in training your children in the principles of stewardship.

Bargain Sales

When an asset is transferred to a qualified charitable organization for less than fair market value, the organization is then able to sell the assets for a higher amount, which provides monies for the furtherance of the Lord's work.

Family Limited Partnerships

By transferring assets to a family limited partnership, persons may be able to realize considerable savings in estate tax, as well as training

other family members in the principles of stewardships. Gifts to qualified charitable organizations may be made from the limited partnership.

All of the above planned gifts provide tax benefits for the donor(s)!

Perhaps you have an interest in making one of the above planned gifts, but you need actual illustrations of how this type of giving has benefited individuals who have made these types of gifts. There are many illustrations that can be given, since many of God's stewards or trustees are following His plans for stewardship.

Here's one example: One of God's stewards (trustees) had monies invested in a particular type of investment. She chose a plan with a local Conference that quadrupled her income. In addition, she had the satisfaction of knowing that the Gospel commission would be promoted by her use of this particular plan.

For more examples, please talk with your local Conference or institutional director of planned giving and trust services for specific examples of how donors have been blessed by following the principles of planned giving. These directors are highly trained, and are certified for Planned Giving and Trust Services. They are there to assist you in developing your own estate plan, and to help you meet your stewardship objectives. ☞

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Please Note: The information regarding various estate plans provided in this article is intended to provide you with some basic knowledge regarding various estate plans and stewardship. It is not given as legal or tax advice and should not be used for such. For such advice please contact professionals with expertise in those areas.

When Hope Seemed Dim, God Sent Kerry-Ann

BY ALESHA DALEY

“When there seemed to be no hope, God sent hope.” This is a thought the Bible Bowl team from the Ambassador Church Pathfinder Club translates into, “...God sent Kerry-Ann Peters.”

For many years, this Lauderdale Lakes, Fla., Church team’s goal was to advance to the National Invitational

Bible Bowl Competition. The road to qualification begins each year when the Florida Conference Pathfinder department holds a state-wide Bible Bowl Competition among its Pathfinder clubs. From this competition, top

scoring teams advance to the annual National Invitational Bible Bowl Competition in Colorado.

In August 2005, D’Wayne Spence, Ambassador Church Pathfinder director, asked for volunteer coaches to help their club reach this goal. Kerry-Ann was among the first individuals to step forward.

From the beginning, it was clear that she meant business. Kerry-Ann taught the team by making assignments as simple and effective as possible. She incorporated study techniques she used while working on her doctorate in pharmacy school to teach memorization and understanding of the scriptures.

The team’s spiritual theme became, “Study to show thyself approved unto God,” 2 Timothy 2:15. They met three days each week, for two hours. Kerry-Ann guided the team members in creating bound studybooks and workbooks. Her varied teaching methods included group study, drama presentations, writing

questions, playing board games such as Bible Jeopardy, and taking numerous quizzes.

With this disciplined preparation, Ambassador Church Bible Bowl team took first place in the Florida State Competition in 2006, and the team was eligible to compete in the National Competition for the first time. The team then won best overall in 2007 and 2008 in Florida, coached by Kerry-Ann Peters, Keri-Ann Campbell, and Sharnett Morris, and again went on to the Nationals.

The 2009 Bible Bowl team was effectively coached by Kerry-Ann Peters. Her hard work continued to pay off as the team was crowned Florida State Champion. In March 2009, they tied for the National Bible Bowl Championship with the Covenant Church Trailblazers Pathfinder Club in Pembroke Pines, Florida.

God continues to lead Kerry-Ann in training students on the Bible Bowl team. The team prays that the Lord will continue to enrich her life. ✨



Above: Kerry-Ann Peters, Dr.Ph., incorporated study methods from pharmacy school to help coach the winning Ambassador Bible Bowl team. Right: Pathfinder Bible Bowl team members and coaches from Ambassador Church include Candace Almy (front row, left) and Albert Daley; Sharnett Morris (second row, left), Alesha Daley, Anyelina Mangru, and Kerry-Ann Peters; Wade Smart (third row, left) and D’Wayne Spence.

Serving for Fun

BY BENJAMIN B. STITZER



Standing tall in an old T-shirt, Jo Dubs, Georgia-Cumberland Conference director of women's ministries, calls the women to join her for prayer. The jokes of the morning take a momentary pause as they create a small circle. The women take turns praying for each other, the work sites, and the entire Appalachian area. After the prayer, more jokes and laughter fill the small fellowship hall of the Rogersville Church in Tennessee.

Women's ministries goes on a two-week service project each year called "God in Shoes." Women come and go as their schedules allow. Most are able to come for several days, but there are a few that stay for the entire two weeks. This year, June 14-27, nearly 40 women cycled through.

"I came up last week, but after I got home I knew I just had to come back," said June Heath of Bowman Hills Church in Cleveland, Tennessee.

Now, the vehicles are loaded and Dubs is donning a pin with the word "whining" circled in red and crossed through, similar to a no-smoking sign. The women are jovial and the pin seems needless. Once in their cars they drive through gorgeous scenery that seems to clash with the homes they are working on.

This trip focused on three sites. The first home belonged to a man they call Fuzzy who had become a quadriplegic. The project included

roofing his home, building a safe deck with wheelchair access, and creating a garden. The man took great pride in his yard, but since his accident has lost the ability to keep it up. The women took charge and created a scene the man could enjoy from his bedroom. The most unique part of the garden was the river rock outlining the bright red mulch. The rocks were gathered straight from the nearby river. Nearly 800 pounds of rock were collected, said Dubs.

"There I am, in the river. In one hand I'm on the phone, and with the other I am slinging river rock to the shore," said Dubs.

The second home belonged to an elderly woman who could not keep up her yard. The vegetation nearly took over the entire house. Blackberry bushes, trees, and shrubs pushed up against her home and filled the entire yard. The women were shocked to find out someone actually lived in the home.

"It was grown up so much it was nearly impossible to get to the house," said Heath.

The third site involved a woman with multiple health issues. The house needed major cleaning and painting. The women laid some responsibility on the son that lived there. They asked him to wipe down walls, so that the women would be able to paint the next day.

"I felt it was important to lay responsibility with him, and I'm real curious to see if he'd done anything," said Frances McCarter from Decatur, Tennessee, Church.

Along with the work sites, the women hosted an evangelistic series in the local community center. Each night they provide a meal for each person that attended the meetings.

Guacamole, salsa, onions, cheese, and various other condiments were set out to compliment the burritos. After the meal, the service began. The sermon depicted the second coming of Christ. Stephanie Sheehan, Evangelistic Resource Center coordinator from Southern Adventist University, detailed every aspect of the second coming and the New Jerusalem. She concluded with a call to dedicate lives to God.

"I am going through a lot, and this is a great booster-upper," said Cindy Durham, local resident of Rogersville.

The women's ministries service project has been coming on and off to this area for the last five years. The plan is to make a connection with these people, and create lasting relationships.

Dubs said, "We try and model the ministry after Jesus: Find their needs, meet them, and then ask them to follow." ❄

Below: Dick Dale (left) sawing a fallen tree for the women to carry away; a tiger lily in Appalachia; Jo Dubs with her "No Whining" pin; the garden for the quadriplegic; and Stephanie Sheehan preaching at the community center.



HEALTH INSURANCE

Caring to Touch and Heal

BY MARILYN ILLSLEY

In a hallway, shelves hold an array of non-perishable food, with a sign, "Take what you need and remember to leave some for others." A nearby table has a basket of free toiletries. A poster provides a quit-smoking toll-free phone number. The long wall in the patient hallway has a mural with photos of God's creation, with the words, "God saw all that He had made, and it was very good."

It's Tuesday morning at the Florida Hospital Waterman Community Primary Health Clinic in Eustis, Florida. Today, 23 patients will be seen by three physicians, including Sharon White-Findley,

M.D., who serves as medical director for the clinic, and comes every Tuesday morning to see patients and complete chart review.

Medical care will be at no cost to the clinic patients. They are adults, some of them working lower income jobs, others on disability or unemployment due to illness or accident. All are uninsured, and



The community clinic building in Eustis provides local residents in need with compassionate care.



Shirley Rowen, clinic volunteer, dedicates her time to serving the local community.

would otherwise be without care. The clinic's mission is "to provide spiritually motivated primary care for the temporarily disadvantaged."

The Florida Hospital Waterman Community Primary Health Clinic owes its creation to the vision of Jerry Reynolds, M.D., a Lake County doctor, who saw the need to give medical attention to the growing population of uninsured residents in lieu of emergency room visits for routine healthcare. In October 2000, Reynolds was able to enlist local medical providers to open the clinic two nights a week, working under the auspices of Florida Hospital Waterman and the supervision of the State of Florida Department of Health. In its first year the clinic provided free medical treatment, diagnostic testing, and medications to residents in 882 visits. That number will exceed 2,500 visits in 2009.

Hours of operation have expanded to every weekday. Care is provided for the 538 currently active patients by 25 licensed providers, some retired and others in active practice, as their contribution

to the community. Their work is supported by a staff of 23 volunteers and four full- and part-time employees, including the clinic's manager, Melissa Simmes.

The clinic is a high priority for White-Findley. She reflects, "It's a chance for me to give back. I've been so incredibly blessed by God! To whom much is given, much is expected." She actively recruits medical colleagues to bring their skills and talents as they enjoy this opportunity for meaningful interaction — reminiscent of days when medicine was less specialized. She muses, "The clinic works because so many contribute. I see the very best in my colleagues. As my Nana used to say, 'many hands make light work.'"

Anita Young, president of Florida Hospital Waterman Foundation, stops in frequently. She serves as hospital leadership support for the clinic, in addition to volunteering herself and securing philanthropic funding.

With full support of Florida Hospital Waterman CEO Ken Mattison, the hospital has provided the operating budget, patient ancillary testing, the employees, and the physical location. Though the hospital expends financial resources to operate the clinic, it ultimately is a benefit to the patients and the hospital. Many of the clinic's patients are dealing with management of chronic conditions: diabetes, hypertension, and high

cholesterol. Because of the clinic, these patients potentially avoid kidney failure, strokes, and heart attacks which could significantly impact their lives and the whole healthcare system.

Mattison has encouraged the hospital "family" to adopt the clinic as their local mission project. "It is important that we care for all in our community, regardless of their circumstances," he says. "We are instruments of God's healing touch, and it is gratifying to be able to reach out and give back through the clinic."

One clinic patient is Marcus, 23, who suffered from severe and recurring headaches since age 18. "When we found the free clinic last year," he says, "we were ecstatic. My job covers our family's bills, but no more than that. I'm not eligible for Medicaid. It was a relief to find the clinic." After tests determined he suffered from migraines, the clinic was able to provide free and effective medication, giving Marcus relief from the debilitating pain. "I have felt a lot better since the headaches have been gone. It's been a complete blessing." ✨



Firefall Concert Clinic Fundraiser team: Melissa Simmes, clinic manager; Sharon White-Findley, M.D., clinic medical director; Mickey Carroll, jazz artist and community philanthropist; Ken Batliner, event organizer and community philanthropist; and Ken Mattison, Florida Hospital Waterman president and CEO.

IT Happens Here

BY ROBERT HENLEY

It was a first of its kind, a retreat where unity and innovation came together. Todd Mace, director of information systems for the Southern Union, set out to achieve just that during the first ever information systems retreat, held June 5-7, 2009, in Savannah, Georgia.

Mace, who holds a bachelor's degree in theology and history, and is a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer and Certified Trainer, is anxious to see the Church embrace new technologies that he believes will enable us to spread the Gospel more effectively.

Attending the inaugural event were IT professionals employed by the Adventist Church in the Southern Union; IT departments from the eight local conferences; individuals from Oakwood and Southern Adventist universities; and IT professionals from Forest Lake Church, Forest Lake Academy, Atlanta Adventist Academy, Georgia Cumberland Academy, Mt. Pisgah Academy, and Madison Academy.

During the three-day event, the group crafted a vision that calls for excellence in IT and technology ministry. Assisting in that process was guest presenter Noel Rettig, Ed.D., whose workshop helped the group develop systems thinking approaches in order to develop better working relationships. The



Todd Mace (second row, center), Southern Union information systems director, and Nancy Lamoreaux (second row, center), North American Division director of information technology, stand with Southern Union, conference, university, and academy information technology directors who attended the first ever information systems retreat, June 5-7, in Savannah, Georgia.

event was entitled, "Unity Can Lead to Innovation," an intentional way to bring everyone to the table to inspire efficiency and innovation in ministry.

Traditionally in the Adventist Church, IT departments have played a support role. This is in stark contrast to the role of IT departments in corporate America. They are not seen just as computer technicians, but as valued members of their corporate teams who contribute to the success of the business by developing innovative uses of technology within those organizations.

"In order for the Church to be successful today, we must take a more active role in the development of innovations that will enable the Church to more effectively spread the Gospel today," states Mace.

Throughout the Union, collaboration and innovation is occurring on a regional scale. However, Mace wants to see a Union-wide effort that is both intentional and sustainable.

To achieve this vision, Mace believes that the various IT groups within the Union must become unified. "If we are to be successful in achieving the goal of creating innovative forms of evangelism, we must tear down the silos that separate us, and unify our efforts."

During the retreat, Mace outlined a plan to develop a network to share

resources and ideas, build a platform to deploy mobile applications for evangelism, utilize social networking technologies, and meet at least twice a year to foster a community among the IT groups. He also recognizes that meaningful training opportunities must be created to assist all employees to successfully integrate technology into their ministries. He plans to achieve this goal by partnering with the Oakwood University Technology Certification Program.

"Let the workers for God manifest tact and talent, and originate devices by which to communicate light to those who are near and to those who are afar off" E.G. White, *The Voice in Speech and Song*, p. 282. ✎

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Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center Unveiled

Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center in Daytona Beach, Fla., opened its new state-of-the-art facility in July, providing patients access to Volusia County's most comprehensive hospital.

"The opening of our new building marks an important milestone in



Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center opened in mid-July after years of planning and construction.

healthcare in our community," said Mark LaRose, Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center president/CEO. "We're bringing all our areas of expertise together — expert medical staff, research, technology, treatments, inpatient and outpatient care — and making it more accessible to patients."

Ten patient floors, with two shelled out for future needs, comprise the 718,000-square-foot facility located on a 135-acre campus.

Enhanced services in the new facility include all private patient rooms with window views, an expanded emergency department and BirthCare Center, an endovascular/hybrid operating room, and inpatient and outpatient surgery.

New technology includes the areas only Siemens Somatom Dual Source



Mark LaRose (center, kneeling), Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center president/CEO, cuts the ceremonial ribbon with the Link family. Joining in the festivities are Darlinda Copeland (left) COO; Don Jernigan, Adventist Health System president/CEO; Michele Goeb-Burkett, clinical services vice president; Ron Jimenez, M.D., chief medical officer; and Debbie Thomas, CFO.

64-Slice CT scanner, which gives doctors a view inside the body not previously possible, and offers faster, painless exams to detect heart disease and strokes earlier.

"The new facility was designed with patient safety and privacy in mind and to enhance the healing process, which is reflected through the building, from

the use of natural light throughout all areas to our programs and services, down to the choice of colors," said LaRose. "With its state-of-the-art equipment and features, the new medical center allows the community to receive faith-based, compassionate care close to home."

—BY MICHELLE LYNCH

New Healing Art Displayed at Gordon Hospital

In Calhoun, Ga., new masterpieces are now being displayed in Gordon Hospital's Healing Arts Gallery.

Visitors and patients alike are enjoying the colorful works of art created by Coble Elementary School students on the topics of nutrition and healthy foods.

"We are



Gordon Hospital's Healing Arts Gallery includes masterpieces by Coble Elementary School students. Pictured are committee members Davette Watson (left), Bonnie Shadix, Daniel Hebard, and Brandon McDaniel; and students Jenna Peel, Gabby Alvarez, Cailey Moore, Sam Moore, and Caleb Alvarez; with Cory Reeves, Gordon Hospital's CFO (squatting).

thrilled to share this artwork at Gordon Hospital," said Davette Watson, a member of the hospital's Healing Arts Gallery committee. "This gallery continues to bring smiles to the faces of everyone who takes the time to enjoy them."

The program was

initiated in 2005 to bring health education to local school children. Gordon Hospital staff members provide a brief educational presentation on a health topic, and then the children are asked to draw a picture illustrating the topic. Each student receives a blue ribbon for participating. Art is collected from each of the schools, and the staff members choose several winners to display in the gallery.

—BY KAREN SHAW

Wilkesboro Dedicates New Sanctuary

The little, white, one-room church on Highway 16 in Moravian Falls, N.C., has been the church home for the Wilkesboro Church members for decades. That all changed on Sabbath, May 23, when Wilkesboro members held a church dedication for their new sanctuary.

Families from churches in the surrounding area joined in celebrating this happy occasion. Among

those joining in the celebrating were church families from the Lincolnton, N.C., Church, when they brought their children's bus loaded with community children.

Pictured right: Checking out the plans of the new church sanctuary are Eric Hagan, church pastor; Larry Holbrook, church treasurer; Tim Houser, first elder; and Jim Davidson, Conference-president.

—BY RON QUICK



Mount Pisgah Academy Administrator, Counselor, Friend Dies at 79

Ted Graves, beloved teacher and administrator for many years at Mount Pisgah Academy (MPA), passed away on January 3, 2009, after a battle with cancer. He was born January 14, 1929, in Graysville, Tenn. After high school his mother's pastor encouraged him to attend Southern Missionary College. It was there that he met Mary Jane Farrall. After the first date, they were devoted to each other, and married on August 9, 1950. With a wife, then a son by 1952, and no financial backing, Graves worked his way through college. During his senior year (1953-54), he was invited to become the assistant pastor of the Colledale Church.

When Graves arrived at Mt. Pisgah Academy in the fall of 1974, he already had more than 20 years of experience. This experience included church pastor, youth director, secondary teaching,



education courses, and a master's degree in counseling and guidance. He began at MPA teaching Bible I, II, III, and history, as well as sponsoring the senior class. By the next school year, Graves had added guidance counselor and Student Association sponsorship to his duties. The classes Graves taught through the years shifted some to include speed reading and psychology in 1979, and Adventist heritage in 1983.

Graves became assistant principal in 1980. In 1983 he became principal, while

remaining a counselor and teacher. Graves's leadership as principal continued through the 1986-87 school year. During his time as principal, the administration building burned early one morning. The building of a new center for administrative offices and classrooms was overseen by Graves.

With Graves's preference for teaching and counseling young people, he was allowed to lay down the administrative work. In the fall of 1987, Graves returned exclusively to guidance counseling and teaching.

Graves was a man of many talents. Some students may remember seeing him painting the nature scene on the school entrance sign. He retired from teaching in 1993. The Graves family continued to live in the community, and were active members of the Mt. Pisgah Academy Church. Graves taught one of the adult

Sabbath School classes and assisted his wife with the church library. Their community service included working with the Asheville chapter of Meals on Wheels.

The many MPA graduates at Graves' memorial service were given an opportunity to express their memories of this beloved educator. Two current MPA teachers who are also graduates, Brian Hindman and Marca Age Wilson, said, "He believed in me." In his homily, MPA Church pastor and graduate Michael Brackett shared that he never forgot Graves saying during his senior year Bible class, "Be willing to be willing to give all to God."

Ted Graves will be missed by his loving wife and family; great numbers of MPA graduates, former students, and staff members with whom he worked; and his church family.

—BY LINDA GROW

Morganton Church Becomes Debt-Free



Gary Ault (left); Barry Maborney, pastor; Ted Brackett; Garry Duckworth, head elder; Wanda Beck, church school teacher; Rick Russell, Conference treasurer; and Tim Sheridan, former Morganton pastor

The Morganton Church had a mortgage burning event on May 16, 2009. While the average note for most churches takes 15 to

20 years to pay off, with the Lord's blessing, they were able to pay the mortgage off in two years!

Tim Sheridan, pas-

tor, helped the members design their new facilities. This included a church, school, and community service center.

The Morganton Church has a rich history dating back to 1940. Since 1950, the Silver Creek Adventist School has provided quality education for its children, and the church has been steadfast in reaching out to the community — stirring up passion through evangelism and Bible study. During the 1980's and 1990's, Tony Cirigliano, pastor, was a strong and vital component in this area.

Education and evangelism have remained constant in encouraging the growth and faith of this church. This story reminds all to focus on the spiritual need of others, and let God take care of the rest.

—BY JACQUIE PINDER

Five Oaks Members Walk “Around the State” to Lose Weight

“When properly conducted, the health work is an entering wedge, making a way for other truths to reach the heart” *Counsels on Diet and Foods*, p. 73.

The Five Oaks Church in Durham, N.C., put this counsel into practice recently with its first CHIP (Coronary Health Improvement Project) program. Thirteen individuals attended to learn simple lifestyle changes that have helped them to dramatically lower cholesterol levels, and lower their blood pressure and weight.

Though held in a neutral location, it wasn't long

before the curious participants figured out that the CHIP program was being run by Seventh-day Adventists. Many of the materials CHIP uses are produced in Loma Linda, and they quickly made the connection to the publicity the Church has received on longevity. By that time, bonds of friendship had formed, and the participants were ecstatic with the progress they could see and feel as they began to adopt a new lifestyle.

The class even set the goal of walking the distance of half of the state of North Carolina, but when they



Roy Terretta (right), CHIP leader, and other class participants illustrate the distance they walked during their program.

totalled their exercise mileage from the last day of the course until graduation, they added another 280 miles. So they closed the loop and

continued past Durham, all the way to Winston Salem. The “entering wedge” is definitely working in Durham!

—BY ROY TERRETTA

West Palm Beach Spanish Church Serves Community Needs

More than 900 people benefited from a health fair, March 22, 2009, organized by West Palm Beach Spanish, Fla., Church with the Caridad Center. The Center offers a free medical/dental clinic in Palm Beach County. Staff provided more than 16 types of exams at no charge, including HIV tests, mammograms, blood pressure screenings, and eye exams.

“In addition to the health fairs, the church currently offers our community 21 different services,” says Vicmael Arroyo, pastor, “including a youth ministry in which the youth identify local families that need

help around their home, and legal help for undocumented immigrants.”

West Palm Beach Spanish also offers community families assistance through MiCasa, a nonprofit organization run from the church. This Adventist Center for Social Help Ministry offers food, clothes, access to counseling, and job search help, among other services.

“The church should be more than just a place for spiritual refuge,” says Arroyo. “We should be a group of people that cares about the well-being of our community.”

—BY NATALIA LOPEZ-THISMON



DANIELA ALVAREZ

Andrea Cárdenas was among those who participated in the West Palm Beach Spanish Church health fair.

Health Fair Plays Important Role in Soul Winning

The Sorrento Spanish, Fla., Company held a health fair on April 5, 2009. Four physicians, six nurses, and other health personnel provided services to 85 participants, including blood glucose testing, blood pressure screening, body mass index, chair massages, nutrition and cooking demonstrations, health lectures, Christian and health literature, water, various gifts from Florida Hospital Waterman, and free clothes from the Community Services Department.

The fair coincided with an evangelism campaign conducted by Joaquin Cazares, M.D., from Phoenix,



Evangelism meetings, conducted by Joaquin Cazares, M.D. (left), coincided with the health fair, resulting in four baptisms. Baptismal candidates pictured are Abel Serrano (second from left), Lazaro Mirabal, Alma Cortéz, and Bernardo Maceda, with Rafael Campos, lay pastor.

Ariz., who also presented health-related topics before his sermon each night.

As a result of the campaign, four individuals

were baptized on April 11, and numerous individuals are taking Bible studies and looking forward to baptism.

The Sorrento Spanish

Mission Group grew out of Mount Dora Church, and organized as a company in January 2008.

—BY CLIFFORD SUTHERLAND

Florida Keys Members Host Camp Meeting

As Sabbath hours neared, a gentle sea breeze and swaying palms beckoned more than 100 attendees to the April 3 and 4, 2009, Florida Keys Camp Meeting. The annual event was fully sponsored by Florida Keys churches and held at the Boy Scout's Camp Sawyer, located near mile marker 34 in the lower Keys.

David Asscherick, pastor, internationally known evangelist and founder of

ARISE Institute (A Resource Institute for Soulwinning and Evangelism), was the main speaker for the weekend — with messages that focused on righteousness by faith. Voices of Unity, an a cappella choir from Kissimmee, Fla., provided inspirational music.

The adult Sabbath School lesson was taught by Bob Boggess, Florida Conference volunteer lay pastors coordinator. A special program was provided



Guest speaker David Asscherick, evangelist and ARISE Institute founder, was invited back to the Keys Camp Meeting in 2010.

in a separate tent for the young people.

As the daylight Sabbath hours waned, a bonfire by

the ocean was the gathering place for participants to share testimonies.

—BY KARIN ALDERFER

Radio Spots Air in the Keys — Adventist churches in the Florida Keys are making an effort to bring Christ to local residents by airing daily, one-minute radio spots on two popular radio stations. The “Just a Minute” early morning messages feature church members reading favorite Bible promises and prayer from Juanita Kretschmar, pastor.

Paul and Marian Bernet Celebrate 60th Anniversary



Paul and Marian Bernet, members at Forest Lake Church, Apopka, Fla., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 12.

After Bernet's discharge from the United States Army in 1947, he met Marian Steely while volunteering as a primary division teacher at the Hampton Heights Church in Reading, Penn., where she served as department secretary. They were

married June 12, 1949, with E.D. Calkins officiating.

Bernet entered the literature ministry in 1947. He served as publishing director in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Potomac, and Greater New York conferences; and in Southwestern Union and Atlantic Union conferences. Bernet then served as a chaplain for 17 years at Florida Hospital Orlando.

While living in South Lancaster, Mass., Marian Bernet earned a nursing degree at Atlantic Union College and New England Memorial Hospital. Upon graduation, she worked at the hospital for seven years prior to moving to Florida, where she volunteers at Forest Lake Church.

The Bernet's family

includes three daughters, Linda Hausinger of Orlando, Joyce Hoatson of Orlando, and Deborah Gifford of South Lancaster, Mass.;

seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

—BY MARIAN BERNET AND GLADYS NEIGEL

North Port Church Celebrates Special Sabbaths

Health Emphasis

Day: Tom Davie from the Sarasota County Health Department presented tips for healthy living, and Anton Dameff, M.D., conducted a seminar on the Creation concept. In his sermon, Roy Bartley, lay pastor of Punta Gorda Church, stressed the importance of observing God's plan for overall wellness.

Deacons'/Deaconesses' Day:

Kenneth Ford emphasized every member's responsibility in his sermon, “How to Grow God's Church.” The members, community guests, and delegates representing six churches saw plaques presented to deacons and deaconesses for outstanding service.

—BY CYNTHIA JAMES

K.I.D. City Begins Pilot Program in Atlanta

Echoes of playful laughter whisk by as kids scuttle their way through the neighborhood streets racing towards the Pomianowski's home, anxious to play with the three little girls.

disciples of Jesus now! The ministry facilitates this by helping equip churches, parents, and mentors to implement the model of discipleship described in Deuteronomy 6:4-7.



SAM POMIANOWSKI

This group at the Chestatee, Ga., Church completed "Footprints for Parents and Mentors," a 12-week small-group Bible study for parents and mentors of children.

This everyday occurrence has been a continual blessing for Sam and Rebecca Pomianowski, a young Adventist couple who have recently dedicated their lives to a new calling from God.

This past March, the family opened their home to serve as a mission base for a ground-breaking ministry initiative called K.I.D. City, developed by the Kids In Discipleship ministry.

Kids in Discipleship (K.I.D.) is a ministry of the Collegedale, Tenn., Church that believes in mentoring kids to become empowered

K.I.D. City was created as a new approach to help teach families how to reach their neighbors for Christ by using their own homes as discipleship training centers. The Atlanta metro area became the pilot city for the project, with the Pomianowskis pioneering the mission.

"We have always had a burden to reach those around us, and although we haven't always openly made the effort to meet our neighbors, our house has always been open to them," says Rebecca Pomianowski.

"K.I.D. City has inspired us of the need to reach out to our neighbors, not just casually and accidentally, but purposefully and intentionally."

Since then, the Pomianowskis have been traveling from church to church in search of Adventist couples willing to utilize their homes as discipleship centers and using their own home as a model.

"We now have three churches that are fully involved in K.I.D. City," says Sam Pomianowski. "We are also booked to present this ministry to several additional churches in the Atlanta area through July."

This unique form of neighborhood evangelism is poised to take over the Atlanta area, and the growth will only continue. The K.I.D. ministry envisions this new missionary effort will gradually saturate many of the major cities in North America.

"Just when you think God has shown you everything He can, He surprises you again," says Gerard Carter, K.I.D. City site director and K.I.D. director of the Duluth Church. "K.I.D. City provides the opportunity to reach further than just

church and move into our own neighborhoods. It gives an opportunity for families to disciple families, and for kids to do what comes naturally to them."

After spending an entire day playing with the Pomianowski girls, the kids are ready to head back home. Right before they reach the door, the Pomianowskis surround the kids and offer a prayer for them and their families.

—BY CHRIS MATEO

Pykes Celebrate 60th Anniversary



Ron and Marilyn Pyke

Ron and Marilyn Pyke celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary June 4. Both have been devoted members of the Adventist Church all their life. They have lived in Coopersville and Bloomingdale, Mich., and Hendersonville, N.C., and currently in Collegedale, Tenn. They have instilled a strong faith and good Christian values in their five children, 10 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. They have been active members of the Cohutta, Ga., Church for many years.



JAY HICKMAN

K.I.D. City leaders Sam and Rebecca Pomianowski (center, across table) discuss how participants can grow in their personal relationship with Jesus and as spiritual mentors to children, with a group at the Chestatee, Ga., Church.

Health Expo Spotlights Prevention

There was a beehive of activity as people entered Andrews Recreation Park for the 2009 Health Expo on May 17, organized by Andrews, N.C., Church.

There were nine preventive health booths displayed, which spell the acronym "A NEWSTART," which stands for attitude, nutrition, exercise, water, sunshine, temperance, air, rest, and trust. Prevention was the spotlight, and people were encouraged to take charge of their health.

Integrated with each of the nine prevention booths were 14 tests. These tests made participants aware of specific needs — physical,

mental, and even spiritual.

For example, at the nutrition booth, the tests were for blood sugar, body fat, height, and weight. At the exercise booth, participants had their biceps, grip, and reach tested. The sunshine booth provided blood pressure and a skin cancer screening.

Each booth integrated prevention and cure. The tests alerted people to potential illnesses and, in some cases, a physician needed to be seen, or a lifestyle change needed to be made.

One of the most unique booths provided a computer print out for each participant with their

health age. This enabled them to see if they were older or younger than their chronological age, and told them what they could do about it.

It took about an hour to go through the expo and participate in all the tests, but for the information received, it was about a \$165 value. The total value of around 100 people that went through the expo



CARL HARTMAN

Body massages were provided by the Wildwood Hospital staff at the expo.

would be \$16,500.

There were at least 25 community groups or individuals who sponsored the Health Expo.

—BY CARL HARTMAN

Camp Meetings Offer Fellowship

The Hispanic and Olde Time camp meetings this summer allowed people to come together for fellowship and worship.

More than 1,500 people gathered for Hispanic Camp Meeting at Georgia-Cumberland Academy (GCA) in Calhoun, Ga.,

June 12, 13.

"When you come here and during the worship service, you're singing with other people — it's refreshing. It reminds you that there are more people than the people you know who worship the same God — who have the same beliefs

— and that is important for me once in a while," says Daniel Lucio of the Knoxville Hispanic Church.

Hispanic youth met in the GCA chapel to hear Rafael Escobar, a pastor from Puerto Rico, speak about what youth can do for God.

At Olde Time Camp Meeting in Deer Lodge, Tenn., June 18-20, the focus was prayer. The featured speaker was Ron Halverson Sr., retired Southern Union director of evangelism. Music was featured throughout



REBECCA BROOKS

At Hispanic Camp Meeting, featured speaker Merling Alomia, theology teacher and former president at Union Peruvian University in Lima, Peru, spoke about preparing for the end times.

the event, and there were workshops on Friday covering a variety of aspects relating to prayer and its role in a Christian's life.

—BY REBECCA BROOKS AND NICK CLARK



NICK CLARK

Music was an integral part of the program during Olde Time Camp Meeting.

Bass Memorial Academy Plans for New Day



Gary Wilson, pictured with his wife, Kathleen, accepted the invitation to be the principal of Bass Memorial Academy.

“We are planning for a new day at Bass Memorial Academy (BMA),” says Mel Eisele, Gulf States Conference president. He continues, “Our ultimate desire is for each student to leave with a connection to their friend Jesus, and to know He will be with them through their life. We want our faculty to sincerely care for each student. The staff will embrace Christian standards and demonstrate to the students that being a Seventh-day Adventist is a great way of life.”

With this renewed commitment, when students register for the school year at BMA, they will discover several staff members who are new on campus.

One of those will be the new principal, Gary Wilson. Wilson comes to Gulf States from the Nevada-Utah Conference, where he served as the principal of Silver State

Academy, and as the assistant to the director of education for that conference. He has a wide range of educational experience. He graduated from Walla Walla College with a major in biology and minors in religion and chemistry. He has served as a principal

of a boarding academy, and has helped developed three new day academies. There have been significant increases in enrollment in the schools under his care, one of them nearly tripled in size. The increase in attendance of these schools is attributed to a three point focus: the spiritual life, academic level, and customer service. He has been able to balance the unique blend of high

academics and spirituality, along with an active sports program.

Wilson says, “Our students will receive the best possible education from qualified staff in academics, spiritual growth, sporting activities, and work experience. We are also dedicated to finding ways to make this education affordable to all who desire this for their students.”

Dave Colburn has accepted the position of treasurer for the academy. Colburn received a bachelor’s degree in business with an emphasis in marketing from Southern Adventist University, and has subsequently established and enjoyed managing a piano instruction business in the Dayton, Ohio, area for the last seven years. Colburn and his wife, Marlene, enjoy birding, gardening, hiking, and sharing sacred instrumental music together in area churches. They have a one-year-old son, Elliott. Colburn and

his family are excited to be joining the BMA team when the new school year begins.

Jon Arroyo has accepted an invitation to serve as BMA chaplain, and his wife, Libna, will be the girls’ dean. Arroyo served as the pastor for the Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Columbus, Miss., churches. Libna Arroyo recently completed a master’s degree in guidance and counseling.

Other new staff

members include Tim Rumsey and Brian Gauthier. Rumsey will be the music department director. He graduated with a bachelor of music from Union College, and is currently working on his D.M.A. in music composition. Rumsey worked at Shenandoah Valley Academy for seven years, and directed the band, choir, and orchestra.

Gauthier will be teaching history. He graduated from Southern Adventist University with a bachelor in history and international studies.

His love for history began while attending Highland View Academy in Maryland. “My history teacher made history come alive,” he says. Gauthier’s goal is to create the same learning experience for his students. “History is important because it is the way we see where we came from, and learn how to take from the past what we experienced and improve on it,” he explains.

—BY REBECCA GRICE



Dave Colburn, new treasurer of Bass Memorial Academy, with his wife, Marlene, and son, Elliott

Correction



The caption for this photo in the June Southern Tidings should have read “Lee Whitman, pastor, cut the ribbon for the grand opening of Opelika First Church.”

Birmingham Churches Hold Joint Prayer Meeting



After group prayer, attendees departed knowing the presence of the Lord had been with them.

Birmingham Roebuck Church opened its doors to more than 200 fellow believers on Wednesday, April 29, 2009, as the Birmingham Area Adventist Pastoral Fellowship hosted a city-wide prayer, praise, and worship service. The Fellowship is a group of area pastors from the South Central Conference and the Gulf States Conference who believe that all must come to unity before the Lord will return. They meet monthly to develop programs and activities de-

signed to bring members of both conferences together to worship, fellowship, and enjoy social activities as one body of Christ.

The first joint event was held December 5, 2008, when more than 800 people from 10 churches participated in a moving Communion service.

The city-wide prayer meeting opened with Mike Curzon, pastor of Roebuck Church, calling everyone to prayer with the blowing of the Shofar. Alex Horton, pastor of Ephesus Church,

led the congregation in praise to the Lord through hymns and choruses. He then invited anyone who wished to give a testimony of what the Lord had done for them.

Following the testimonies, Ed Appudoray, Kirby Gray, and Linda Carter of Roebuck, led the group in singing praise, worship, and adoration. Beginning with songs of praise and thanksgiving, the music swelled to the rafters as the voices combined.

Next, Horton invited

the congregation to join one of four groups and pray exclusively for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on each individual, each family represented, and on each church. The point was made that until hearts are open and filled with the power of the Holy Ghost, they will not be able to fulfill the commission to take the Gospel to the ends of the Earth.

"It was an amazing thing to listen to the many voices as our requests were presented to the courts of heaven," expressed one participant.

Group prayers were followed by a one-on-one prayer time with a prayer partner.

Roy Gaiter, Norwood Church pastor, closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

—BY DVORAH CURZON

Blue Angel Parkway Conducts ShareHim Seminar

Six lay members of the Blue Angel Parkway Church in Pensacola, Fla., conducted a ShareHim Prophecy Seminar in May. One of those members was Betty Doyle, a 70-year-old new convert, who did not hesitate when Will Labrenz, pastor, asked for volunteers.

Last year when Doyle received a Bible Prophecy brochure in the mail, she glanced at it and put it aside. Later the same day, she remembered the brochure and picked it up

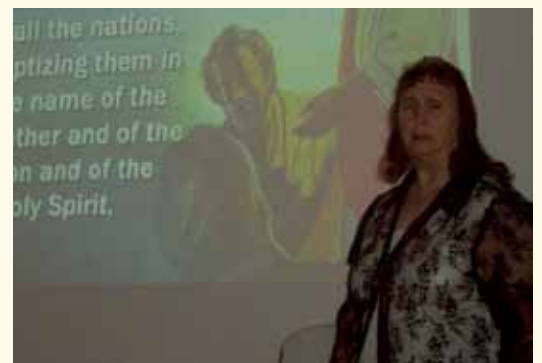
again. That's when she realized the meeting started at seven o'clock that night. She quickly dressed and went. She continued to attend night after night. "It was awesome," she says. "The presentation of each message was very clear and directly from the word of God. I had never heard these truths before in my life. Nothing like this had been preached in other churches I had attended."

Now Doyle wanted to share these truths with others, just as Labrenz had

when he conducted the series she attended.

Other presenters included Emma Arana, Dan Arana, Greg Knight, Andrew Puel, and Maria

Taylor. Three of those also presented the message for the first time. During the



Betty Doyle was one of the volunteers to share the wonderful Bible truths she learned with others.

16-day seminar, 25 visitors and non-members attended.

—BY MARIA TAYLOR

Lobelville Church Offers Health Screening

In June, Lobelville, Tenn., Church offered health screening to the local community. Nearly 40 guests from the community went through the stations: cholesterol and glucose levels, health/age analysis, blood pressure, height, weight, body/mass index, and personal lifestyle counseling.



Lobelville Church member Dawn Authur, R.N., gives health counsel to a woman from the community.

Many of the participants were delighted to receive a chair massage after com-

pleting the stations and consultation.

The registration form

offered an opportunity for guests to request notification of various programs, and to request Bible studies. A large number were interested in stop smoking, weight loss, and depression recovery seminars, as

well as health and cooking classes. Six were interested in personal or correspon-

dence Bible studies.

Guests lingered at the stations to talk with workers. One woman came in expressing discouragement, loneliness, and depression, but after connecting with a few church members and receiving the personal touch of massage, she walked out holding her head high and said out loud, "I feel GOOD!"

—BY LESLIE CAZA

Youth Conduct Evangelistic Series

Louisville First Church was blessed by a series of evangelistic meetings which featured the church's youth.

Brandon Voignier and Josh Mattingly presented thought-provoking sermons that encouraged the audience to study their Bibles in order to know what it says regarding last day events. Other young

people in the church helped make the event a success by participating in special music, working at the greeting desk, doing publicity, recording the services to make CD's, and serving snacks to encourage attendees to linger and chat.

Voignier and Mattingly are students at Louisville Junior Academy. Voignier

was in the ninth grade and Mattingly was in the 11th grade when the meetings were held.

The series resulted in a number of individuals who continued studying the Bible with the local pastor, Tim Madding, and all requested baptism. There were seven baptized in the afternoon on May 9, 2009.

—BY CLIFTON KELLER



Josh Mattingly preached during the evangelistic meetings conducted by the youth of Louisville First Church.



Josh Mattingly (left) and Brandon Voignier talk about what they might undertake next.



Sydney Stephens (left), Cassidy Stephens, Hanna Numi, Isabella Voignier, Noah Stephens, Golda Ruckle, and Ethan Madding were baptized by Tim Madding, pastor.

Depression Recovery Touches Community

Ridgetop, Tenn., Church hosted Neil Nedley's Depression Recovery Video Seminar in the spring. Members felt that with so many uncertainties in the world right now that could cause depression, the seminar would be a good way for the church to minister to people in their community.

The program was held on Monday evening each week for eight weeks. There were nine registrants in attendance with approximately 15 others who viewed the video each night. The participants first viewed the hour video for that night, and then assembled in break-out sessions

for an additional hour. A door prize was given each night ranging from health books to classical music CD's.

The topic was "Nutrition and the Brain" during the third session, and the participants were able to taste some of the recipes recommended by Nedley for overcoming depression. The weeks flew by as bonds of friendships were formed.

One participant said that she would miss coming to the seminar when it was over. Another participant

expressed interest in visiting the church on Sabbath. The church is planning

already planning another depression seminar in the fall, along with other health and lifestyle programs. "He reached the hearts of the people by going among them as one who desired their good" *The Desire of Ages*, p. 151.

There are many hurting people in the world right now, and through these seminars many individuals can be reached for His kingdom.

—BY TERRI JENKS



Terri Jenks (left), hands a sample to one of the Depression Recovery Seminar participants.

several follow-up meetings with everyone who attended.

Ridgetop members are

Class Assists Homeless

Barry Cushman's Sabbath School class continues its community outreach programs. For the first quarter of 2009, the objective of the class was to help provide hope for those who were homeless or had addictions through a local organization known

as The Healing Place. The class was able to provide a monetary donation and some personal items such as toothpaste, clothing, eating utensils, and clothing.

The Healing Place was created by local physicians. It is Kentucky's largest shelter recovery program, serving nearly 40,000 meals a month. On the average, 450 homeless men, women, and children sleep in its facilities each night. In addition, it provides health care services, life skills education, and programs to support parents.

—BY CLIFTON KELLER



Butch Wildt (left), Rachel Williams, Pam and Barry Cushman are part of the class that delivered the gifts to The Healing Place.

Alumnus Presents Painting



TRUMAN RAINES

Linda Raines recently presented Ridgetop Adventist Elementary School with her painting, "Jesus and the Children," which is displayed in the school's entry way. School principal Kathy Trumper stated the painting, "shows that this school's focus is children, that Jesus loves them, and that we are a Christian school designed to foster that relationship."

Raines is a 1970 alumnus of Ridgetop Adventist Elementary School.

—BY HELEN KELLY

First Georgia Hispanic Master Guides Camporee Held



Ninety-six individuals assembled to participate in the first Hispanic Regional Master Guides Camporee in Georgia. The churches represented were Canton, Chamblee, Conyers, and Marietta.

Luis Alberto Lopez, Puerto Rico Northern Mission youth ministries director, was the featured speaker. He delivered a message of spiritual revival focusing on the necessity of all Christian leaders to depend on Jesus to be able to fulfill the tasks that have been assigned.

Two junior Adventist honors, which included

fossils and animal tracking, were developed. Other activities included basic skills in marching, "Race of Rescue" obstacle course, knot-tying, and campfire building and safety. One of the main highlights was when each club demonstrated its abilities in complete Christian comradeship.

—BY ANTONIO PEREIRA

West End Member Uses Disability to Witness

In 1984, James Brown suffered a spinal injury with nerve damage while working on his job as warehouse manager. Two years later, with no definitive treatment, a team of neurosurgeons suggested exploratory surgery that could paralyze him. His insurance would not cover the cost, so the doctors advised medications and physical therapy. He would face diminishing mobility and other health challenges that would affect

him the rest of his life. His marriage suffered, and soon he was divorced. Several years later he was invited to go to a Revelation Seminar class. He accepted the message and was baptized in 1992 at West End Church in Atlanta, Ga.

Limited income forced Brown to move into a seniors' highrise apartment. He was not one to sit and bemoan his fate, so he became active as the president of the tenants' association

within two years of moving in. A year later he was invited to become a commissioner of the Housing Authority Board, and serves as vice chair.

Brown saw the need for Bible studies in his building, and started a small Bible study group that evolved into Sunday morning services. In the beginning only three or four attended, but soon more than 20 faithfully attended. He currently conducts a Sunday

morning and Wednesday evening service, as well as a Tuesday Bible study class. He also is an active member of his church, serving as an elder and disability ministries coordinator.

Regardless of the disease or ability, no one is out of reach from having a positive change in their lives through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, or from being an instrument for God.

—BY ROSEMARY GRAHAM

Myrtle Grove Teen Attends Notre Dame

Brett Wade, 16, received a full scholarship to attend the summer engineering program at Notre Dame University. The three-week program includes lectures by faculty members in aerospace, mechanical, computer, electric, and civil and chemical engineering. Hands-on computer sessions include UNIX boxes and tours at engineering manufacturing facilities.

He will engage in

design concepts and implement and build circuit, beam, and robot formations. In addition to the Notre Dame University Engineering Scholarship opportunity, Wade also received an invitation to the North Carolina Governor's School Program, the oldest statewide summer residential program for academically or

intellectually gifted high school students in the nation. The Governor's School integrates academic disciplines, the arts, and unique courses.

Wade is a senior at



Isaac Bear Early College High School, which allows students to take college courses during their junior year at the University of North Carolina

Wilmington. He took 12 hours in the fall and spring semesters, and made the dean's list both semesters. He is a graduate of Ephesus Jr. Academy in Wilmington, N.C., and an active member of the Myrtle Grove Church, where he serves as a junior deacon, Pathfinder TLT, and AYS leader. Wade gives credit to God — Who has truly blessed this gifted young man.

—BY MARK WADE

Franklinton Church Constructs New Sanctuary



Franklinton, N.C., Church's, newly constructed sanctuary was dedicated on April 18, 2009. More than 300 guests gathered to celebrate this eventful day — including four generations of the Sneed-Grissom-Privette family.

The Parker, Per-son, Wilson, Dunston, and Privette families of Franklinton drove 60 miles round trip from Franklin-

ton to Gethsemane Church in Raleigh, N.C., for more than two decades to worship and serve. The group was encouraged to hold mid-week prayer service in Franklinton by their pastor, Calvin

Preston, who currently pastors West End Church in Atlanta, Ga. From that suggestion grew a congregation, and in 2009 an edifice was erected to the glory of God.

For months the Franklinton families met each Tuesday evening for Bible study and dinner in the homes of Ann Turner, John and Ruby Booth,

Edward and Ruth Wilson, Cullus and Rachel Dunston, and Josephine Kearney. The numbers grew so large that it became necessary to relocate to a place that could accommodate everyone comfortably.

Patricia Privette facilitated the rental of Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church. Their numbers grew, and the status of Branch Sabbath School was assigned. One Sabbath, after the study was completed, the Holy Spirit moved upon them to enter into worship with no planned program. It was at this time that the group realized the time had come for them to build a church

of their own.

During the years, the Lord blessed the church family with the leadership of pastors Larry Johnson, Stephen Brooks, Ezekiel Wilson, and with spiritual encouragement from pastors Nathaniel Goode, David M. Jones, Victor Brooks, and William L. Winston.

In attendance from South Atlantic Conference for the grand opening were Vanard J. Mendinghall, Conference president; William Winston, Conference executive secretary; and Larry Johnson, Conference treasurer.

—BY LOÑIETA THOMPSON
CORNWALL

Philadelphia Church Hosts Fifth Annual Wellness Walk



Philadelphia Church in Burlington, N.C., held its fifth Annual Wellness Walk in lieu of a regular church service. The congregation went to one of the local parks and set up tables with information about healthy living. The activities began with a brisk, fun walk with more than 130 individuals from up to 100 miles away participating.

The table themes included the Take Back Your Health Ministry with different displays for attendees to visit.

The Natural Sweeteners display shared information about available natural sweeteners,

and a list of stores in the area that carried the products. Tasting samples were distributed as well.

The Natural Beauty display provided a mini-spa honey facial, fix-your-own beauty recipes (ingredients provided), and literature from the Breast Cancer Fund and the Campaign for Safe Cosmetics.

The Safe Home display

shared a safe plastics guide along with a natural cleaning recipe brochure, and examples of eco-friendly cleaners available in the local area.

No Fake Food Kids Snacks distributed samples of natural, non-perishable snacks with no artificial colors, sweeteners, or preservatives.

There was also an Evangelism display with a variety of literature and Bible study enrollment sheets.

Healthy living prizes, which included grocery store gift cards, a juicer, “green” cookware, a crock pot, natural beauty items, and natural snacks, were given away.

Participants were refueled after the brisk walk with vegetarian sausage biscuits, vegan calico beans, vegan and vegetarian oatmeal burgers, various nuts, snack bars, fresh and dried fruit, and water.

The event concluded with a brief praise service conducted by Keith Woodard, Philadelphia Church pastor; and Philadelphia Church choir, One Voice, rendered musical praises. Many people stayed to enjoy the fellowship.

The walk continues to be a great way to involve the church in actively sharing Jesus and the health message with the community.

—BYRENEE LEA-CURRIE, PH.D.

The PRAYER Conference

Benjamin Browne, Conference president, has been told that South Central is fast becoming known as the “Prayer Conference.” One of Browne’s initiatives has been to heighten the level of awareness to the importance of prayer as it should always be. Early in his presidency he established a prayer ministries department, with Roy Rugless as the director. The following three stories give evidence of this ministry flourishing in South Central.

Prayer Summit 2009 Held at Cohutta Springs

Cohutta Springs Conference Center in Crandall, Ga., was the place where all roads seemed to lead on March 14, 2009 for Prayer Summit 2009. The registration area teemed with excitement, as the Conference Center stretched to accommodate more than 300 participants. Following registration and supper, worship in praise and prayer began.

Roy Rugless, Conference prayer ministries director, welcomed the attendees and introduced the keynote speaker. Benjamin Browne, Conference president, prayed, “Honor us with Your divine presence. Teach us how to make our churches houses of prayer, our homes houses of prayer, and our bodies houses of prayer.” Cheryl Sullivan soothed the audience with special music, which settled everyone to listen to Dennis Smith, pastor, who opened his discourse on the “Power of the Word.” Clearly he stated, “Prayer releases the power of God, and through the baptism of the Holy Spirit we become children of prayer. But, you cannot have the Holy Spirit

without the power of the Word, and if you neglect the study of God’s Word, you will have no real deep peace. Additionally,

guardian: “Call out the names of each child in prayer each day. Tell the Lord, ‘Lord, just in case I am holding back any

mit was for everyone to experience God’s Divine Presence, as he did while serving in Ethiopia. Browne reminded every-



Conference leaders Philip Palmer (left), treasurer; Dana Edmond, executive secretary; Benjamin Browne, president; and Roy Rugless (seated), prayer ministries director, put prayer first.

only people of faith built on the God of power can overcome.”

John Nixon, D.Min., spoke Sabbath morning with an awe-inspiring message on the need to talk to God in daily prayer. Nixon’s advice was for every parent and

small thing, make me completely Yours, Divine Surgeon. Cut deep into our lives, and cut out the cancers of our lives. Then bring honor and glory to You by Your Word, which we know.’ ”

Browne’s prayer for the 2009 Prayer Sum-

one that God answers many prayers in a powerful way that only divinity could respond to, so he invited everyone to gather for healing.

—BY CECILY DALY

CHRISANDRA CLAIBORN

First Bilingual Prayer Day Held at Trinity Church



MICHAEL HARPE

Bilingual prayer day leaders: Cristian Borbon (left), pastor/Spanish translator; Cecily Daly, North Alabama Prayer Federation president; and Roy Rugless, Conference prayer ministries director.

On the first Sabbath of the New Year, January 3, the North American Division Day of Prayer, 150 prayer partners from 11 churches representing North Alabama Prayer Federation (NAPF) territory, claimed God's promises and met at Trinity Church in Athens, Ala., to celebrate the awesome power of prayer. NAPF's theme is John 17:21: "That they may be one as Thou Father art in Me and I in Thee that they may be one in Us."

Cristian Borbon, pastor, and his wife translated the spoken word into Spanish and English as needed. Roy Rugless, pastor of Trinity Church and Conference prayer ministries director, and Edgardo Herrera, Conference Hispanic ministries

director, were able to greet everyone in their native languages. This was the first bilingual Day of Prayer in South Central, spearheaded by Cecily Daly, NAPF president.

It was an all-day celebration and ministry. In the afternoon there were seminars, followed by a Vesper service and Agape Feast. By the end of the celebration, many were able to attest that God had refueled and showered everyone with His blessings of grace. Prayer partners everywhere were aware that the success of the venture was definitely God's job, and all joined in the prayer, "Revive Thy Work in the midst of the years" Habakkuk 3:2.

Throughout the day,

emphasis was placed on two important points of the North American Division's prayer focus for 2009 — evangelism in 2009, the designated year for reaching others; and every Friday in 2009 as a "Day of Prayer."

The first step toward this evangelism thrust is **love**, and February was designed as the "Circle of Love" month. Instructions were given to participate in a Circle of Love month: 1) Select your Circle of Love prayer partners, 2) Exchange telephone numbers with each other, 3) Decide on two things to pray for during the month, 4) Pray the promise for yourself and others, 5) Share praise reports with each other, 6) Plan to affirm each other, 7) Mention to each other

your two greatest burdens, 8) Intercede for your friends while they do so for you, and 9) End always with a thought for the day.

To stay in tune with the Year of Evangelism, a list of recommendations to conduct a Circle of Love month/day include "Saved to Serve" as the theme; "To encourage others to make a commitment to God," as the objective; "Each one reach one," as the goal; and "Revive Thy Work in the midst of the years," Habakkuk 3:2, as the key text.

South Central's first bilingual prayer day was enjoyed by many, and they want the bonding to continue. Please pray without ceasing.

—BY CECILY DALY



A group of 150 prayer partners from 11 churches claimed God's promises and met to celebrate the awesome power of prayer.

1,000 Praying Men Outreach Planned

To further accentuate the importance of prayer, Benjamin Browne, Conference president, is seeking men, young and old, for

South Central's 1,000 Praying Men outreach planned for October 2-4, 2009, at Springville Camp & Conference Center, Oden-

ville, Ala. The theme is "Deliverance with God in Nature." It is planned for fathers, sons, brothers, and uncles — men who desire

a closer walk with Jesus and a change in their lives. For more information, visit www.scc-adventist.org.

—BY MICHAEL HARPE

Eight Commissioned to Teach

Eight teachers from Southeastern Conference schools were bestowed the Commissioned Ministry of Teaching Credential on June 20, 2009.

The ceremony took place during the first weekend of Southeastern's camp meeting in Hawthorn, Fla.

Teachers that were commissioned were Darlene Frett, Patricia Goffe, Gary Pascal, Iris Segree, Carmita Stewart, Audrey Wainwright, Renee White, and Amber Willis.

These individuals have exhibited a keen sense of Christian responsibility for nurturing and leading

individuals to Christ, for consistently upholding Christ as the focal point of the cur-

riculum and instruction, for

demonstrating proficiency in assigned responsibilities, and for providing an environment of social, spiritual, and

emotional stability. The challenge was given by Herman Davis, Mt.

Sinai Church pastor, and the conference associate superintendent. These eight teachers repeated their Pledge to Ministry, read by Gregory Mack, Conference executive secretary, and vowed to dedicate themselves to the life of a Christian educator. "Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the Church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastor and teachers" Ephesians 4:11, NLT.



Gary Pascal (left), Audrey Wainwright, Carmita Stewart, Iris Segree, Patricia Goffe, Renee White, Amber Willis, and Darlene Frett

the evangelists, and the pastor and teachers" Ephesians 4:11, NLT.

—BY RENEE WHITE

Members Challenged with Year of Evangelism Goal

Lloyd Burrowes, Lighthouse Church pastor, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., recently challenged each member to bring in two individuals for the Kingdom.

To that end, Vashti Johnson, women's ministries leader, organized a Prayer Walk with the women of Lighthouse, to pray for families in the immediate church community. The women prayed in groups of two's, three's, and four's at the gates of different families. They also took the opportunity to speak with some of the occupants outside their homes.

Many families expressed their joy and spiritual upliftment in participating in the prayer

sessions. "We pleaded with God that by the help of the Holy Spirit, these, His dear children, will be led to Lighthouse Church as more light is shed on their way."

After prayer, each family received a small token — a door hanger, which read, "Lighthouse Seventh-day Adventist Church Members Just Prayed for You." What better way to reach out and minister to the community and neighboring church families, than through prayer and pointing them to the love of Jesus Christ?

Johnson confessed that

in these hard economic times God has really blessed and enabled her



Lloyd Burrowes, Lighthouse Church pastor, challenges his members to win two individuals for the Kingdom.

to share what little she has with the less fortunate. She also shared that prayer has made her stronger, and her experience has

greatly increased her faith in God. As she continued, she encouraged everyone with Psalm 37:25: "I have never seen the righteous forsaken or his seed begging bread."

Carol Robinson, also affirmed that she prayed for God to give her peace in these difficult times and to keep her from falling, and she has seen numerous times that her prayers have been answered.

These testimonies constantly remind that prayer is the answer, and is the key that opens Heaven's store house.

—BY JULIET DUNKLEY

Five Ordained to the Gospel Ministry

Roosevelt Alexis, Gerly Germain, Brian McKinney, Anslem Paul, and Martin Powell were ordained to ministry on June 27, 2009. The ordination service was conducted during the last weekend of Southeastern's camp meeting in Hawthorne, Fla.

Roosevelt Alexis holds a master of science in public health from Loma Linda University, a bachelor of arts in theology from Southern Adventist University, and a master of arts in theology from Andrews University. He is married to Jemina, and they have four children: Alain, Moselle, Thierry, and Valentine. He has served the Church



Roosevelt and Jemina Alexis with two of their children

in a number of capacities, including youth and education director for the Franco-Haitian Union.

Alexis is the pastor of the Bethlehem, Eben-Ezer, and Bethlehem II churches in Pompano Beach, Fla.

Gerly Germain is a third generation pastor. He holds a bachelor of arts in theology from Northern Caribbean University in Mandeville, Jamaica, and a master of science in human resources development and administration from Barry University. He is currently a doctoral candidate at Capella University in Minnesota in leadership and organizational management. He is married to Juniper, and they



Gerly and Juniper Germain

have two children, Arielle, 7, and Zane, 11 months.

Germain is the senior pastor at Bethanie and Beracah French churches in Tampa and Bradenton, Fla.

Brian D. McKinney was born in Florence, S.C., to Oliver and Bonnie McKinney Jr. He is married to the former Mae Camille Williams of West Palm Beach, Fla. He is a graduate of Oakwood University where he earned a bachelor of social work in 1996. After graduation, he worked in his field of study for seven years. In 2002, he sensed the Lord calling him into the Gospel ministry. He

enrolled at Andrews Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Mich., and gradu-



Brian and Mae McKinney

ated with a master of divinity. He serves as the senior pastor of Grace Fellowship and Refuge Temple in the Valdosta-Lakeland, Ga., district.

Anslem Paul is a graduate of Oakwood University where he received a bachelor of arts in theology in 1996. Since 2005, he has served as the senior pastor of Berean Church in Brunswick, Ga., and Maranatha Church in Waycross, Ga. Paul is the founder and speaker for the "Day 7" radio broadcast that is heard throughout various parts of southeastern Georgia.



Anslem Paul

Martin Curtis Powell was born in Macon, Ga., to the late Martin L. and Donnell J. Powell. He is married to the former Nicole Whitfield of Gary, Ind. God has blessed their union with two boys, Braedon Emmanuel, 3, and Corben Elijah, 2. After graduating high school, Powell enrolled at Oakwood University and majored in biology. He had plans to become an



Martin and Nicole Powell with their two sons, Braedon and Corben

ophthalmologist. However, he felt God calling him to the Gospel ministry during his freshmen year. He graduated in 1997 with a bachelor of arts in theology, and a minor in psychology. Powell serves as pastor for the Berea Church in St. Augustine, Fla., and the First Coast International Church in Jacksonville, Fla.

You can read a complete profile and view a video profile of each pastor at www.secsda.org. The ordination service can be viewed as well.

—BY ROBERT HENLEY

Women's Ministries Goes Chinese

Many of us enjoy eating foods from different cultures, but we may not know the health benefits of these foods. The Oakwood University Church in Huntsville, Ala., women's ministries department, under the leadership of Jessie G. Bradley, director, hosted a Chinese cuisine cooking class. Community members, representing a wide range of age groups, shared the common interest of learning how to cook cuisine from another country.

Jan Newborn, first lady of Oakwood University Church, gave a devotional thought, followed by audience members sharing their experiences with food from other countries, whether gained here in the United States or while they were traveling abroad.

Marta Sovyanhadi (of Chinese descent), Ph.D., RD, LDN, director of the dietetic internship program and associate professor in nutrition and dietetics in the Family and Consumer Sciences Department (FCS) at Oakwood University, provided the demonstration. With the help of Oakwood FCS members, Sovyanhadi demonstrated five healthful Chinese dishes: black glutinous rice cake, wontons, Chinese salad, whole grain noodles, and lemongrass tea. FCS senior Latasha Waul started the



presentation by explaining how the Chinese diet is loaded with colorful fruits and vegetables like red dates, mangos, bok choy, and Chinese cabbage, which are great for the body. Dietetic intern Celeste Walker explained to the audience the importance of meeting the requirements of the new food pyramid guide.

Sovyanhadi told the audience about the black glutinous rice cake and how it can be used as an alternative to the sugar-filled birthday cake. The audience was curious about how a cake made of rice could ever replace a traditional birthday cake, but once they tasted the cake covered with sliced coconut and garnished with black grapes and strawber-

ries, they believed it was possible. While making the rice cake, Sovyanhadi answered questions about where to find some of the ingredients and what could be easily substituted.

Making the wontons was probably the most exciting dish because most

people had tasted them before. The room was filled with oos and ahhs as Sovyanhadi demonstrated how to fold the rolls and make a perfect wonton. The audience of more than 100 guests was amazed at how simple and nutritious wontons were, especially once Sovyanhadi highlighted that usually wontons are eaten with salad.

This women's ministries activity provided the opportunity for bonding among women of different cultures at Oakwood University Church and the Huntsville community.

—BY JESSIE G. BRADLEY AND
MARTA SOVYANHADI



Celeste Walker (left), Latasha Waul, and Marta Sovyanhadi, work as a team to introduce seminar participants to healthful cooking at the Cooper Science Complex on Oakwood University's campus.

Creation Artist Paints Biology Mural

After 15 years of working with The Institute for Creation Research (ICR) near San Diego, Calif., freelance artist Ron Hight decided to move his life and family to Nashville, Tenn.

During a trip back to the ICR, Hight ran into Earl Aagaard, Southern Adventist University biology professor, who had stopped at the institute hoping for an in-depth look at its creation museum.



Ron Hight examines a portion of the mural he's painting in Hickman Science Center.

After the tour, Aagaard described to Hight the plan for a creation museum in Hickman Science Center. Murals, 3D exhibits, graphics, videos, interactive displays, an ice cave, photos, and descriptions of each display were just some of the ideas being bounced around by the professors. When

Hight learned that Southern is located just a few hours from his new home, he knew this meeting had been

God-led and expressed interest in helping with the project.

Hight believes that his time at the ICR working with creation exhibits was a perfect preparation for this project.

"The issues involving the creation and evolution debate are more complex than others realize," says Hight. "When people visit these hallways, we want them to get insight on what goes on in the classroom by what they see in the exhibit."

—BY MANUELA ASAFTEI

When Hight heard that Aagaard wanted to tour the museum, he offered to come along.

Students Organize Retreat for Local Women

Elise Harboldt, senior nursing major at Southern Adventist University, had a dream of helping the residents of Patten Towers, a low-income high rise in downtown Chattanooga, Tenn., learn new ways to care for their health.

Harboldt, along with Emily Fisher, junior nursing major, Heather Glass, '09, and Diana Santos, '07, decided to create their own health retreat for some of the residents to attend.

During the retreat, Harboldt and the others gave PowerPoint presentations on natural health principles, and helped the women start applying them to their lives.

"For them, walking for the sake of exercising was a new thing," says Diana Santos, one of the retreat planners and Southern alum. "One of the simple things we did was just walk with them on the trails in the fresh air and

sunshine."

When the women returned home, they were given a retreat cookbook which had the recipes for many of the meals that were prepared during their week away.

"We all learned a lot during this week," says Harboldt. "This experience also reminded me of God's faithfulness to provide the resources we need as we step out in faith to work for Him."

—BY SUZANNE OCSAI



During the retreat, attendees learned how to better care for their health.

New Class Connects Students

This past academic year, Southern Adventist University introduced Southern Connections, a required one-semester course for freshmen that was created to help them

feel connected on campus.

Throughout the course, a student mentor spent time with each student to track his or her progress in acclimatizing to college life. Students

took the class with peers and professors from his or her chosen area of study, providing the student the opportunity to get to know others in the program while learning time man-

agement and study skills, and being introduced to students and resources on campus.

—BY VANESSA PHAM

Gerry Bietz 1929 - 2009

Life began for Gerald R. Bietz on December 7, 1929, on a farm near the town of Cleveland, N.D. Bietz, the eldest of five children, was expected to share in the chores of his dad's wheat farm at an early age. It was during the dust bowl and drought years of North Dakota that the Lord blessed the efforts of this faithful Adventist family. Bietz graduated from Sheyenne River Academy, and later from Union College in 1954. While attending Union College he met Deanie Gilliam of Muskogee, Okla., and they were married in 1951. They had two sons, Steve and Doug. During his military service, he was with Operation White Coat at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Following military service, Gerry and Deanie

were invited to serve in the Southern Union as treasurer and associate director of the Home Health Education Service. He held that position for almost 38 years.

During those years, Bietz helped administer a sales program that distributed untold millions of dollars worth of Church doctrinal books and children's Bible story books into thousands of homes throughout the Southern Union, through contacts made by an army of literature evangelists. Only in Heaven will we know how many individuals found their way to



Jesus through the reading of those books and literature.

Three years after retirement, Deanie Bietz died in 1999 following a brief illness. Bietz later married Jonni Lea in 2004. They enjoyed several years together traveling,

visiting family and friends, and especially gardening until his death on June 10, 2009.

On the last Sabbath in June, friends and family gathered at Chattanooga First Church to pay tribute to the life of a dear friend and loved one. He is survived by his wife, Jonni; son, Steve and wife, Deborah, son, Doug; step-daughters, NaLonna Covrig and Jenelle Grange, and their husbands; and four grandchildren.

Bietz's ministry in literature evangelism can best be described by the words of Isaiah 52:7, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation."

Alma Montgomery Blackmon, Aeolian Director, Dies at 87

The longest-serving director of the Oakwood University Aeolians, a widely noted collegiate chorale, has passed to her rest.

Alma Montgomery Blackmon, who led the choir for 12 years, died June 11, 2009. After retiring from Oakwood in 1985, she made her home

in Atlanta, Ga., where her daughter, Brenda Blackmon Wood, is a local television news anchor for 11-Alive News, an NBC affiliate. She is survived by her daughter, Brenda; son-in-law, Keith; and two granddaughters, Kristen and Kandis.

Born July 25, 1921 in Washington, D.C., Black-

mon was the younger of two daughters. A precocious child, she was able to read music at age 5, and at age 10 began serving as organist for First Church in Washington, D.C. When her parents transferred their membership to Ephesus Church, she became involved in the music program, and

eventually became director of its choir.

Although Blackmon's undergraduate and master's degrees are in early childhood education, with minors in English, during her study and a 30-year teaching career in the Washington, D.C., public school system, she was active in the area's music

scene. Her work with the Ephesus Church choir led to opportunities to assist Robert Shaw and Howard Mitchell in National Symphony Orchestra presentations. She also accompanied the Washington Community Chorus and assisted Warner Lawson, dean of Howard University School of Music, in his conducting of that group.

Blackmon studied with keyboard and voice teachers in the Washington area, taking piano lessons at [Howard University] with Cecil Cohen and Thomas Kerr, and voice lessons with Paul Hume, noted music critic for the Washington Post, and [with] Frederick Wilkerson.

In 1973, she accepted an invitation from [what was then known as] Oakwood College to teach in the English department. During her second day on campus, Harold Anthony, chair of the music department, approached her with an invitation to revive the Aeolians, which had not been active since a previous director, Joni Mae Pierre-Louis, had left. Although hesitant to do so because of the lingering effects of a radical cancer surgery she had undergone in the previous year, she consented.

After registration was completed that fall, she had a choir consisting mostly of freshmen. In spite of the youthfulness of the group, by the end of the year they had established a following, and were proving their worth

in promoting the school and recruiting students. Blackmon was reassigned at that time from the English department to music, where she had full-time status and would conduct the Aeolians and the College Choir, teach classes in diction and music theory, and give lessons in voice and piano.

According to the International Adventist Musicians Association's website, Blackmon was "largely responsible for the [Aeolians] becoming an acclaimed, highly visible, internationally known choir."

During her leadership, the choir sang in 32 of the 50 states, and in Canada, England, Romania, Scotland, Wales, the Bahamas, and the Virgin Islands. They performed on two occasions for the United Negro College Fund conventions, and enjoyed a reputation as one of the premier choirs among its member schools.

During her years as conductor, the Aeolians sang at the World's Fair in Knoxville, Tenn., in 1982, and later that year gave an impromptu performance from the choir loft of the Mormon Tabernacle while on a guided tour of that historic church. They sang at the 1980 and 1985 General Conference Sessions, and during their travel in Britain sang in the famous Canterbury, St. Giles, and St. Paul's cathedrals. They made five recordings from 1974 to 1983, with the first selling more than 10,000 copies. Later compila-

tion and reunion recordings of the Aeolians have been well-received.

Blackmon served a five-year appointment to the General Conference Music Committee. The committee revised the *Seventh-day*

Adventist Hymnal in 1985, and she contributed four arrangements, including "Give Me Jesus" and "This Little Light of Mine." These activities and her years of service in Adventist Church music were acknowledged in 1988, when she was awarded an honorary doctor of music degree by Andrews University.

During Blackmon's 12 years of leadership, the Aeolians gave more than 230 concerts. As a result of the trip to Romania in 1981, she was invited to travel to Russia that year as part of a group to talk with Russian officials about the concert exchange program with the Soviets. The success of her contributions in furthering better relations with foreign countries, led to her receiving a doctor of humane letters from Atlantic Union College in 1990.

Following her retire-



ment in 1985, an Aeolian Alumni Chapter was formed, which has sponsored several reunion concerts. The most recent of these was held in Atlanta, Ga., in February 2006, at the Cathedral at Chapel Hill. Billed as Blackmon's "farewell concert," it was an evening filled with music sung by 110 former Aeolian members and guest artists. Blackmon also received numerous moving tributes for her work with the Aeolians, and for the important role she has played in her students' lives.

Blackmon's last wish was to build wells in Gulu, Uganda; please visit the website for details at www.almablackmon.com. Interment was at Oakwood Memorial Gardens in Huntsville, Ala.

Leonard Gillyard Newton 1929 - 2009

Leonard Gillyard Newton, 79, was born July 30, 1929 in Shreveport, La., died June 14, 2009. His early formative years were spent in Shreveport before his family migrated to Los Angeles, Calif.

During his teen years, he followed the typical path of teens in an inner city environment, but God began to place in motion the plan for his life. In his own words, he was a “boy going nowhere” until he met the Lord at a tent meeting conducted by R. Hope Robinson. Leonard was also invited by a young woman to attend a Seventh-day Adventist Missionary Volunteer (M.V.) meeting, and was amazed by the number of young people who were engaged and active at the church. After this service, he knew he would participate in a life-changing experience. Newton eagerly studied and quickly embraced the biblical truths of the Adventist faith. He was baptized in late August of 1946 with fellow youth Ralph Hairston and Carey McNorton.

As a result of his conversion, he felt that God was leading him to attend Oakwood Academy for his senior year of high



school. It was at this point that he began his intense focus and dedication in preparing to become a minister of the Gospel. Newton was involved in extra-curricular activities, which related to the ministerial association on the Oakwood University campus. He served as the first vice president of religious affairs for the ministerial association in 1948.

During the course of two years, Newton wooed and married Ora Lee Davis of Chattanooga, Tenn. His first assignment after graduating from Oakwood with a degree in theology was to work alongside Elder E. E. Cleveland in a tent effort in Gulfport, Miss. Their family grew during these ministerial years to include Leonard Jr., Celia Gayle, Leonora

Denise, Valeria Faye, and Lionel Dexter.

Newton's pastoral ministry spanned 47 years as he worked diligently for the Lord in the following areas: South Central Conference – Gulfport, Meridian, Hattiesburg, and Soso, Miss.; Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and Nashville, Tenn.; Southwest Region Conference – Oklahoma City, Okla.; Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.; and

Baton Rouge, La.; Allegheny East Conference – Newport News, Va.; and Northeastern Conference – Boston, Mass. He served as the stewardship director for Northeastern from 1976 to 1985, and later as president from 1985 to 1988.

Newton's strong commitment to Christian education was demonstrated by the founding of two schools, Grace Temple Seventh-day Adventist School in Fort Worth, Tex., and Calvary Seventh-day Adventist School in Newport News, Va.

He had an affinity for languages, and cultivated it with the French language by learning to speak and preach in French. This affinity was further entrenched when he and his wife fulfilled a

lifelong dream of serving as missionaries from 1989 to 1995. He served as ministerial secretary of the Indian Ocean Mission in Madagascar, and as president of the Central African Union Mission in Yaoundé, Cameroun. They retired to Anniston, Ala., in 1995 where they unofficially worked with the Mount Olive congregation in whatever capacity they were needed.

Elder Newton awaits the call from the Life Giver whom he served unreservedly during his lifetime. He is survived by his wife, Ora Lee Newton; five children: Leonard G. Newton Jr., Gayle Newton-Taylor (Michael), Leonora D. Coopwood (Ronald), Valeria F. Newton, and Lionel D. Newton; daughter-in-law, Marlene Mair Newton; seven grandchildren: Leonard G. Newton III (Shelley), Aaron D. Newton, Theron E. Coopwood, Kellen D. Coopwood, Timothy R. Taylor, Kendall J. Coopwood, and Taye Newton-Taylor; one great-granddaughter, Sanaa Newton; a host of other family; and friends.

Obituaries

ABSTON, Henry (Hank) Edward, 83, born May 17, 1925 in Harriman, TN, died Nov. 16, 2008. He served his country in the Navy for 21 years. He was a physician's assistant, and served the Lord many years in medicine, working with Adventist physicians. He and his wife, Ann, a nurse, worked in Dark County Evangelism, conducted Christian Day Cares, and Senior Care in their home. He worked in Pathfinders and youth departments for many years. He and Ann's combined love for children resulted in a total of 11 biological and adopted children. He is survived by his children: Linda (Tony) De Wind, Judy Rash, Terry (Jay-fiance) Wood, Chuck (Sandy) Abston, Dianne (Jim) Jeter, Crystal Alexander, Charmayne (Terry) Leard, Lori (Jeff) Quick, Leallen McConnell, Ramona (Vince) Abston-Robles, Kelli Abston; one sister, Irene Umlauf; one brother, J.W. Abston; 20 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; several nieces; and nephews. He was a member of Pikeville, TN, Church.

ALBERS, LeRoy Lane, 84, born Feb. 6, 1925 in Campbell, NE, died May 30, 2009. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois Dygert Albers in 1980. He is survived by his daughter, Shiree Nichols and son-in-law, Tim Nichols of Apopka, FL, and daughter, Rene Czerkasij and son-in-law, Victor Czerkasij of Cleveland, TN; four grandsons: Michael Nichols and spouse, Sabely, Benjamin Nichols, Alex Czerkasij, and Nikolaus Czerkasij; and sister June Johnson of Harvard, NE. He graduated from Hastings High School in 1942 and Union College in Lincoln, NE, in 1947. He was an Adventist minister for 45 years, and served in Nebraska, Utah, Alabama, Florida, Ohio, Iowa, and New Jersey. He lived in Tennessee with his daughter Rene Czerkasij, and enjoyed volunteer work with nursing students at Southern Adventist University. He touched many lives and wanted to give God all the glory.

BENSON, Mary Helen Woodruff, 60, of Ooltewah, TN, died Jan. 7, 2009. She was preceded in death by her mother, Jewell Woodruff. She is survived by two children: Shawn (Rebecca) Benson of Lake Mary, FL, and Steffanie Benson of Tennessee; one granddaughter, Ella Benson of Florida; her father, Nathan Woodruff of Altamonte Springs, FL; two sisters: Martha Benson of Altamonte Springs, and Judy Wilson of Apopka, FL; and one brother, Johnny Woodruff of Tennessee. A graveside service was held at Highland Memory Gardens in Apopka. She was a member of Collegedale, TN, Church.

CAMPBELL, Muriel, "Mimi", Dorothy, 93, born Sept. 13, 1915 in Michigan, died May 2, 2009 in Sun City Center, FL. She was a member of Palmetto, FL, Church for 17 years. She is survived by her sons: Gary of Sarasota, FL, and Don of Wimauma, FL; one sister, Mildred Bundy of Michigan; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Interment was in Michigan.

CASILLO, Josephine, 93, born Dec. 15, 1915 in New York, died April 12, 2009 in Naples, FL. She was a member of the Italian Church in New York City and Brooklyn. She moved to Long Island in 1953, and was a member of the Patchogue Church. She moved to Florida and was a member of the Pompano Beach and Naples churches. She is survived by two daughters: Louise De Stefano, and Marie Pisani of Naples; one son, Sal of Long Island, NY; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband,

Sylvestro; and daughter, Angela Varone.

CONNER, Brenda Kay, 55, born Sept. 11, 1953 in Palatka, FL, died April 18, 2009 in St. Augustine, FL. She was a member of St. Augustine Church for 11 years. She is survived by one sister, Sonja Skinner of St. Augustine. The service was conducted at St. Augustine Church by Pastor Barry Seals.

CALHOUN, Eva, 82, born Oct. 29, 1926, died June 11, 2009 in Tampa, FL. She was a member of Winter Haven, FL, Church for 38 years. She is survived by one son, Don Adams; one brother, Harold; one sister Katie Casey; and one grandchild. The service was conducted by Pastor Walter Maier at Ott-Laughlin Funeral Home in Auburndale, FL.

COURON, Michelle L., 26, born Sept. 15, 1982 in Madison, WI, died Feb. 18, 2009 in Port Richey, FL. She was a member of the East Pasco Church in Zephyrhills, FL. She is survived by her parents, Jeff and Sandee Couron; one brother, Scott; one sister, Sharee Engleman; her grandfather, Bruce Couron; and grandmother, LaDonna Wall. The service was conducted by Pastor James Johnson at East Pasco Church.

COX, Mabel Rowland, born in Roosevelt, NY, died March 16, 2009 in Apopka, FL. She was a member of Florida Living Church in Apopka. She is survived by her husband, Jim; one daughter, Janine Skipper of Longwood, FL; two brothers; one sister; and two grandchildren. The service was conducted at Baldwin Fairchild Funeral Home by Pastor Horace Walsh. Interment was in Apopka.

CROUMEL, Lucille Collier, 88, born May 30, 1921 in Concord, GA, died June 21, 2009 in Altamonte Springs, FL. She met her future husband, Genesis Jake Croumel, when she was 11-years-old and he was 13. He introduced her to the Seventh-day Adventist message when he took her to a tent meeting in Miami, FL, conducted by Elder B.W. Abney in 1940. She accepted the message and was baptized. The couple married on April 22, 1940. They attended Bethany Church in Miami, and she served as home missionary leader, Sabbath School superintendent, hospitality leader, Sabbath School teacher, deaconess, choir member, Branch Sabbath School leader, midday prayer leader for the senior members, and her most proud accomplishment was when she was ordained as the first female elder at Bethany. She loved the Lord and the Adventist message—she was a member for 60 years. She was a licensed practical nurse (LPN) for 27 years at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach, FL. She is survived by her only child, Jacquelyn Croumel Ross; one son-in-law, Elder Dennis Ross Jr., Southern Union ministerial director and evangelism coordinator; four grandchildren: Jeffery Ross, Dennis Ross III (Adrienne), Valerie Ross, Esq., and Karen Ross-Mugalu; eight great-grandchildren: Lawrence Moody IV, Dennis Ross IV, Karsen Ross, Emerson Ross, Rachel Mugalu, Gracyn Ross, Jacquelyn Mugalu, and Kingston-Louis Genesis Ross; two nieces; grandnieces; grandnephews; dear friends; and "adopted" sons, daughter, and grandchildren.

DUNCAN, Anthony, 52, born Sept. 28, 1956 in Nevis and St. Kitts Island, died Feb. 15, 2009 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. He was a member of the Sunrise Church in Lauderhill. The service was conducted at Lauderhill Church by Pastor Lenworth McLean.

EARLE, Jr., Walter Clarence, 83, born July 20, 1925, died May 4, 2009. In 1942 at age 17, when Walt finished high school he was interested in planes and decided to take aeronautical engineering. After a year on this path, he was drafted into the army and served in the Signal Corp on front lines in Okinawa and other Islands during the war. After Walt's service in the army he continued studying aero-nautical engineering and secured a degree in this area. About this time he was attending a Presbyterian Church and became friends with a man who had been a Seventh-day Adventist. Walt was convinced concerning the Sabbath truth and asked where a church was that believes the Sabbath. Not long after attending an Adventist church in the area, he was baptized. Because of his religious fervor, someone suggested that he should be a minister. After attending La Sierra College for four years and graduating in 1953, he became a minister in the Adventist Church. His first church after college was the Moultrie, GA., Church. Sometime later, he and Frances met in a series of meetings. After he gave Frances Bible studies, they were married in Thomaston, GA, March 10, 1959. In the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, he worked in Moultrie, GA, Thomaston, GA, Crossville, GA, Athens, TN, Deer Lodge, TN, Albany, GA, Rome, GA, Adairsville, GA, Cedartown, GA; and Woodstock, GA. He and Frances also served in Michigan for a short period of time. He is survived by his wife, Frances; three sons: James of Rock Springs, GA, Raymond of North Carolina, David of Nashville, TN; two daughters: Ruth Wiehn of North Carolina, and Jeannie Huskins of Delaware; one brother, Norman of Fairview, NC; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

ELLIOT, Gaynelle, 76, born Dec. 23, 1932 in Mobile, AL, died Dec. 27, 2008 in Apopka, FL. She was a member of Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL. She is survived by her husband, Bernard; one son, Morris of Orlando, FL; two daughters: Cindy Sluus of Palm Bay, FL, and Teresa Majors of Altamonte Springs, FL; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. The service was conducted at the Deltona Memorial Funeral Home by Pastor Harold Howard.

ENIKEEV, Gail S., 56, born Aug. 8, 1951 in Schenectady, NY, died June 27, 2008 in Altamonte Springs, FL. She was a member of Celebration, FL, Church for three years. She was employed as an associate pastor at Sligo Church in Takoma Park, MD, for two years, Bible worker for Takoma Park Church, and 10 years working for Evangelist Ron Halvorsen. She is survived by her mother, Janet Skilton of Apopka, FL; one brother, Bob of Columbus, WI; and twin brother, Gary of Longwood, FL. The service was conducted in Apopka by Pastor Ron Halvorsen.

EYTCHESON, Wesley R., 66, born Sept. 11, 1942 in Marion, MI, died Oct. 23, 2008 in Tampa, FL. He was a member of New Port Richey Church for 12 years. He is survived by his wife, Faye; one son, Jeffrey of Hudson, FL; one daughter, Lori Hudak of Apopka, FL; and two sisters: Caroline Silvermail of Fenton, MI, and Mildred Montez of Lisle, IL. The service was conducted in Hudson by Tony Rivera. Interment was at the Military Cemetery in Bushnell, FL.

GARRETT, Jackie Combs, 44, born Oct. 11, 1964 in Albany, GA, died Nov. 27, 2008 in Gainesville, FL. She was a member of Mandarin Church in Jacksonville, FL. She is survived by her husband of 21 years, Jeff; her son, Brady;

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her mother and step-dad, Sandie and Les Spriggle of Maggie Valley, NC and Jacksonville, FL; her father and step-mother, Jack and Judy Combs of Nashville, TN; grandmother, Lu Dickson of Maggie Valley and Jacksonville, FL; one sister, Michelle Hubbard of Jacksonville; adopted brother, Matt of Nashville, TN; step-brother, Donald Spriggle of Starke, FL, one step-sister and four step-brothers in Georgia. A memorial service was conducted at Mandarin Church in Jacksonville, by Pastor Joey Rivera.

GIFFORD, Phyllis Jane, 77, born March 19, 1932, died April 20, 2009 in Ocala, FL. She was a member of Ocala Church for three years. She is survived by two sons: Mark of Mechanicsville, MD, and Donald of Hanover, MD; one daughter, Eve Blaney of Laurel, MD; four brothers: Leland Damon Jr. of Ocala, FL, William Damon of Rushford, NY; Donald Damon of Sanford, NC; and Douglas Damon of Sanford, FL; one sister, Damaris Serrano of Puerto Rico; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. The service was conducted in Gambrills, MD.

GOMEZ, Hugo R., 43, born Nov. 20, 1961 in Barronquilla, Columiba, died April 29, 2005 in Tallahassee, FL. He was a member of the Iglesia Adv 7mo dig Hispana in Tallahassee, FL, for four years. He is survived by his wife, Zulima; three sons: Hugo, Laredo, TX, David, Tallahassee, Luis, Columbia; one daughter, Paola Gomez, Tallahassee; four brothers: Blas Gomez, Tallahassee, Eduardo Gomez, Tallahassee, Guillermo Gomez, Columbia, Gustavo Gomez, Rhode Island; and one grandchild. The service was conducted by Pastor Don Greulich in Tallahassee; interment was in Tallahassee.

GRAVES, Elaine, 73, of Apison, TN, died June 13, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ivan. She was a nurse at the Collegedale Medical Center, and a member of Collegedale, TN, Church. She is survived by five children: Carmen C. Graves of Brunswick, ME, Karl I. Graves of Murfreesboro, TN, Rodney A. Graves of McDonald, TN, Rachel L. Hyatt of Indianapolis, IN, and Rhonda Lee Graves of Apison, TN; seven grandchildren: Cristopher and Richard Hyatt; Andrew, Nolan, and Clinton Graves; Justin Moore; and Crystal Graves; one brother, Robert F. Record Jr. of Limerick, ME; one sister, Charlotte Mayberry of Berwick, ME; nieces; and nephews.

HALVORSEN, Lester R., 83, born Sept. 12, 1924 in Reed City, MI, died Aug. 16, 2008 in Zephyrhills, FL. He was a member of East Pasco Church in Zephyrhills, FL. He was employed by the denomination for 36 years as a treasurer in various places: Indiana Academy and Blue Mountain Academy, as well as serving overseas for three years. He is survived by his wife, Reva; one son, Ken; one daughter, Karen Gimble; two sisters: Thelma Woolever and Ruby Roosenberg; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. The service was conducted by Chaplain George Carpenter at East Pasco Church. Interment was at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL.

HERBERT-REID, Vera Doris, 87, born June 17, 1921 in Hackensack, N.J., died June 12, 2009. She was preceded in death by two husbands: Loren P. Herbert, her husband of 47 years; and F.G. Reid, her husband a little more than one year. She spent most of her life in Florida and North Carolina. She received a B.A., and M.Ed. from Florida Atlantic University. During her life, she worked as a model, commercial artist, art

educator, real estate agent, and helped assemble fighter aircraft during World War II. She also enjoyed writing poetry and prose, photography, camping, and traveling. She was a member of Arden Church. She is survived by two sons: Loren Herbert, and wife, Cheryl, and Bruce Herbert, and wife, Kathy; six grandchildren: Scott Herbert, Heather Langford, Gabrielle Williams, Casey McLane, Abbey Herbert, and Travis Herbert; six great-grandchildren; one nephew; the Reid family; and many friends.

HUNTER, Melinda Dean, 52, born Jan. 27, 1957 in St. Petersburg, FL, to Virgil Lee Carlton and the late Margaret White Carlton, died April 18, 2009. She was a member of Collegedale, TN, Church, and was a 2005 graduate of Southern Adventist University earning her B.S.N. She was a registered nurse in the Intensive Care Unit at Memorial North Park Hospital. She is survived by her husband of 30 years, Thomas M. Hunter; four children: Christopher Thomas Hunter, Erin Michelle North, Daniel Craig Hunter, and Brent Alexander Hunter, all of Chattanooga, TN; her father, Virgil Carlton of St. Petersburg, FL; two brothers: Ashley Ray Carlton of Cleveland, TN, and Brett Lee Carlton of Chattanooga. Interment was at Forest Hill Cemetery.

INGRAM, Joyce (Lind), 76, born Jan. 4, 1933, died March 12, 2009. She is survived by one son, James (Joanna) Irvine IV; two daughters: Debra (Joe) Ingram-De Leon, and Susan (Cornello) Moro; four grandchildren; one brother; and two nephews and their families. She was a member of Pikeville, TN, Church.

JOHNSON, Frances P., 77, of Ooltewah, TN, died June 4, 2009 at her residence. She was preceded in death by her husband, M. Howard Johnson. She was a member of Collegedale Church in Collegedale, TN. She was the manager of Natural Foods at the Village Market for 10 years, and worked as a pharmacy technician at Madison Hospital for seven years. She also assisted her husband for more than 30 years in ministry. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Vicky Johnson Pedersen and Carl Norman Pedersen of Nashville, TN; daughter, Sharon Johnson Nero of Ooltewah, TN; son and daughter-in-law, Stephen Howard Johnson and Jennifer Spruill Johnson of Apison, TN; grandson, Christopher Vincent Nero; granddaughter, Karla Pedersen Zulewski; grandson-in-law, Robert Andrew Zulewski; several nieces; and nephews. Interment was in Collegedale Memorial Park.

JONES, Rowena Bowman, 96, born April 7, 1913 in Calhoun, GA, died April 23, 2009 in Apopka, FL. She was a member of Florida Living Church in Apopka. For 30 years she was a Bible Worker for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. She is survived by two daughters: Marie Dortch of Apopka, and Barbara Brown of Atlanta, GA; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. The service and interment were at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Leesburg, FL, by Pastors Horace Walsh and Gene Torres.

KELLY, Willodean, 88, died May 25, 2009. She was a member of Collegedale, TN, Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charlie Jackson Kelly. She is survived by two daughters: Sharon Coulter of Collegedale, and Jacqueline McPherson of Ooltewah, TN; one brother, Woodall Fletcher; one sister, Beatrice Bullington; both of Huntington, TN; two grandchildren: Charles W. Gentry, and Tonya Dunn; five great-grandchildren: C.J. Gentry, Mindy Gentry, Kelsey

Gentry, Blake Dunn, and Erica Dunn. Interment was at Collegedale Cemetery.

KISH, Jr., Peter, "Pete", 87, born May 1, 1921 in Manhattan, NY, died March 31, 2009 in Yarmouth, ME. He was a member of Inverness, FL, Church. He is survived by his wife, Julianne; one daughter, Deborah Rojas of North Yarmouth, ME; and one sister, Elsie Karras of Clearwater, FL. A memorial service was held April 5, 2009, at Independent Death Care in Portland, ME.

KNIGHT, Frederick A., 94, born Oct. 12, 1911 in Manchester, Jamaica, West Indies, died Sept. 18, 2008 in Miami, FL. He was a member of Miami Temple Church in Miami for 32 years. He is survived by his wife, Hazel; one son, Glenn of Sparta, NJ; four daughters: Deta Lightbourn of Port Charlotte, FL, Maida Moodie of Bronx, NY, Valerie Knight of Texas, and Denise Osei-Owusu of New York. The service was conducted by Pastor Luis Badillo at Miami Temple Church. Interment was at Woodland South Memorial Gardens in Miami, FL.

KNOPPER, Antoinette F., died June 25, 2009. She is survived by her husband, Martin; one son, Fred; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

LAWRENCE, Dixie June Litten, 89, born June 17, 1919 in Paducah, KY, died Dec. 20, 2008 in Zephyrhills, FL. She was a member of East Pasco Church in Zephyrhills. She worked as a secretary throughout her life – most notably for the Ellen G. White Estate. She is survived by her husband of nine years, Rex; three sons: Rusty, Chris, and Dennis; one daughter, Dee Reed; one sister, Marion Detamore; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her first husband of 60 years, Lowell Litten. The service was conducted by Chaplain George Carpenter at East Pasco Church.

LEONARD, Virginia, 86, born in Lexington, NC, died June 25, 2009 at North Valley Medical Center. She was a short-time resident of NHC in Dunlap. After high school she took nursing at Grady Hospital in Atlanta, GA, and upon graduating she worked in her home town hospital for a while, then went with another nurse-friend to St. Louis and took a pediatric graduate course. She worked with toddlers at the Children's Hospital in Cincinnati, OH, and loved it. In the early 50's, she became a Seventh-day Adventist and went as a missionary nurse to Mayaguez, Puerto Rico to Bella Vista Hospital. In the early 60's she wanted to be a Bible worker instead of a nurse, so she accepted a position as assistant chaplain at the New England Sanitarium and Hospital in Stoneham, MA, for several years. Later her mission experience included Brazil, where she worked for the School of Nursing and the Nursing Administration of the Seventh-day Adventist Hospital in Rio de Janeiro. In 1969, she moved to Wildwood, GA, and worked at Wildwood Lifestyle Center and Hospital until retirement. She came to Dunlap for Rehab in March 2009 at NHC, and then stayed on as a nursing home resident until her death. She is survived by one brother, Olin Leonard; many nieces; nephews; and two close friends: Nellie Boykin and Phoebe Cleveland. Nine siblings preceded her in death. Graveside services were held at the cemetery in Wildwood on June 26, and a memorial service was held on June 30 at Wildwood Chapel.

LINEBAUGH, Joseph Chester "J.C.", 73, died May 19, 2009. He was preceded in death by his

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brother, Carl Linebaugh. He was a member of University Church in Collegedale, TN. He was an elementary school teacher for more than 54 years. His greatest passions in life were his family and teaching, especially special education, which he pursued up until the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, Joan Linebaugh; three children: Jody Linebaugh, Deborah Pitts, Jacine Morris; 11 grandchildren: Destiny, Dustyn, Cerena, Dustin, Ashley, Sean, Savannah, Sidney, Joe, Kristina, and Faith; nine great-grandchildren: Andy, Aiden, Spencer, Samuel, Joey, Brandon, Aileana, Brenner, and Caelum; and one sister, Joann Walker.

MARSHALL, John Lewis, 70, born July 8, 1938 in West Palm Beach, FL, died March 9, 2009 in Leesburg, FL. He was a member of Lady Lake, FL, Church for more than 10 years. Denominational employment spanned more than 23 years serving in the following Florida churches: 1962-1964 Miami Temple Assistant Pastor, 1964-1965 Tampa First Assistant Pastor, 1965-1969 Sanford/Deland Pastor, 1969-1971 Dade City/Zephyrhills Pastor, 1971-1974 Homestead/Isamarado Pastor, 1974-1979 Palatka Pastor and Hospital Chaplain, 1979-1984 Daytona Beach and New Smyrna Beach Pastor, 1984-1985 Deland/Deltona Pastor, and 1985-1988 Groveland/Bushnell Pastor. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Marshall of Fruitland Park, FL; one son, Michael of Fruitland Park; one daughter, Janet Marie Coustant of Ormand Beach, FL; two brothers: Kenneth of Apopka, FL, and Charles of Hudson, FL; and three grandchildren. The service was conducted at the Beyers Funeral Home in Leesburg, FL, by Pastor Claude Thomas and Dr. Don Shaw. Interment was at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Leesburg.

MAXEY, Lyda M., 96, born May 1, 1912 in Covington, KY, died Feb. 28, 2009 in Apopka, FL. She was a member of Florida Living Church in Apopka for 10 years. She was employed at the Florida Sanitarium and Hospital as a registered nurse, head nurse, and assistant director of nursing service. She is survived by her daughter, Lynda Trawick of Richmond, VA; and two grandchildren. Interment was at Highland Memorial Gardens, and the service was conducted by Pastor Horace Walsh.

MCCLARTY, Wilma, 69, died May 24, 2009. She was a member of Collegedale, TN, Church. Interment was at Collegedale Cemetery.

MCCORD-WEBSTER, Donna J., 78, born Aug. 31, 1930 in Richburg, NY, died Feb. 17, 2009 in Zephyrhills, FL. She was a member of East Pasco Church in Zephyrhills for 19 years. She is survived by three sons: Jeffrey McCord, Pacifica, CA, Tom McCord, Stewart, FL, and Scott McCord, Wooster, OH; two daughters: Kathy Gant, Haines City, FL, and Traci Kline, Wooster, OH; one brother, Norm Bailey, Deland, FL; one sister, Nora Frost, Huntersville, NC; and five great-grandchildren.

MCKENNEY, Clarence, 68, born Oct. 18, 1940, died May 13, 2009 in Zephyrhills, FL. He was a member of East Pasco Church in Zephyrhills. He is survived by his wife, Saralea; one son, Mark Douglas; three brothers: Edgar, Roger, and Glen; three sisters: Doris Hayes, Nora Grigg, and Betty Willock; and one grandchild. The memorial service was conducted at East Pasco Church by Pastor Art Stagg.

MYERS, Clifford C., 59, born May 16, 1949 in Dowagiac, MI, died April 29, 2009. He grew up

in Avon Park, FL. He lived in Apison, TN, for 39 years. He was a member of Collegedale, TN, Church, and was involved with the Collegedale Cemetery for many years. Cliff graduated from Forest Lake Academy in 1967, and Southern Missionary College in 1971. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Myers; parents, Clifford and Rachel Myers; two sons: Danny (Lisa) Myers of Orlando, FL, and Tracy (Cheryl) Ashmore of Apison; three daughters: Cindi Myers (Kyle) Tumberg of Baton Rouge, LA, Beth Ashmore (Shane) Long of Jackson, TN, Janee' Ashmore (Shannon) Cantrell of Collegedale; one brother, Bruce Allen Myers of Collegedale; and one sister, Sheila Myers (Lloyd) Schomburg of Lawrenceburg, TN; four grandchildren; three nieces; and three nephews. Interment was at Collegedale Cemetery.

NUDD, Alice E., 101, born Feb. 22, 1908 in Springfield, OH, died June 11, 2009 in Altamonte Springs, FL. She was a member of Florida Living Church in Apopka, FL, for 27 years. She is survived by one step-son, Floyd Nudd, Cleveland, TN; two sisters: Thelma Jacobson, Portland, OR, and Nora Nye, Fresno, CA. Interment was at Glen Haven Memorial Park in Winter Park, FL.

ROLLINS, Lowell Charles, 95, born May 20, 1913 in Detroit, MI, died April 23, 2009 in Avon Park, FL. He was a member of Avon Park Church. He is survived by his wife, Wilma; one son, Lowell Jr. of Naples, FL; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. The service was conducted at Avon Park Church by Pastor Paul Boling.

STEBNER, Otto Erdman, 93, born March 8 1916 in South Bend, IN, died June 27, 2009 in Columbus, GA. He was a member of Pine Mountain Valley, GA, Church. He served the denomination five years as a teacher in Iowa and Indiana, and overheating and maintenance supervisor at Laurelwood Academy in Oregon. He was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Mardell. He is survived by one daughter, Dolenda Stebner Murdock and her husband, Stephen, pastor of Pine Mountain Valley Church; three grandchildren: Virginia Ludy, Marla Davis, and Frank Retterer; and three great-grandchildren.

SYMMONDS, Charles (Chuck), 71, born March 3, 1938 in Peoria, IL, died May 19, 2009 in Bayonet Point, FL. He was a member of New Port Richey Church for more than 20 years. He is survived by his wife, Janet; one son, David Symmonds from New York City; and two grandchildren. A memorial was held at Anclote River in Tarpon Springs, FL.

TRIMMIER, Lois M., 89, died Aug. 26, 2008 in Columbus, GA. She was born and reared in Atlanta, GA. In 1937, she married Mark A. Palmour Jr. and they had four children. She was active in the local garden club, establishing a new club for young women. When her children were grown, she worked as a dean of women at Georgia-Cumberland Academy. After her husband's death, she moved to Orlando, FL, where she was dean of nurses at Florida Hospital. She met Edward Trimmer and they were married in 1971. They were active in the Central and Kress Memorial churches until they moved to Hendersonville, NC, in 1997. Ed died in 1999. She moved to Columbus to reside with her son due to illness. She is survived by her four children: Frank M. Palmour of High

Springs, FL, Candy P. McDaniel of Atlanta, GA, Margaret P. Clarke of Chester, VA, and Mark A. Palmour III of Columbus; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; her sister, Elsie Merriam of Orlando; and one sister-in-law, Lee Trimmer of Orlando.

TULLOCK, Bernice M., 96, died Feb. 7, 2009. She was a member of Greeneville, TN, Church for 72 years. She is survived by one daughter, Wanda Tullock of Greeneville; one son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Charlotte Tullock of Winston Salem, NC; four grandchildren and their spouses; five great-grandchildren; several nieces; and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert H. "Bunk" Tullock; one son, Paul Tullock; one brother, Fred Lunsford; and three sisters: Alice Young, Gladys Oler, and Frances Roberts.

TURANO, Menzie Albert, 92, born April 17, 1916 in Norristown, PA, died March 4, 2009 in Altamonte Springs, FL. He was a member of Florida Living Church in Apopka, FL, for more than 10 years. He is survived by his wife, Estelline; one son, Albert of Austin, TX; one daughter, Arlene Buhler of Altamonte Springs; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

WEST, Millicent (Millie) A., died Jan. 7, 2009. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Elvin West; one son, John West; one daughter, Jill West; two grandsons: Kenneth McCraw and Jason McCraw; two granddaughters: Melissa and Tiffany West; and two great-granddaughters: Andrea and Amanda McCraw. She was a faithful Seventh-day Adventist for 57 years and a member of the Murphy, NC, Church.

WHEELER, Erald J., 85, born July 18, 1924 in Dayton, OH, died May 14, 2009 in Apopka, FL. He was a member of Florida Living Church in Apopka. He served the denomination in literature evangelism in Ohio and Virginia. He was also employed by Kettering Memorial Hospital in Kettering, OH, and Hinsdale Hospital, Hinsdale, IL. He is survived by one son, David, Los Angeles, CA; one daughter, Alane Drexler, Apopka; two sisters: Mary Apple, Palm Beach, FL, and Muriel Spitzig, Dayton, OH; and one grandchild. The service was conducted by Pastor Horace Walsh at the Florida Living Church. Interment was at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL.

WISE, Darrell Keith, 69, born in San Bernardino, CA, died June 1, 2009 in Asheville, NC. He was a Vietnam War Army veteran. A resident of the Hendersonville area since 1993, he was employed by St. Joseph's Hospital, later Mission/St. Joseph's. He worked in the graphic design department and was on the MIST Team. He was a member of Arden Church. His interests included computers, photography, videography and graphics. He loved people, thus he had many friends, and he loved his family and the Lord. He is survived by his loving wife of more than 24 years, Nita Mae Nelson Wise; his brother, Dr. James Wise and wife, Jean; three children: Daniel Wise, David Wise, and Cindy Wise; two daughter-in-laws; two stepchildren: Major David Dobson, M.D., and Melody Horn; his stepmother, Iris Wise; and 15 grandchildren.

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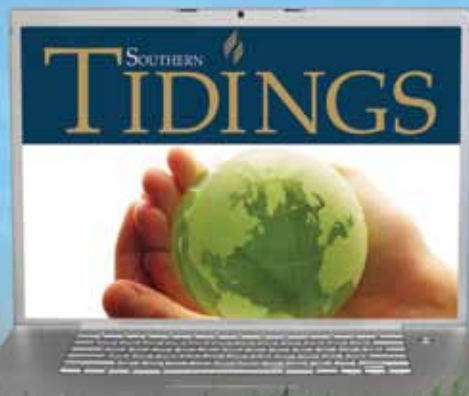
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LEGAL NOTICE FOR FLORIDA CONFERENCE CONSTITUENCY MEETING

September 27, 2009

Notice is hereby given that the 69th regular Constituency Meeting of the Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held on September 27, 2009, Sunday, at 10:00 a.m. in the Forest Lake Academy main auditorium, Apopka, Florida. This Constituency Meeting is called for the purpose of electing officers and Executive Committee members for the ensuing term and the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting. Each church in the Conference is entitled to one delegate, plus one additional delegate for each 75 members or major fraction thereof. Delegates chosen to the Organizing Committee shall meet at the Regional Orientation/ Organization meetings listed below. One Organizing Committee delegate from each church, plus one additional delegate shall be chosen for each full 500 members.

All delegates are to attend their Regional meeting as well as the Constituency Meeting. The Regional Orientation/Organization meetings are an official part of the triennial process and will be held as follows:

Regional Orientation/Organization Meetings for
 2009 Triennial Constituency Meeting

REGION	LOCATION	DATE	TIME
EAST CENTRAL	KRESS MEMORIAL CH	THURS. 7/30/09	7:00 - 9:00 P.M.
LOWER GOLD	MIAMI SPRINGS CH	SUN. 8/2/09	10:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON
UPPER GOLD	BOYNTON BEACH CH	SUN. 8/2/09	4:00 - 6:00 P.M.
WEST CENTRAL	FOREST CITY SP CH	TUES. 8/4/09	7:00 - 9:00 P.M.
NORTH	GAINESVILLE CH	SUN. 8/9/09	10:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON.
GULF REGION	TAMPA FIRST CH	SUN. 8/9/09	4:00 - 6:00 P.M.
RIDGE REGION	PT. CHARLOTTE CH	MON. 8/10/09	7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

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LEGAL NOTICE FOR ASSOCIATION CONSTITUENCY MEETING

September 27, 2009

The triennial meeting of the members of the Florida Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a Florida corporation, will be held on September 27, 2009, Sunday, at 10:00 a.m. in the Forest Lake Academy main auditorium, Apopka, Florida, for the purpose of electing the Association officers and Board of Trustees for the ensuing triennium and for consideration of such other matters as may properly come before the meeting. The members of this corporation are the members in regular standing of any church of the Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and all active members of the Florida Conference Board of Trustees and Southern Union Conference Executive Committee. Only those members present who are duly elected and accredited delegates of the Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists shall be entitled to vote at their Regional meeting and at the Constituency Meeting.

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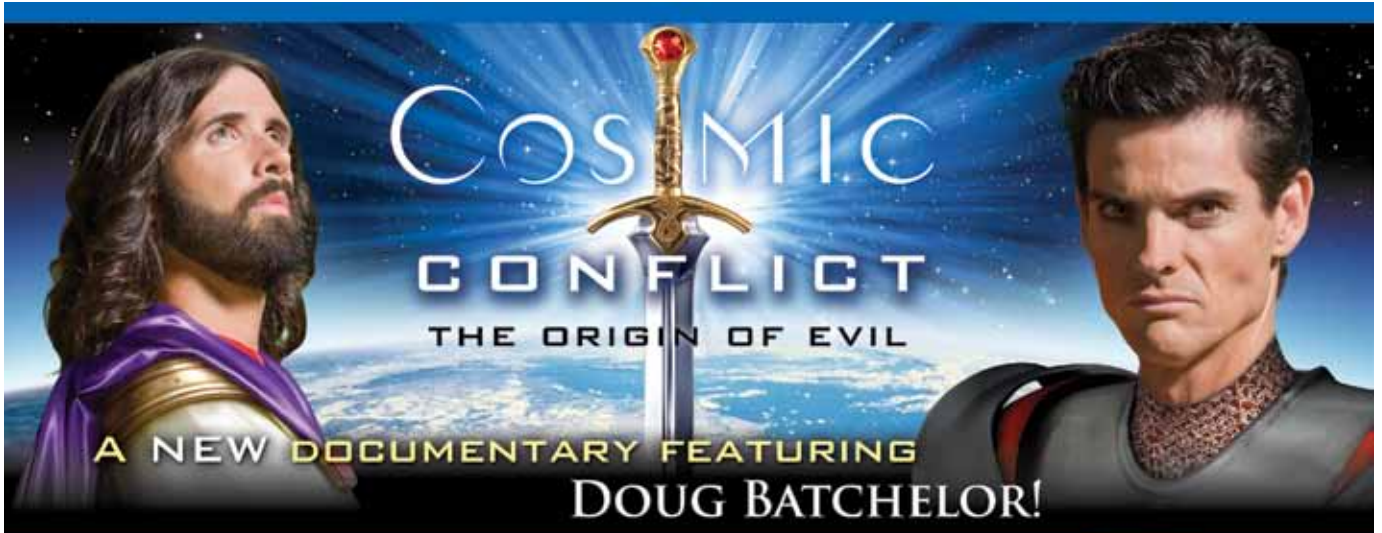
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ONLINE CEU CREDITS – Nedley Depression Recovery Program and Training the Trainer, (Director and Facilitator training). 1.6 units of CEU available. Register at drnedley.com, or call 800-778-4445. [8, 9]

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ADVENTISTS AND ISLAM: What message do SDA's have for Muslims? Find out at a special weekend dedicated to teaching what we have to share with Muslims. September 24 - 26, La Sierra University, CA. For more information email NADAdventistMuslimRelations@gmail.com or call 423-368-2343. Register at www.plusline.org/events.php. [8]

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HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY TO MARGARET MENSING. Former students, co-workers, friends and classmates are invited to send greetings to PO Box 205, Collegedale, TN 37315. Email to englewoman@verizon.net. Recall a story, motto or life lesson from her influence. Send photographs. [8]

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Events Calendar

Carolina

MPA Registration – Aug. 16. MPA.
MPA First Day of School – Aug. 17.
Pathfinder/Adventure Leadership Convention – Aug. 21-23. Nosoca.
Carolina LE Retreat – Aug. 27-30. Nosoca.
Men's Day of Prayer – Sept. 5.
Hispanic Women's Retreat – Sept. 11-13. Nosoca.
Young Adult Retreat – Sept. 11-13. Asheville.
Carolina Retirees' Retreat – Sept. 14-17. Nosoca.
Lay Pastoral Asst. Training – Sept. 18-20. Nosoca.

Florida

Complete calendar online – <http://www.floridaconference.com/calendar.html>
Florida Pathfinder events – <http://www.floridapathfinders.com/> or call 407-644-5000 x127.
Singles' Ministries events and mailing list information. Spiritual study groups, fellowship dinners, outings, and more. <http://www.asamcf.org/>, djmiller4000@gmail.com, or 386-789-3235.
North Florida Oakwood University Alumni Chapter – membership information and event listings for Oakwood alumni in Florida. Details: <http://www.oakwoodalumni.org/>, oakwoodalumniinf@gmail.com, 888-719-7776, or 904-616-1896.
Florida Hospital DeLand Support Groups – Florida Hospital DeLand offers a variety of support groups. Details available under the "Support Groups" link in the "Patients and Visitors" box at <http://www.fhdeland.org/>
Planned Giving Clinics and Seminars
 Aug. 22. Kendall.
 Aug. 29. Brazilian Chapel in Pompano Beach.
 Sept. 19. North Miami.
 Sept. 26. Palm Coast Portuguese in Bunnell.
Go Fish For Kids – Aug. 22. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Details: rhoda.burrill@floridaconference.com or 407-644-5000 x136.

South Florida Community Plunge Youth Rally – Aug. 22. Details: 407-644-5000 x129.
Family Ministries Marriage Retreats – Plaza Hotel, Daytona Beach. Details: rebeca.delosrios@floridaconference.com or 407-644-5000 x138.
Family Camp – Sept. 4-7. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Details: sdaretreats@campkulaqua.com or 386-454-1351.
Men's Day of Prayer – Sept. 5. Tampa First Church. Details: 863-670-6841.
Evangelism Series
 Sept. 9-12. Forest City Spanish. Rolando and Rebeca de los Rios.
 Sept. 27-Nov. 20. St. Petersburg. Bill and Sunshine Waters.
Go Fish Children's Ministries Convention – Sept. 11-13. Florida Hospital Orlando Creation Conference Center. Details: rhoda.burrill@floridaconference.com or 407-644-5000 x136.
Spanish-language Men's Ministries Convention – Sept. 19. West Palm Beach Church. Details: 561-307-2816 or 786-457-3444.
Community Plunge Youth Rally – Sept. 26. New Port Richey Church. Details: 407-644-5000 x129.

Georgia-Cumberland

Complete calendar online – www.gccsda.com
Health Rally – Aug. 8. Oak Ridge, TN.
"Courage to Stand" Pathfinder Camporee – Aug. 11-15. Oshkosh, WI.
Women's Ministries Leadership Training – Aug. 14-16. Cohutta Springs.
Health Workshop with Dane and Vicki Griffin – Aug. 14, 15. Collegedale, TN.
Prayer Ministries – Aug. 15.
First Day of School – Aug. 18. Conference-wide.
Southern Deaf Camp Meeting – Aug. 27-30. Cohutta Springs.
Pathfinder Leadership Convention – Aug. 28-30.
Retired Workers' Retreat – Sept. 10-13. Cohutta Springs.
Hope for Hurting Hearts – Sept. 11-13.
Elders' Certification – Sept.

11-13. Cohutta Springs.
Church Planting Training – Sept. 11-13. Cohutta Springs.
Pathfinder Drill Instructor Boot Camp – Sept. 11-13. Cohutta Springs.
GCC/SAC Lay Evangelism Rally – Sept. 12. Atlanta Metro Hispanic Church.
K.I.D. University Training – Sept. 13-16. Collegedale, TN.
K.I.D. Retreat – Sept. 18-20. Collegedale, TN, area.
Northeast TN Camp Meeting – Sept. 25, 26. The Oaks Retreat Center. Greeneville, TN.

Gulf States

Complete Calendar online <http://www.gccsda.org>
Conference Educators' and Pastors' Convention – Aug. 2-5. Bass Memorial Academy.
Conference Literature Evangelists' Convention – Aug. 6-9. Camp Alamisco.
Conference Schools Begin – Aug. 10.
Executive Committee – Aug. 18. Conference Office.
Prayer Training Summit for New Prayer Coordinators – Aug. 28-30.
Hispanic Youth Federation – Sept. 4-6. Camp Alamisco.
Conference Week of Fasting and Prayer – Sept. 6-12.
Fall Evangelistic Meetings – Sept. 13-30.
Prayer Ministries Conference – Sept. 18-20. Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center, Talladega, AL.
 Registration deadline – Aug. 16.
Marriage Enrichment Weekend (celebrating the year of the family) – Oct. 23-25. Embassy

Suites, Montgomery, AL. Details: 850-774-8644.

Kentucky-Tennessee

Conference Association Board
 Sept. 22. Dec. 1.
Conference Executive Committee
 Sept. 22. Dec. 1.
Pastors/Teachers Retreat – Aug. 2-5. Indian Creek Camp/Conference Center.
LE Summer Rally – Aug. 6-9. Indian Creek Camp/Conference Center.
Hispanic Youth Retreat – Aug. 21-23. Indian Creek Camp/Conference Center.
Highland Church 100th Anniversary – Aug. 28, 29. Come and join our former pastors and friends in this exciting celebration. Details: 615-325-3925.
Women's Retreat – Indian Creek Camp/Conference Center
 Hispanic. Sept. 11-13.
 Young Women. Sept. 18-20.
 Retreat I. Sept. 25-27.
 Retreat II. Oct. 2-4.
Southern Adventist University
Classes Begin – Aug. 27.
ViewSouthern – Sept. 21-23.
PreviewSouthern – Oct. 8, 9.

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	Aug. 7	Aug. 14	Aug. 21	Aug. 28	Sept. 4	Sept. 11
Atlanta, GA	8:32	8:25	8:17	8:08	7:59	7:49
Charleston, SC	8:13	8:06	7:58	7:49	7:40	7:31
Charlotte, NC	8:20	8:13	8:04	7:55	7:45	7:36
Collegedale, TN	8:37	8:29	8:21	8:12	8:02	7:52
Huntsville, AL	7:42	7:35	7:27	7:18	7:08	6:58
Jackson, MS	7:53	7:46	7:38	7:30	7:21	7:12
Louisville, KY	8:46	8:37	8:28	8:18	8:08	7:57
Memphis, TN	7:57	7:49	7:41	7:32	7:22	7:12
Miami, FL	8:02	7:57	7:51	7:44	7:37	7:29
Montgomery, AL	7:37	7:30	7:22	7:14	7:05	6:56
Nashville, TN	7:46	7:38	7:29	7:20	7:10	7:00
Orlando, FL	8:11	8:05	7:58	7:51	7:43	7:35
Wilmington, NC	8:07	8:00	7:51	7:42	7:33	7:23

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