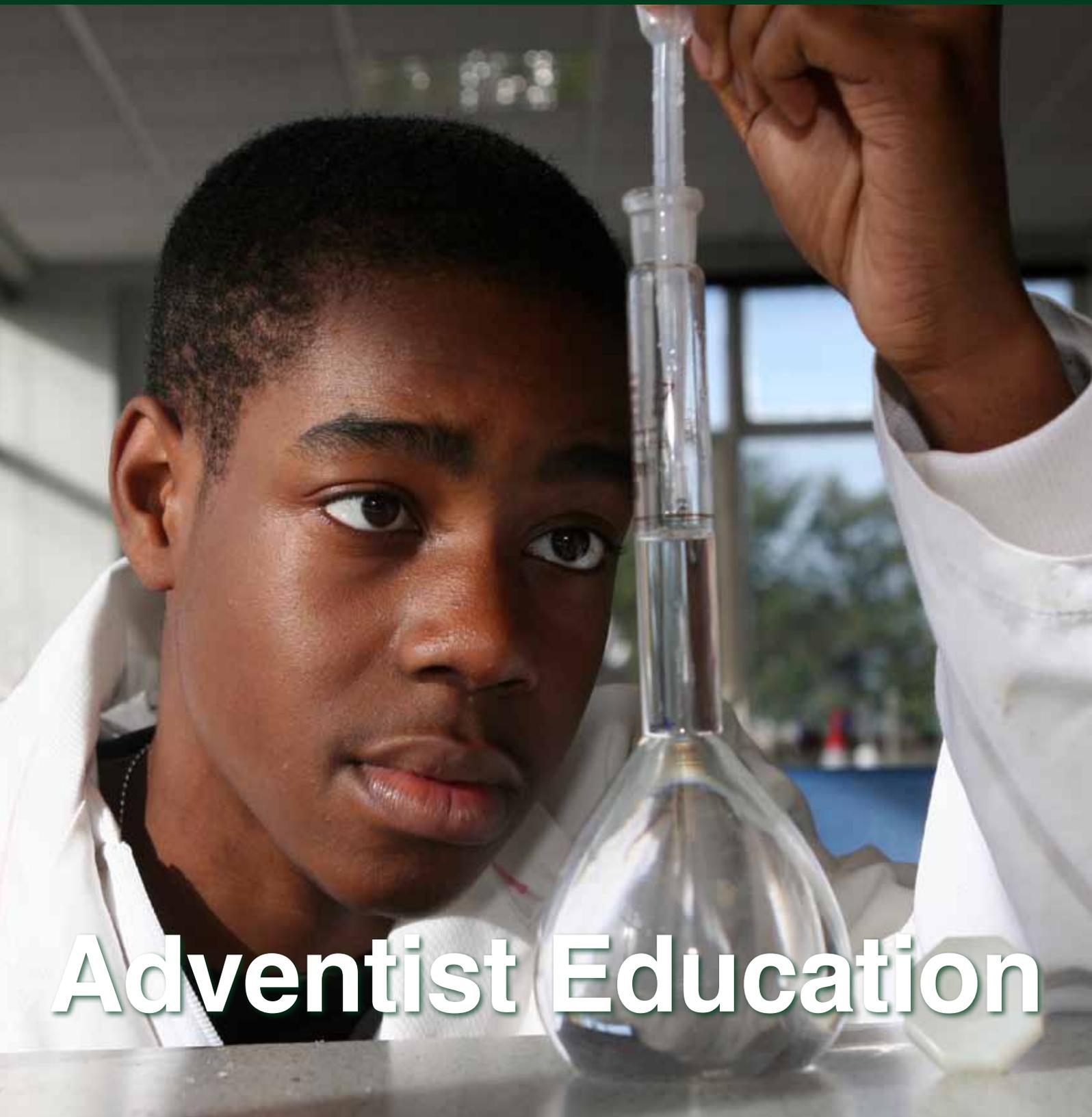


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# O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

While singing with the Southernaires Quartet during my years at Southern, one of my favorite songs declared —

O for a thousand tongues to sing, My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!

Often we are full of praise and can hardly contain ourselves. We don't hold back yet we can't find enough words and melody to fully express our inner joy. Why do we sing? Why do we praise God? It's the natural result of being a believer — one who knows that Jesus has saved to the uttermost.

Yes, we feel like singing when God helps us find our car keys, or finds us a job when we're about to go under. Certainly we want to praise God when He's obviously healed us from a terrible illness or protected us from a close call with a car accident. We praise God when events coincide with deliverance and we know that God has been right there with us. When God comes through we stand a little taller and sing a little louder — "Then Sings My Soul, My Savior God to Thee, How Great Thou Art, How Great Thou Art!"

Yet for the believer — one who believes that God can be trusted in all circumstances, who knows that Jesus through His death and resurrection has conquered the grave, and who has the assurance that a life in Christ is a life of restfulness — to this believer, the wellspring of praise is equally strong and overflowing by faith in the ultimate deliverance from all evil. We praise God in concert with the apostle Paul who emphatically testifies, "I am persuaded that neither death nor life ... can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39. For the believer, there is praise on our lips no matter the outcome. We know that our redeemer lives. We know that God has conquered death through Jesus Christ. We know that we are hid in Christ, the Rock of ages. We know that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Nothing.

You may have just experienced a dramatic deliverance, or you, or someone close to you, may have just experienced a terrible non-deliverance. What the believer by faith clings to is that with God, either way, deliverance or non-deliverance, whether life or death, God still loves and God still plans to come and deliver believers from evil, once and for all time. It means that we are not some-times praising, but all-the-time praising. Charles Wesley continues in the third verse of his great hymn, "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing":

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease,  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.

In other words, the believer joyfully sings with Fanny Crosby who lived with non-deliverance from blindness:

This is my story, This is my song,  
Praising my Savior, all the day long.



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# FORESIGHT, INSIGHT, ACTION

## ADVENTIST CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

BY CONRAD GILL

As I anticipate this milestone in my life known as retirement, and as I review my personal 44-year journey in Seventh-day Adventist ministry, 34 in the ministry of Christian education, I want to take this opportunity to recognize God's leading, and chat with my Southern Union extended family who have supported my ministry the last 19-and-one-half years.

You and I have reviewed numerous startling headlines in recent years. In addition to the calamities which are occurring around the world, many of these headlines have dealt with education — both positive and negative. We know that education in America faces many challenges regarding quality, poor student achievement, and environments

which are not safe for young children and youth.

Numerous challenges in public education also cause us to look at parallel challenges and changes that need to be addressed in our Adventist schools specifically, and in private education in general, from early childhood and pre-K through higher education.

In 1853, the first Adventist school

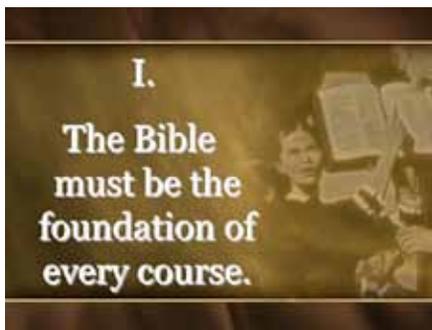
began at Buck's Bridge, New York, in the home of John Byington, who later became the first president of the General Conference. The teacher was his daughter, Martha Byington. Seventh-day Adventist Christian education was endorsed by the General Conference, and believed to be the best vehicle to use for the comprehensive education of our children and youth. Schools of the prophets,

if you will: Seventh-day Adventist schools ordained of God as a way of preparing youth for useful service here on Earth, and for ultimate entrance into the kingdom of Heaven.

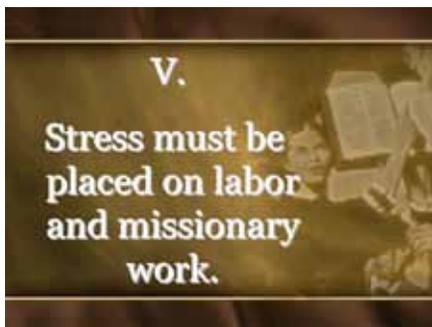
In 1872, Ellen White had a vision regarding Christian education. In that vision, the functions and objectives of Seventh-day Adventist schools were outlined as follows:



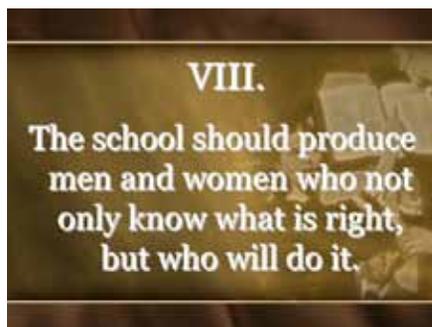
- I. The Bible must be the foundation of every course.



- II. The building of character is the first and greatest work of the Christian school.
- III. Regular classes in Bible should be taught in all schools.
- IV. Industrial and agricultural training should be combined with scholarship.



- V. Stress must be placed on labor and missionary work.
- VI. The scholastic training should be thorough.
- VII. The school administration must be democratic, not autocratic.
- VIII. The school should produce men and women who not only know what is right, but who will do it.



I'm sure we know that the Bible is true when it says, "But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, the things which are not, to bring to naught things that are . . ."

I Corinthians 1:27, 28. The old folk used to sing a hymn with simple yet profound words, "God's way is the best way, God's way is the right way; I'll trust in Him always, He knoweth the best!"

As I reflect on what our young people are facing in this era of history, I am compelled to look back as I embrace our precious heritage, and I ask you to join me in that embrace while obediently looking ahead to a bright earthly and heavenly future. We must be very steady and consistent as we review and prayerfully internalize God's plan for saving our children and youth.

Since Adventist Christian education is of God, can we even imagine trying to face today's challenges without relying on His guidance? Our forefathers began the Christian education journey by fully trusting God, and we must continue the journey by making sure that we trust Him also.

The servant of the Lord put it this way, "He who cooperates with the divine purpose in imparting to the youth a knowledge of God, and molding the character into harmony with His, does a high and noble work. As he awakens a desire to reach God's ideal, he presents an education that is as high as Heaven, and as broad as the universe; an education that cannot be completed in this life, but that will be contin-

ued in the life to come; an education that secures to the successful student his passport from the preparatory school of Earth to the higher grade, the school above."

It is ironic, but true in 2010, that there are many members in our churches who are unknowingly so caught up in their love of society, in postmodern views and values surrounding them, and in self-indulgence and personal gain, that they can't see or truly understand the purpose or value of Christian education. They also don't truly understand the value added ingredient Seventh-day Adventist teachers provide.

I, along with my Southern Union colleagues, have diligently worked to develop The Adventist EDGE, which focuses on the real mission of Seventh-day Adventist Schools. We are determined to be "Educators



*A student from Camden Adventist School in Camden, South Carolina, prays.*

Delivering GREAT Education," as we guide students to the mastery learning levels embodied in the *Journey to Excellence* goals, and essential core elements for curriculum in Seventh-day Adventist schools. These goals and core elements, that follow preferred and best practices, must be implemented. Our dedication to the complete implementation of the *Journey to Excellence* will ensure that we have done our very best to prepare young people for success in the 21st century and beyond.



I want to thank you for your continuing support of my administration as we have collaboratively addressed the how-to of school improvement through the Adventist EDGE Comprehensive School Improvement Initiative:

- Student Learning — the WHY of School Improvement
- Teachers — the WHO of School Improvement
- Curriculum — the WHAT of School Improvement
- Instruction — the HOW of School Improvement
- Assessment — the WHAT-IF of School Improvement

The Adventist EDGE has developed marketing tools and approaches, utilized a research-based delivery vehicle (4MATION), identified components via standards and benchmarks, developed matching component assessments, provided on-going intensive staff development, implemented a variety of instructional strategies, and developed rubrics as tools for measuring the consistent GREAT delivery of holistic Seventh-day Adventist Christian education.

We have concentrated our dedicated and determined efforts to ensure that we are following the Divine Imperative and blueprint, “And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord!”

History reminds us that since 1853, we’ve known about “whole person” education. Comprehensive “whole person” education (mental, physical, spiritual, social) includes the intentional development of

young people to excel academically; maintain healthy bodies; develop industrial technology skills with responsible cooperative work ethics; embrace thriving, God-centered spiritual lifestyles; and, last but not least, cultivate natural, diversity-sensitive interpersonal and communication practices.

There are currently seven Adventist EDGE Schools of Excellence across the Southern Union: A.W. Spalding Elementary School, Collegedale, Tennessee; Decatur

Adventist Junior Academy, Decatur, Georgia; Beryl Wisdom Adventist School, Orlando, Florida; Forest Lake Education Center, Longwood, Florida; Dickson Adventist Elementary School, Dickson, Tennessee; and Madison Campus Elementary School, Madison, Tennessee. One additional school, Duluth Adventist Christian School, Duluth, Georgia, will have its validation visit on May 11, 2010. There are five more schools that have applied for School of Excellence status in 2011 or 2012. They are Daughter of Zion Junior Academy, Delray Beach, Florida; Mt. Olivet Seventh-day Adventist School, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; Berean Christian Junior Academy, Atlanta, Georgia; John L. Coble Elementary School, Calhoun, Georgia; and Greater Atlanta Adventist Academy in Atlanta, Georgia.

These schools and many more that are striving to become exemplary schools will apply for the School of Excellence status, and are determined to reach out to our parents, constituents, and the communities they serve by delivering GREAT (God-centered, Results-oriented, in an Environment that nurtures, Aligned

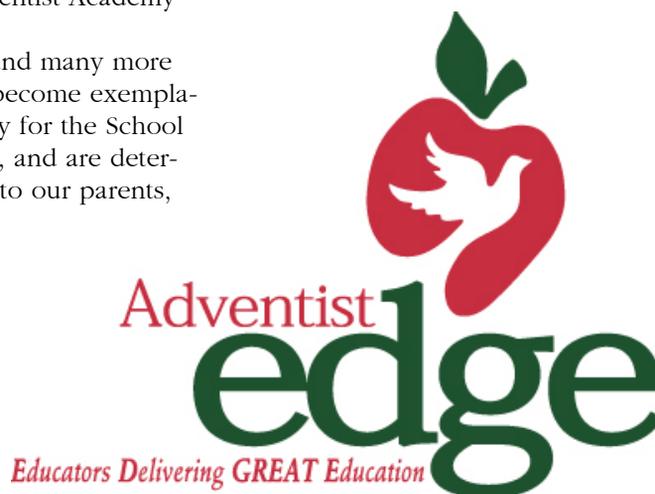
with Adventist and National Standards, and is a Team effort) education. All of our schools should be bursting at the seams because of excellence in all phases of their programs, academics, customer service, spirituality, and care for others.

Another Adventist EDGE initiative is the Excellence-in-Teaching Award. This award recognizes current denominationally certified teachers of excellence as defined by specific criteria established by the Southern Union. The teacher who receives this prestigious award



*The Adventist EDGE flag is presented to schools that achieve “School of Excellence” status.*

shows evidence of a personal relationship with God, and shares it with their students. They are results-oriented by aligning standards-based objectives with instruction, and use a variety of assessments to evaluate student progress and achievement. Instructional data is used to make instructional decisions to ensure students’ success. This teacher provides a classroom where differentiated



instruction is practiced and diversity is honored, causing children to feel safe and nurtured. This exemplary educator is intentional in planning instruction which honors the natural cycle of learning as outlined by the 4MAT framework. To date, we have presented two teachers with this award, Reggenia Baskin at Bethany SDA Academy in Montgomery, Alabama; and Sherry Housley, who retired from Camden Adventist School in Camden, South Carolina. We encourage schools to identify educators who mirror these qualities, and urge the conferences to nominate them for this prestigious award.

My prayer is that ALL of our Southern Union schools will be invitational, warm, exciting, engaging, friendly, and fulfilling support systems for our Adventist families and other families in our communities. I also pray that we will fully embrace

the *Journey to Excellence* as outlined by the North American Division Education Department. Why? Because time has proven that a close relationship with the school system results in the growth and prosperity of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In places where Church schools are vigorously supported, the work of the Church expands.

It is natural for those who have received their education under the guidance of Christian teachers to become staunch members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church — dedicated to the task for which it was established.

We should not fear the future because Ellen White characterizes it as follows, “Our schools of learning may swing into worldly conformity. Step by step they may advance toward worldly conformity; but they are prisoners of hope, and God will

correct and enlighten them, and bring them back to their upright position of distinction from the world.”

Remember, history often repeats itself, so “Walk Together Children, Don’t You Get Weary.” For the sake of our children and youth, I plead with you to exercise heavenly **Fore-sight**, Godly **Insight**, and Christian **Action**. For the destiny of our children and youth, I challenge us as a team, to pray without ceasing and work without faltering, as we are looking back . . . to see the future.



Adventist EDGE Excellence in Teaching Award  
Southern Union Office of Education



Reggenia Baskin (right) at Bethany SDA Academy in Montgomery, Alabama, and Sherry Housley (left) retired from Camden Adventist School in Camden, South Carolina. These two teachers are the first to receive the Excellence-in-Teaching Award.

For more history and information on Adventist Education, please visit [www.adventistedge.com](http://www.adventistedge.com), click on the what’s new tab to read **FORESIGHT, INSIGHT, ACTION**, or [www.southernunion.com](http://www.southernunion.com), click on May **TIDINGS**.

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# Finding Purpose

BY LEWIS HENDERSHOT

Heather weighed 250 pounds when she was 13 years old. Her family was concerned, but found no medical reason for her obesity. What nobody knew was that emotional issues were defeating Heather's hopes to be healthy and happy.

Things worsened years later when she got in with the wrong crowd at college. She started smoking and doing drugs. She quit at the end of her first semester; she weighed 384 pounds.

One day her mother said, "I found a school for overweight teenagers. I would like to send you there for a few

months." She agreed. For her last meal before leaving, she ate two double cheeseburgers, two servings of fries, and a large milkshake.

Months later, Heather returned home and started attending church where she realized God was always there for her. She found a new source of comfort in His loving presence.

"When I found the Lord," she says, "a sense of completion came over me – like it was the missing piece in my puzzle." God filled Heather's life with new meaning. "He gave me the purpose in life to care for and help others." So, she decided to become a nurse.

One of her friends had attended Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences. After looking into it further, Heather felt it was the college for her. "I didn't want any other college," she said. "I want the best out of life – I won't settle for mediocre. This is a Christian institution and has the

support of a Seventh-day Adventist Christian hospital. So this is a college of God, and since I live by faith, I know He led me here. Whenever you associate yourself with the Lord and the things of the Lord, He will bless you. We pray before every class. I love it! And everybody is so nice. When you have a problem, your teachers help you."

Heather is a different person today with a very bright future. One of her key discoveries has been that the real purpose of life is found in service to others. And today, she is in a place where God is shaping her to share with others that beauty is only skin deep.

## Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences Timeline

- 1992** Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences opened, enrollment 242
- 1995** Accreditation, Seventh-day Adventist Board of Regents
- 1997** SACS full accreditation
- 1999** First B.S. graduation
- 2000** First online courses
- 2008** First master's degree offered – Nurse Anesthesia
- 2009** Denver Extension – Campus opened
- 2010** More than 2,750 students currently enrolled at FHCHS



Heather receives help from Adam Heck, math professor at Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences.

months." She agreed. For her last meal before leaving, she ate two double cheeseburgers, two servings of fries, and a large milkshake.

She followed a strict diet and exercise program at the school and met with her behavior coach often. They identified what was triggering her

months." She agreed. For her last meal before leaving, she ate two double cheeseburgers, two servings of fries, and a large milkshake.

## Preparing Teachers to Lead Students to Christ

BY FAITH LAUGHLIN

An intense feeling encircled the stone chapel on a private secondary school campus not far from Southern Adventist University. The hushed group focused on workshop presenter Kathy Goddard and a student.

“If you died to tonight, would you be saved?”

“I don’t know, for sure.”

“Would you like to?”

The student nodded her head.

“Let’s take a look at what the Bible says,” continued Goddard.

Gently, step by step, they read through Bible texts that point to God’s plan of salvation.



*During a spiritual retreat, Intro to Education students participate in an activity where they are told to search for treasure with their eyes closed, helping them understand how working together can help us find the treasure of salvation.*

Although the group of 40 Introduction to Education students from Southern Adventist University intently listened to the conversation, Goddard and the student gave no notice. The varied backgrounds of this diverse group had a commonality. Most had never experienced such a conversation previously, and based on statistics, many of them probably had the same

questions as the student Goddard was speaking to. Seventy-seven percent of Adventist young people are worried about or uncertain about being ready for Christ’s return.

### Starting with a Personal Relationship

Because having a personal relationship with Christ is necessary in order to be able to share Christ, and because teachers carry a heavy responsibility in sharing salvation with their students, Southern’s School of Education has made the spiritual development of future teachers a priority.

Believing that tomorrow’s teachers need intentional training in order to make disciples of the children within their classrooms, Southern has teamed up with Kids In Discipleship (K.I.D) — a ministry that equips adults to lead children to trust, follow, and share Jesus — to create a program that addresses these skills in future teachers.

Education students will be taken on a journey to first help them develop an authentic relationship with Christ, and then learn tools of how to share this with the students they encounter in the classroom.

Initial response from this program, which launched this academic year, has been positive. Students have shared that the spiritual retreats incorporated into the first-year curriculum have brought personal blessings in their lives, and they look forward to further spiritual training.

### Reaching out to the World

As the program continues, future teachers will be prepared to infuse lessons on the assurance of salvation, discipleship, and prayer into their Bible curriculum. They will be equipped to provide their students with tools to aid in their own spiritual growth by creating worships specific to defining discipleship, and articulating the steps of how to be a disciple. And, they will become spiritual journey mentors as they learn how to encourage students to spend some time alone with God, and take personal spiritual retreats.

Before they graduate, education students will also learn how to unite the home, church, and school in a joint effort to lead each child into a relationship with Jesus Christ, assisting the children to first be Christ’s disciples, and then reach out to become disciple makers themselves.

In essence, Southern’s program is preparing an army of youth who are trained to bring Christ into their classroom — and around the world.

*Faith Laughlin is an associate professor in Southern Adventist University’s School of Education and Psychology.*



*Kathy Goddard guides a student through a Bible study on salvation.*



IVONNE JOHNSON

MARK MASTRAPPA

*Amanda Johnson high-fives her father, Dave, and her sister, Megan (wearing yellow shirt), as she crosses the finish line at last year's 5K run. The seventh grader has won first place among all female students every year since fourth grade, including this year at the March 21 race (inset).*

BY LYNNET REINER

# A Finished Race Lives On In 5K Run

**"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven in the lives of others." —Pericles**

Miriam Kittrell was a visionary leader totally committed to Christian education. Her constant faith in the power of God to provide ways to further His work caused Miriam to dream big and to make the impossible, possible.

Under her leadership as principal of Forest Lake Education Center (FLEC) in Longwood, Florida, 1989-1996, the dream for a much-needed gymnasium became a reality. In addition, resource, guidance, and technology programs were created, enrollment grew, and Christian education became a possibility for many who had thought it impossible.

In Miriam's honor (deceased, 1997), José Alvin Fuentes, a FLEC physical education teacher at the time, organized the Miriam Kittrell 5K Run/Walk for Christian Education in 1999, to raise funds for worthy students who wanted to attend FLEC, yet needed financial assistance. During the ensuing decade, the event brought in more than \$109,000 for worthy students and made Christian education possible for more than

250 families. This year's March 21 run raised nearly \$35,000 for worthy students, exceeding the \$30,000 total raised in 2009.

The 5K run's success can be counted in many ways. Approximately 80 percent of FLEC students now participate in the 5K, according to Melissa Keller, FLEC home and school leader, who has assisted in the event during the past three years. Another benefit is that parents and teachers run to support their students and children, along with community and constituent church members who participate to help worthy students. All who run gain from the benefits of fitness and working together for the cause of Christian education.

Amanda Johnson, a FLEC seventh grader, has been running since she was in kindergarten. She doesn't remember if she won that year, but she does remember that a first-place finish in second and third grade among the girls in her class created a love for running. This has led to training with her dad, running on the treadmill, riding the stationary bike at

a health club, and jogging around her neighborhood several times a week. The training has helped her win first place every year among all the girls at FLEC since fourth grade in 2007 through this year's race.

"It's fun to run, and I like competing with others," says Amanda, "and I like raising money for FLEC." Family and friends enthusiastically support and sponsor her efforts.

"The Worthy Student Fund is such a blessing," says the mother of two FLEC students. When her business was forced to close because of the economic downturn, there was no way to pay tuition. Funds from the 5K are helping to make it possible for her eighth grader to graduate with her class at FLEC this year.

"It's important for us to honor God with the funds that He's provided for us to continue our Christian education at FLEC," she adds. "It's such a blessing to have Christian teachers who are with our children daily. It gives me peace to know that my children are with praying teachers and administrators."

## Florida Hospital Teaches Colon Cancer Prevention

An enormous inflatable colon is proving to be the ultimate learning tool. Visitors at the Prevent Cancer Super Colon™, presented by Florida Hospital Cancer Institute experts at DeLand, Fish Memorial, Flagler, and Memorial Medical Center, are learning critical information about colon cancer prevention.

Community members walked through the 20-foot long, 8-foot high replica of the human colon and saw examples of healthy colon tissue, as well as diseased colon tissue from the various stages of cancer and colitis.

According to the American Cancer Soci-



*The inflatable colon is a fantastic visual learning tool, teaching the community about colon cancer.*

ety, colorectal cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer, and is a leading cause of cancer death in both men and women in the U.S. The good news is colon cancer is curable 90 percent of the time when detected

early via screenings and treatments.

“Unfortunately, only half of people age 50 or older have received the recommended tests,” said Desiree Paradis, Florida Hospital Volusia/Flagler spokeswoman. “Because



*Stephanie Falconer (left), Florida Hospital Fish Memorial; Debbie Cassel-Kidd, Florida Hospital DeLand; and Pat Calvin, Florida Hospital Fish Memorial, spend time teaching the community.*

of this, Florida Hospital has committed to make colorectal health education a priority for 2010, and we hope the community learned the importance of colorectal health from this event.”

—BY LINDSAY REW

## Children’s Health Fair Teaches Healthy Lifestyles

Calhoun and Gordon County children are learning quite a bit more than reading, writing, and arithmetic in school these days. Thanks to the Gordon Hospital Foundation, Calhoun, Ga., and the “Good Health Galaxy,” area fifth graders are also learning some valuable health information, such as what smoking cigarettes truly does to the lungs, what a calorie really is, how to make their own healthy snacks, how far they can stretch, and much more.

“So many kids today are pressured into smoking, or spend their time in front of the television or computer instead of exercising,” said Judy Jackson, Gordon Hos-

pital director of development services and fair coordinator. “Our goal is to show them the effects of bad choices and to teach them how to make healthier choices.”

At the fairs, the students “orbit” the “galaxy” filled with interactive booths that deal with smoking awareness, safety, nutrition, and physical fitness. Students, organizers, and teachers alike tout the effectiveness of the presentation, particularly the smoking awareness booth.

Smoking Susie is a demonstration doll that actually smokes a cigarette with the smoke and by-products accumulating in a glass test tube. Once Susie has finished the cigarette,



*Cindy Davis, director of cardiopulmonary services at Gordon Hospital, uses Smoking Susie to demonstrate the dangers of smoking to the students attending the Good Health Galaxy Kids’ Health Fair, sponsored by the Gordon Hospital Foundation.*

the demonstrator takes a cotton swab and swabs the

tube, showing the children how much tar and chemical is collecting in someone’s lungs after smoking just one cigarette.

“Many students described how ‘gross’ the Smoking Susie demonstration was and what the cigarette did to her lungs,” Jackson said. “They promised to never smoke after seeing the results.”

“Our children are our future,” Jackson added. “That’s why the Foundation is passionate about supporting this event. We hope the healthy advice we give makes a difference in at least one child’s life.”

## Eddlemon School Walks in Christian's Footsteps



The students at Eddlemon Adventist School are taking their Christian journey to heart. During the first semester, they followed in the footsteps of "Christian" as he journeyed through the Pilgrim's Progress.

They were with him as he despaired in the Slough of Despond, they sang with him in the prison at Vanity Fair, and they rejoiced as he and Hopeful fell to their knees to seek the Lord in the dungeon at Castle Despair. The principles from this book, the result of a combined reading and Bible unit, have overflowed into the students' lives. Here is a snapshot of some of the highlights of this year's journey...

One of the first

ways in which the students reached out this year is to the residents at the Windsor House, a nursing home just down the street from the school. Beginning the first week of school, the students visited with the residents, taking them cards and singing songs. The residents and students both look forward to their monthly visits.

When the new principal, Bradley Durby, asked the students what

they wanted to name their sports team, there was a unanimous vote for the "Crusaders." The students proudly wear their Crusaders logo on T-shirts, hoodies, and sweatpants.

Just this past month, one of the day care teachers lost three of her family members during the tragic earthquakes in Haiti. Her mother, 90-plus years old, survived, and was staying in a tent; she has since been working to bring her mother to the United States.

When the students learned of this situation, they brought in coins to help her. Although the school's enrollment is 50 students, they raised more than \$800 in just a few weeks time, showing their love and compassion.

The students in grades K-3 presented a program called a "Walk through the Bible." In this musical, the students presented Bible stories from the Old and New Testaments through poetry, narration, and songs. One of the highlights for the teachers was

listening to these young students try to think of all the stories in the Bible that were not able to be included in the program.

It can be a challenging, even overwhelming, task to help guide the young people to make positive choices and to stand up for their beliefs.

As a teacher, the following quote from Ellen White has always inspired teachers to focus on what is most important. "The greatest want of the world is the want of men — men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the Heavens fall" *Education*, p. 57.

—BY LORI BUSCH, TEACHER  
AT EDDLEMON ADVENTIST  
SCHOOL



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## Asheville Area Unites in Discipling Children to Jesus

A dream that has been three years in the making has become a reality for Asheville-Pisgah Christian School (APCS). The school has succeeded in launching the Kids in Discipleship (K.I.D.) ministry in the Asheville area. Three years ago, after learning about K.I.D. during a Pathfinder Leadership Training Session, Harry Janetzko, principal, and Janesta Walker began dreaming of how this ministry could impact the APCS community for Jesus.

After overcoming many obstacles and witnessing the power of God working in miraculous ways, the school has put together a more encompassing



*Asheville North, Mount Pisgah Academy, and Bethel Church members pose with other attendees of the K.I.D. Training at the Collegedale, Tenn., Church.*

ministry than originally planned. Last February, the Southern Union sponsored K.I.D. School, a training session that equips educators to build discipleship principles within the school system. A parent/faculty team from APCS attended this session and made plans to make APCS a hub

to support and encourage the area churches to work with the school to incorporate K.I.D. into the homes, schools, and churches in the Asheville area. This home, school, and church team is providing the area children with unified spiritual

mentorship.

In March of 2009, three area churches, Mount Pisgah Academy, Asheville North, and Bethel, committed to the ministry by sending a team from each of their churches to K.I.D. University, the training seminar that prepares local

church teams to implement K.I.D. ministries in their home churches. The Foster Church is planning to attend training soon, fulfilling the school's dream of having all of the churches associated with APCS participating in this wonderful ministry.

K.I.D., a ministry of the Collegedale Church, seeks to prepare parents and mentors for leading their children into a deeper walk with Jesus, and to empower the children to share their love for their Savior with those they meet at school, at home, at church, and in their local communities. It is exciting to see what God is doing through this ministry in the APCS community.

—BY JANESTA WALKER

## Asheville-Pisgah Christian School Opens Center

Asheville-Pisgah Christian School (APCS) recently celebrated the grand opening of the new Hope Learn-

ing Center classroom. The Center is a special blessing on the APCS campus. It is a place where students who have special needs in reading or math can come year-round for individualized assistance.

Linda Janetzko, the Center's teacher, is trained in the Orton-Gillingham method, which focuses on identifying the child's unique reading needs, and addressing them with highly person-

alized instruction.

One of the primary purposes of the Learning Center is to work with the classroom teachers, especially in the beginning grades, to identify unique learning needs and to take the necessary steps of early intervention. The program is extremely successful with helping students overcome their learning challenges so that they can perform more effectively in the regular classroom.

The beautiful new classroom, located in a quiet end of the building,

provides a fresh, bright, learning atmosphere dedicated to the Learning Center program.

APCS, one of the few Adventist schools in the North American Division to have a learning center, is committed to providing all its students with high quality Adventist Christian education. The Learning Center reaches a portion of the student body that might otherwise slip through the cracks, and offers hope for a brighter future to the students it serves.

—BY JANESTA WALKER



*At the grand opening celebration, Michael Brackett, pastor, delivered the message, and the school music groups shared their talents through song.*

## **Fletcher Academy, Inc. (Self Supporting Industry)**

- 1910 Asheville Agricultural School and Mountain Sanitarium organized.
- 1969 Asheville Agricultural School and Mountain Sanitarium changed to Mountain Sanitarium and Hospital and Fletcher Inc.
- 1977 Mountain Sanitarium and Hospital name changed to Fletcher Hospital.
- 1984 Fletcher Hospital was sold to Adventist Health Systems/Sunbelt and a new facility was built.
- 1986 Under new ownership, Park Ridge Hospital opened doors of new facility (formerly Fletcher Hospital).
- 1990 First residents move into the Fletcher Park Inn Retirement Center.
- 2004 Under Fletcher Academy Inc, Lelia Patterson Wellness Center opened its doors to the community. Patterson was a nurse who made significant contributions to the nursing program while working at the Mountain Sanitarium.

## **Mount Pisgah Academy**

- 1914 Pisgah Industrial Institute established
- 1920s Sanitarium building completed and nursing education flourished.
- 1926 First graduating class of the academy.
- 1932 A hospital opened for patients with 18 rooms, an operating/delivery room, examining room, office, waiting room, laboratory, x-ray, and pharmacy.
- 1951 Pisgah Industrial Institute purchased by the Carolina Conference and became a Conference academy. The name was changed to Mt. Pisgah Academy (current name today).
- 1967 Mt. Pisgah served as the camp meeting location until 1979.

## **Elementary Schools**

- 1901 – 1910 First record of any type of education training was organized by Carolina Adventist pioneer D.T. Shireman. He started the Bible Corresponding Training School, an orphanage, and the Hildebran Christian School
- 1914 Adventist Christian Academy is the oldest private school in Charlotte, North Carolina, and the second oldest elementary school in the Carolina Conference.
- 1920s Asheville-Pisgah school organized
- 1930 High Country Christian School organized
- 1940 Salisbury School organized
- 1959 Tryon SDA School organized
- 2010 There are currently 22 Adventist elementary schools in the Carolina Conference



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## Students are Involved in Avon Park DVD Ministry



Richard Howard was traveling in Europe when, one night, he was awakened with the distinct impression that God had an assignment for him to involve young people in a DVD ministry. He was strongly impressed to write notes about the ideas God was bringing to his mind.

Upon returning to the United States, Howard went to Walker Memorial Academy in Avon Park, Fla., and began training students and other young people from Avon Park Church. Their ministry was to record and edit services to share on DVD with home-bound church members.



PHOTOS: RICHARD HOWARD

*DiAnna Palsgrove (left) and Michael Jensen (above) operate cameras to record worship services at Avon Park Church.*

This ministry has now expanded far beyond home-bound church members. DVDs are used by the local prison ministries team as well as a prison ministries group in New York. New congregations not yet assigned a pastor, as well as isolated people, ask for the DVD's to use for their

church services. By word of mouth, the DVD ministry has spread across the United States and into other countries such as Chile, Jamaica, Haiti, Peru, and the Philippines.

Howard recalls the multitude of blessings connected with his work:

1. Through the process of recording and editing each DVD, he gets to hear the sermon four or five times, reinforcing its blessing.
2. He has the opportunity to sense God's guidance and blessing when a DVD arrives for someone just at the time it was needed.
3. The expressions of appreciation by recipients of the DVD's are his reward.

—BY NAOMI ZALABAK

## Joyce Babb Turns 100 in Lehigh Acres



ROGER ELLIOTT

Joyce (Rouse) Babb, was born March 21, 1910, the second of five girls, in the parish of Saint James, Barbados, West Indies.

In 1934, she married Oscar Babb, and the couple moved to Guyana, South America, where he opened an auto repair shop. Joyce ran the financial end of the business, became an entrepreneur selling coal and firewood to the villagers, and gave birth to six children. To supplement their income, she made her children's clothing and was a hairdresser on the side.

Joyce and the children immigrated to Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1967

with the dream that Oscar would join them. He died in Guyana before their dream could be realized.

In 1980, the family moved to nearby Queens where Joyce planted a garden that fed family and friends. Later, she attended school to study geriatric and infant care, a career in which she specialized until retirement.

Always involved with her church, Joyce was a deaconess who enjoyed community service work, and the singles' club

where she was in her element traveling. In 2004, she moved with her family to Miramar, Fla., and one year later to Lehigh Acres where she especially enjoys church socials.

Family and friends testify that Joyce is strong, yet quiet, and a good listener with the gift of discernment who never complains. Her greatest desire is for her six children, 17 grandchildren, and 27 great-grandchildren to see the Lord when He returns.

—BY VELDA ELLIOTT

## Adventist Educators Believe In the Power



Participants in the Believe In the Power weekend included Alison Prusia (front row, left), Forest Lake Academy (FLA) home and school leader; Rena Freeman, Orlando Junior Academy (OJA) board chair; Melissa Keller, Forest Lake Education Center (FLEC) home and school leader; Nicole Agbonkese, OJA principal; Janet Ledesma, FLEC principal; Carlene Beckner, FLEC board chair. Gloria Becker (back row), FLA principal; and Shane Anderson and Gerard Carter, presenters.

Educators from central Florida met at Forest Lake Academy in Apopka, Fla., for renewal of their commitment to Adventist education at a March 19-21, 2010, Believe In the Power weekend that featured thought-

challenging messages and personal testimonies of participants.

“My experience in Adventist schools is irreplaceable!” exclaimed Janet Ledesma, Forest Lake Education Center (FLEC) principal.

“I am grateful to my church family for seeing potential in me and making it possible for me to attend Adventist schools through college.”

Planned and sponsored by TrueEducation, a Christian school consulting business, the weekend event highlighted the value of Adventist education in the past and for the future. Shane Anderson, senior pastor of Shenandoah Valley Academy Church in New Market, Va., shared insights on how to keep Adventist schools thriving in the 21st century.

Anderson, who authored *How to Kill Seventh-day Adventist Education (and How to Give It a Fighting Chance)*, emphasized the strength Adventist schools have in building disciples for Christ — so

much so that Satan will do anything to make them fail.

Additional support for making young disciples came in the presentation, “God’s Dream for Our Children,” by Gerard Carter, a teacher at Duluth Adventist School in Duluth, Ga., and representative for Kids In Discipleship. He focused on the parents’ role in guiding children to Christ.

Arne Nielsen, Florida Conference superintendent of education was “encouraged by the collaboration of parents, pastors, and educators planning for the present and future of our youth through Adventist education.”

The weekend concluded Sunday with a 5K run for Christian education. (See feature on page 10.)

—BY MELISSA KELLER

## Bike Riders Benefit Daytona Beach School

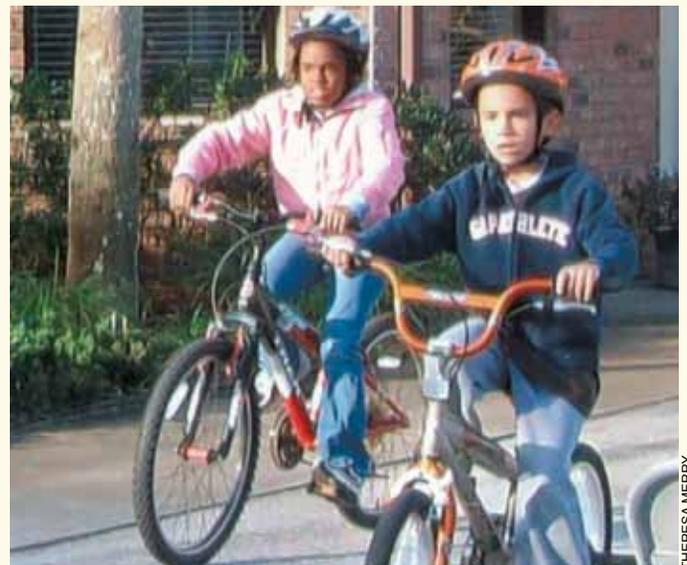
Indigo Christian Junior Academy in Daytona Beach, Fla., held its third annual bicycle Move-a-Thon on March 16, 2010, to benefit the school’s operating budget. In the weeks leading up to this popular fundraiser, students gathered pledges for contributions from family, friends, and church members.

On the day of the event, the school’s parking lot was set up in two tracks; one for students in the lower grades and one for students in the upper grades. The children rode their bikes around the track

as many laps as possible, stopping only for water/fruit breaks, and one hour for lunch. Before the day ended, 11 students had ridden 2,042 laps (262 miles), and raised nearly \$2,000.

“The students did an amazing job!” echoed Karen Thomas, principal and grades 1-4 teacher; and Sharon VandeVere, grades 5-8 teacher. Their efforts, as well as those of Indigo Christian Junior Academy, were featured in the local *Hometown News* with a story and photographs.

—BY INDIGO CHRISTIAN JUNIOR ACADEMY STUDENTS



Ayianna Henry (left) and Sydney Poeira rode their bicycles to help raise money for Indigo Christian Junior Academy.

Theresa Merry

## A VIGNETTE OF FLORIDA CONFERENCE'S FIRST CHURCH SCHOOL

1885 A group of 22 Adventist believers officially organized and the Terra Ceia Church became the first in Florida Conference. Seven years later, this forerunner of the Palmetto Church near St. Petersburg, opened the Terra Ceia Church School and by 1894, 30 students were enrolled.

1900 Loulie Horn began teaching at Terra Ceia on a \$15 per month salary, plus room and board. This circa 1900 photo, shows Miss Horn among her students at the Terra Ceia Church School (later called Palm View). Front row, left to right: Eugene Sweeting, George Bishop, Pearl Anderson, Daisy Gullett, Gertrude Bishop, Guy Nash, Paul Houghtaling, Gus Foster, Otis Anderson. Middle row: Jessie Anderson, Clara Webber, teacher Loulie Horn, Hortense Ware, Maggie Robertson, Leota Andress. Back row: Frank Robinson, Angie Foster, David Robertson, Sam Sweeting, John Gullett, Will Andress, Oscar Costello, Claude Robertson, and Clarence Bishop.



1910 Loulie married Henry Edward Andress, whose parents were charter members of the Terra Ceia Church. Her mother, Louise, held the first Adventist meetings in Orlando in her home.



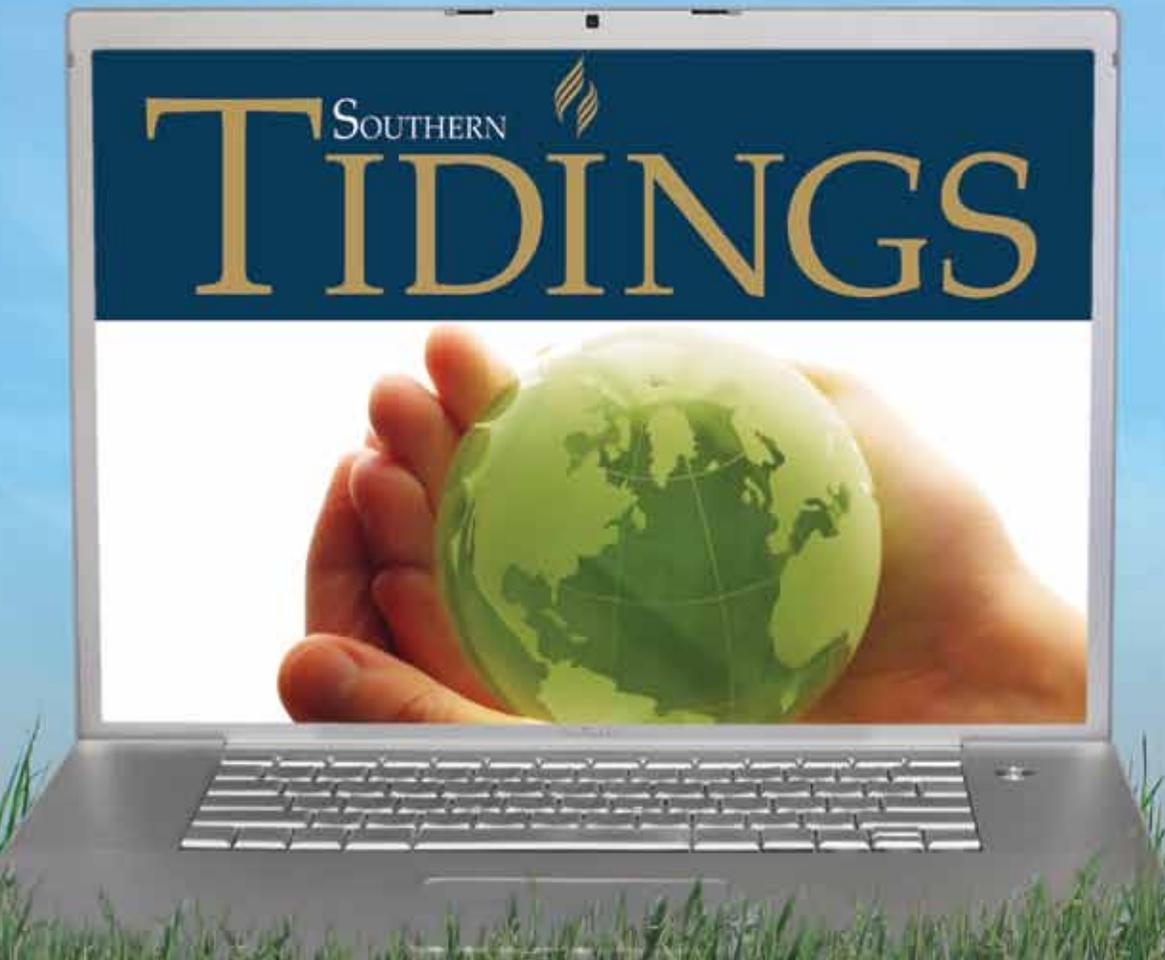
*Photos provided by John and Genevieve Andress Roadman*

## FLORIDA EDUCATIONAL TIMELINE

- 1892 First church school established at Terra Ceia.
- 1893 Eustis school started.
- 1895 Punta Gorda school started.
- 1898 Tampa First Church school started and held in the church on Marion Street. Disbanded for a couple of years and reopened in 1917.
- 1904 Ward City (renamed Brooker) school started.
- 1905 Ft. Ogden school started.
- 1906 Jennings Lake school started.
- 1906 Winyah Lake Academy organized by the Orlando Church in the old Armory Building on Court Street.
- 1906 Orlando Jr. Academy established.
- 1912 Greater Miami Elementary School established at Miami Temple in a tent behind the church at 862 SW 4th Street.
- 1918 Winyah Lake Academy established on the grounds of the Florida Sanitarium in Orlando.
- 1925 Forest Lake Academy replaced Winyah Lake Academy when the school was moved to its present location near Forest City.
- 1925 Orlando Jr. Academy moved to present location.
- 1957 First Florida Conference Elementary/Junior Academy Music Festival conducted by Lyle Hamel held at Forest Lake Academy.
- 1960 Greater Miami Academy became a full fledged four year academy.
- 1988 Greater Miami Adventist Academy breaks ground for new facility.
- 1991 Vice President for Education position established.
- 1992 Florida College of Health Science established.
- 1997 AE21, Small School Distance Learning Pilot began in Florida.
- 1999 Greater Miami Academy was incorporated into the Florida Conference sponsored educational system.
- 2005 Greater Miami Academy became Greater Miami Adventist Academy.

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## Knoxville Students Serve with Time and Money

Every school year, including this one, students at Knoxville Adventist School (KAS) give time and money to various charities and projects.

For the last several years, the seventh- through tenth-graders have spent an hour and a half, every couple of months, at Second Harvest, an east Tennessee food bank. They help sort non-perishable food items which go to smaller food pantries, including the Samaritan Center operated by the Knoxville First Church.

Older students also help with the KAS community annual citrus fruit program, unloading the trucks and taking fruit out to customers' cars.

Younger students are not left out. They make cards for shut-ins and sick people in the church. They have made several visits to Little Creek (a local sanitarium) to sing to and visit with the residents. This year, they made valentines to send to American soldiers stationed in Afghanistan.

This year, students have raised \$1,718 for Haiti through a Dimes for Disaster drive. They have also purchased toiletries and small toys to send to a Russian orphanage with a former student who traveled there with her school choir.

Older students helped serve a free pancake breakfast to local veterans on Veterans' Day. They started

a major project to create a biology/prayer trail on school property, and hung bird houses they made all along the trail. The school has used this project for several Outdoor Education days, so the students could

cut the trail, carve out steps on the hill, add wood chips where needed, and build the bird houses. They have plans to build benches at several spots along the trail.

—BY LYNNETTE HOLLENBECK



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*Arthur Ordelbeide, Jack Ramey, Eli Stinnett, Will Mitchell, Eleanor Davais, Kirsten Levinskas, and Lexi Chesney from Knoxville Adventist School sing at a local nursing home.*

## GCA Acroflyers Inspire with Kindness

The Georgia-Cumberland Academy (GCA) Acroflyers flip, lift, toss, and tumble their way into the hearts and lives of audiences as they demonstrate gymnastic skills, teamwork, and the effects of clean living.

Bruce Boggess, coach of the team and one of the history and English teachers at GCA, has definite goals for his gymnastics teams. "Our theme this year is Nil Magnum Nisi Bonum, which means 'no greatness without goodness.' Romans 12:21 says, 'Do not be overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good.'" Boggess says the team tries to illustrate this in perfor-

mances.

The team performed in partnership with Highland Academy for one of the



JEFF MASSEY

*Acroflyers from Georgia-Cumberland and Highland academies lift Rebecca Foley, a Calhoun, Ga., elementary student, in her wheelchair during a performance.*

Calhoun, Ga., elementary schools. Following their performance, an e-mail with an especially inspiring photo from the performance was sent out, and subsequently forwarded to community leaders. The photo showed GCA and Highland Academy gymnasts demonstrating a "lift move" using a wheelchair-bound elementary student. It was entitled "Inspirational Moment." The

responses to this photo and e-mail were overwhelmingly positive, which led the local paper to also feature the photo.

Boggess says that this one act, which demonstrates their theme of "no greatness without goodness," was simply an act of kindness or goodness, which then turned into greatness as it circulated through the community and became a positive witness.

"The confidence and pride that results when each person contributes to a whole that is larger than himself is irreplaceable," adds Boggess.

—BY NANCY GERARD

## Collegedale Academy Choir Ministers in Panama

It was shortly after 1:00 a.m., and sleep would not come easily. One reason could be the bumpy five hour ride to Panama City, Panama, in the crowded bus. Another would be there was simply too much to think about. This mission team, including the OPUS choir from Collegedale Academy, plus friends, had just departed for the airport in Panama City. At the farewell meeting there was an opportunity to share thoughts and experiences. All expressed sadness the trip was over.



SUBMITTED BY MATT NAFEE

*Deborah Valmont smiles with a new friend on the Panama Mission Trip from Collegedale Academy.*

Teeth had been pulled, eyeglasses fitted, blood sugar checked. The Vacation Bible School crew had started with a few children, but at the end had almost become more than they could handle. The young preachers had received, as well as imparted, blessings. Teams of youth had fanned out through the community inviting people to the meetings. They had been thrilled to see people they had invited in the audience. One site's attendance grew from 15 the first night, to 90 the final night — all local community people.

This trip was conceived around OPUS, the

select choir from Collegedale Academy. The choir had sung in the airport, in restaurants, in the medical clinics, and in town squares. They were invited by two of the most respected radio stations in Las Tablas, mission home base, to make five radio broadcasts. The radio stations promised to advertise, free of charge, all upcoming events. Having the choir along gave the project free publicity.

Now when representatives of The Quiet Hour (mission trip sponsor) go to government officials or local businessmen, these people go out of their way to help. The group will have to wait for Heaven to know the impact.

—BY JEFFREY LAURITZEN

The construction crew had worked hard in 100-degree heat;

the medical clinic had seen hundreds of patients.

## Macon Feels Blessed With Growth

Those from Wimbish Adventist School in Macon, Ga., are feeling richly blessed. Enrollment has almost doubled, from 10 to 18 students, and they plan to include kindergarten next year. This year they have added a second teacher and started a hand bell choir.

Sabbath, March 20, 2010, south Georgia Camp Meeting was held on the school's campus. There was much fixing and beautifying going on in preparation of receiving the South Georgia neighbors.

The hand bell choir performed for the worship service, with all 18 students participating in the choir

and enjoying developing talents for Jesus.

According to Maurice Witt, Macon pastor, the Lord is blessing Wimbish Church School for several reasons:

- The church officers and leaders are committed to operating a church school with God's blessing.
- The church members are invited and committed to helping parents, where needed, with tuition assistance.

• The principal, Ruth-Ann Fillman, and school board co-chairpersons, Robin and Joe Grimbley, along with the pastor, have led in a campaign to improve the school and church facili-

ties, grounds, technology, etc., increasing school and church spirit.

- The GCC Evangelism Subsidy given for one student each year who has

never attended church school is a helpful recruiting tool when divided as half the tuition for two students.

—BY RUTHANN FILLMAN



RUTHANN FILLMAN

*The Wimbish Adventist School Bell Choir performing during south Georgia Camp Meeting on March 20, 2010.*

A history of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference is in essence the history of the educational work in the South. Both Southern Adventist University and the Southern Union Conference were born, had their development, and are presently located in Georgia-Cumberland territory.

## Southern Adventist University

- 1892 Opened as the *Graysville School* in Graysville, Tennessee
- 1894 Became *Graysville Academy*
- 1897 Became *Southern Industrial School*
- 1901 Renamed *Southern Training School*
- 1916 Moved from Graysville to Collegedale and became *Southern Junior College*
- 1946 Renamed *Southern Missionary College*
- 1983 Renamed *Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists*
- 1996 Became *Southern Adventist University*

## Collegedale Academy

- 1892 CA traces its heritage to Graysville along with Southern Adventist University
- 1936 Secondary school was separated from the college and given independent status as *Collegedale Academy*
- 1968 Academy moved to present facilities east of the church, and Greater Collegedale School System was formed in union with Spalding Elementary School

## Georgia-Cumberland Academy

- 1915 *Hurlbutt Farm School*, a self-supporting school at Reeves, Georgia, near Calhoun opened with A. W. Spalding as first principal and pastor
- 1944 Renamed *Scott Sanitarium and Scott Academy* for Mrs. Lida Scott from Madison
- 1960 Purchased from the Layman Foundation by the Georgia-Cumberland Conference
- 1964 The Penny Campaign brought in 3,391,861 pennies (12 tons) for GCA
- 1965 GCA opened with 165 students and Ed Reifsnnyder as the first principal

## Atlanta Adventist Academy

- 1933 Conference records show that a school opened in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1933
- 1937 Became *Atlanta Junior Academy* with three teachers
- 1944 Became *Atlanta Union Academy*, renamed *Atlanta Junior Academy* in 1968
- 1963 *Cascade Road Junior Academy* and other schools also served Atlanta until. . . .
- 1979 *Atlanta Adventist Academy* opened as a 9-10 grade school formed when Atlanta Junior Academy, Cascade Junior Academy, and Marietta Junior Academy consolidated their secondary level programs on the Cascade campus
- 1982 Became a 9-12 grade school after adding one grade level each year
- 2005 Sold Cascade Road property, moved to temporary quarters in Marietta, and began development of multi campus facilities in Duluth, Peachtree City, and Marietta. Began distance education program among the campuses and to satellite sites on several elementary school campuses across the conference

## Elementary Schools

- 1917 First elementary school records sent to Conference office from Collegedale school
- 1929 Cordele, Georgia: earliest elementary school records other than Collegedale
- 1930 School records sent from Chattanooga (East Ridge), Cordele and Macon
- 1931 Records sent from seven schools, including Chattanooga, Knoxville, Macon, and Marietta

**\* The Georgia-Cumberland Conference was organized in 1932 when the Georgia Conference (organized in 1901) and the Cumberland Conference (organized in 1900) were merged.**

- 1983 The number of elementary schools reached an all-time high of 71 schools, including self-supporting and home schools. The size of schools has increased and the number of schools has decreased in recent years.

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## Education Mission Adventure Hosts Sixth Project



*The mission team enjoyed interacting with the children from the orphanage.*

Beginning in the spring of 2005, the Gulf States Conference education department has hosted an annual mission trip. Education Mission Adventure began with the intent of creating a collaborative mission emphasis in the Conference elementary schools, junior academies, and Bass Memorial Academy. The program has alternated annually between a state-side and an international mission project.

The 23 mission team participants this year included both staff and students from the 8th to the 11th grade throughout the Conference, plus Aaron Raines, the principal from Ridgetop Elementary School in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. Philip Mitchell, a former teacher and a member of the Huntsville Central Church, has served as the coordinator of Education

Mission Adventure for the past four years.

This year's project focused on the country of Nicaragua — often referred to as a land of lakes and volcanoes — and was a return trip to an unfinished project that the students had begun in 2008. Casa Hogar Fuente de Vida (Fountain of Life Home), a children's orphanage operated under the administration of International Children's Care (ICC), is a haven of refuge for abandoned and parentless children, located in the city of Chinandega.

So that additional revenue could be earned to operate the facility, the orphanage staff has dreamed about constructing a building that would house a bakery and craft industry. Two years ago, a group of Gulf States students dug through the rocky soil and poured the footers to begin the walled perimeter of the building. Upon returning to

this site, they saw that the construction of the outer walls and roof of the industrial building had been completed. So, the team's task for the week was to make preparations for the pouring of a concrete floor. That sounded easier than it was. The problem involved clearing the six- to eight-inch deep rocky soil covering about 2,500 square feet. Without the availability of heavy equipment, the team utilized pick-axes, shovels, crude rakes, and wheelbarrows to clear all the rock. Then trailer loads of fresh dirt were brought in along with a second layer of riverbed sand. All this was raked, wet down, and packed with hand-held tappers. Much to the surprise of the nationals, the task was completed a few hours ahead of schedule. "When could we have this team return again!" they asked.

Each day songs of worship and devotional

thoughts were a vital part of beginning every morning and at evening's end. So that the team could learn more about the history and geography of the country that was their home for the week, every night a "Nicaragua Nugget" was presented by Leslie Louis, Gulf States executive secretary. "Flying south to Central America after leaving the frigid weather of this past winter, we experienced the opposite extreme of the incredibly hot tropical weather along with its bugs, mosquitoes, and lizards," said Louis.

Despite the lack of air-conditioning and the comforts of home, every team member felt richly blessed by sharing in an experience that they will treasure throughout their lifetime," he added.

Fun moments such as wetting each other down in water fights to cool off; spending an afternoon at a beach beside the Pacific coast; and zip-lining in a tropical forest from the vantage point of a volcanic park added to the camaraderie of the group.

Louis concludes, "Above all the affectionate faces of the children of Chinandega will always hold a special place in our hearts. Their laughter will resound in our memory until we have the honor of meeting them again in the beautiful home that we will share together throughout eternity.

—BY LESLIE LOUIS

## Students Get the Facts



*Davis Haywood and Samuel Gonzalez view samples in Bass' collection of minerals and fossils.*

At Bass Memorial Academy (BMA), emphasis is given to the creation story. Kathleen Wilson, a BMA staff member, recently talked with the Earth Science students regarding her

interest in fossils. For the last 10 summers, she has participated in digs sponsored by Southwestern Adventist University's geology department. These digs, in eastern Wyoming, have yielded data that support a flood model. She has learned that as creationists there is nothing to be ashamed of.

Students at BMA encounter the conflict between what they have been taught and what is portrayed in most science textbooks. The Earth Science class is using an interesting book entitled,

*The Evolution Handbook*. Clifton Keller, teacher of BMA's Earth Science class, claims that this inexpensive book of nearly 1,000 pages contains more scientific information supporting Creation and links to other resources than any reasonably priced book that he knows about. If you would like a copy of this book, a copy will be sent to you when you make a donation of at least five dollars to Bass Memorial Academy's science program.

—BY CLIFF KELLER

## Drinking God's Spirit



*First grader Jake VanBeukering understood what his teacher was talking about. (Jake and his family now reside in Huntsville, Ala.)*

Several days had passed since Sandy Spady, a K-2 teacher at Montgomery First School, had introduced the story of the woman at the well to her students. Wanting to get a better idea of their understanding of the "living water" Jesus had offered the woman, Spady asked, "Do you understand what the 'living water' was?" Jake VanBeukering, a first grader, piped up, "It's when we drink God's Spirit."

Spady says, "I was humbled and amazed by my students' ability to grasp such an abstract concept. I had concocted all sorts of concrete ideas in an effort to help them understand when, much to my chagrin, they didn't need it at all. It was they who were teaching me!"

Spady says that it is through her young students that her own understanding of God's Spirit is strengthened. She explains, "Like the woman at the well, if we truly seek to know God, He gives us understanding. When we drink God's Spirit, our cup never runs dry."

—BY SANDY SPADY

## Valentine Cards Sent from the Heart



*Six students from Hoover Christian School took seriously the task of creating Valentine's Day cards for people in hospice.*

When Beverly Trent, a teacher at Hoover Christian School, agreed to have her class make Valentine's Day cards for people in hospice care, it seemed like a great service project, but she had no idea just how wonderful it would be.

The third and fourth grade students made stacks of cards — each with Bible verses and decorations. Trent says, "I loved this project in so many ways: for example, the way the project motivated the

students to go to their Bibles and look up verses on their own, the way they worked so hard to write the Bible verses and make each card a unique creation, the way the Bible verse search didn't end with looking up verses, and I loved seeing them use what they've learned from God's Word to bless others."

Trent knew the hospice organization had 50 patients, but she didn't know if her class of six third and fourth grade students would be able to make that many cards. She says, "I figured they would be happy with whatever we made. After all, I was the one who had asked for the number of patients in the first place."

After they were finished, they prayed over the cards and for the ones who

would receive them. The students wanted to count to see how many they had made, so after prayer they counted them. They had made 54 cards! Trent explains, "We sat there kneeling around our cards, and I was speechless — just awed at how God multiplies. And it wasn't lost on the kids! They know the kind of God we serve: a God who can take five loaves and two fishes and leave leftovers, the kind of God who can take one pack of pink construction paper and 12 tiny hands, and make more than enough. We prayed again, praising God in thanks for His abundance."

As the students went back to their desks, one student said, "This was the best day of my life, the way this happened."

—BY BEVERLY TRENT

The Gulf States Conference has nine k-8 schools; four k-10 schools; and one 9-12 boarding academy.

### The Community Christian School

1920 Opened in the 1920's in Meridian, Mississippi, and was named SDA School. In 1998, the name was changed to North Hills Christian School. In 2007, the name was changed to Community Christian School.

### The Panama City Church School

1931 Was housed in the church facility. The first teacher was Dorothy Williams. The school was known as the Seventh-day Adventist School. In the fall of 2002, the school year started in a new fellowship hall and school building at 2700 Lisenby Avenue. The congregation started worshipping in its new sanctuary in December 2002. At this location the school has been known as the Panama City Seventh-day Adventist Church School, the Panama City Seventh-day Adventist Christian School, and since January 2008, Adventist Christian Academy.

### Big Cove Junior Academy

1950 Opened in the 1950's as Cedar Heights at the Huntsville, Alabama, Central Church. Eventually a school was built on Drake Avenue behind the current church building. It was called Audubon Heights. There was a need for more space, so a separate building was purchased in 1979. The school was renamed Big Cove Junior Academy.

### Bass Memorial Academy

1961 Opened as a 9-12 grade boarding academy near Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

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#### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (PREK-8)

Banner Elk, NC  
High Country Christ. Sch., 828.898.3677  
Candler, NC  
Asheville-Pisgah School, 828.667.3255  
Charlotte, NC  
Adventist Christian Academy,  
704.366.4351  
Durham, NC  
Five Oaks School, 910.493.5555  
Elizabeth City, NC  
Elizabeth City SDA School, 252.335.0343  
Fayetteville, NC  
Fayetteville Adventist School,  
910.484.6091  
Hickory, NC  
Wm. Johnston SDA School,  
828.327.4005  
High Point, NC  
Tri-City Christian Academy, 336.665.9822  
Morganton, NC  
Silver Creek Adv. School, 828.584.3010  
Salisbury, NC  
Salisbury Adventist School, 704.633.1282  
Raleigh, NC  
Adventist Christian Academy,  
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Tryon, NC  
Tryon SDA School, 828.859.6889  
Wilmington, NC  
Wilmington SDA School, 910.762.4224  
Winterville, NC  
Brookhaven SDA School, 252.756.5777

##### SOUTH CAROLINA

Beaufort, SC  
Beaufort SDA School, 843.525.0060  
Camden, SC

Camden Adventist School, 803.432.0541  
Charleston, SC  
Charleston SDA School, 843.571.7519  
Greenville, SC  
Greenville SDA School, 864.232.8885  
Lexington, SC  
Columbia Adv. Academy, 803.796.0277  
Myrtle Beach, SC  
Myrtle Beach SDA Christ. Sch.,  
843.236.1452  
Spartanburg, SC  
Eddlemon Adventist School,  
864.576.2234  
Westminster, SC  
Poplar Springs SDA School,  
864.638.5963

### FLORIDA CONFERENCE

#### ACADEMIES (GRADES 9-12)

Apopka, FL  
Forest Lake Academy, 407.862.8411  
Forest Lake Academy/FLA Distance  
Learning, 407.772.3789  
Miami, FL  
Greater Miami Adv Academy,  
305.220.5955

#### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (PREK-8)

Altamonte Springs, FL  
Forest City Adventist School,  
407.299.0703  
Avon Park, FL  
Walker Memorial Academy, 863.453.3131  
Boynton Beach, FL  
Gold Coast Junior Academy,  
561.364.7388  
Bradenton, FL  
West Coast Christ. Acad., 941.755.9667  
Cocoa, FL  
Brevard Adv. Christian Acad.,  
321.636.2551  
Dade City, FL  
East Pasco Adventist Acad.,  
352.567.3646

Daytona Beach, FL  
Indigo Christian Jr. Academy,  
386.255.5917  
Deltona, FL  
Deltona Adventist School, 386.532.9333  
Ft. Lauderdale/Plantation, FL  
Sawgrass Adventist School,  
954.473.4622  
Ft. Pierce, FL  
James Sampson Mem SDA Sch,  
772.465.8386  
Gainesville, FL  
Z.L. Sung SDA School, 352.376.6040  
Groveland, FL  
Bright Horizons Christian Academy,  
352.429.8059  
High Springs, FL  
Living Springs Academy, 386.454.2777  
Jacksonville, FL  
Jacksonville Adventist Academy,  
904.268.2433  
Kissimmee, FL  
Osceola Adventist Christian School,  
407.348.2226  
Longwood, FL  
Forest Lake Education Center,  
407.862.7688  
Miami, FL  
Greater Miami Adventist Academy,  
305.220.5955  
Miami Gardens, FL  
William A. Kirlow Jr. Academy,  
305.474.4760  
Miami Springs, FL  
Miami Springs Adventist School,  
305.888.2244  
Mt. Dora/Eustus, FL  
Life Changing Christian Academy,  
352.602.4224  
Naples, FL  
Naples Adventist Christian School,  
239.261.6227  
New Port Richey, FL  
New Port Richey Adv. Christ Acad.,  
727.842.8919

Okeechobee, FL  
Okeechobee Adv Christian School,  
863.763.0763  
Orlando, FL  
Beryl Wisdom Adventist School,  
407.291.3073  
Orlando Jr. Academy, 407.898.1251  
Port Charlotte, FL  
Port Charlotte Adventist School,  
941.625.5237  
St. Petersburg, FL  
Gulfcoast SDA Elementary School,  
727.345.2141  
Tampa, FL  
Tampa Adventist Academy, 813.228.7950  
West Palm Beach, FL  
West Palm Beach Jr. Academy,  
561.689.9575  
Winter Haven, FL  
Winter Haven Adventist Academy,  
863.299.7984

## **GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE**

### **ACADEMIES (GRADES 9-12)**

#### **GEORGIA**

Calhoun, GA  
Georgia-Cumberland Academy,  
706.629.4591  
Duluth, GA  
Atlanta Adventist Academy,  
404.512.9999

#### **TENNESSEE**

Collegedale, TN  
Collegedale Academy, 423.396.2124

### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (PREK-8)**

#### **GEORGIA**

Atlanta, GA  
Atlanta North, 770.512.8456  
Augusta, GA  
Augusta SDA School, 706.651.0491  
Calhoun, GA  
Coble Elementary School, 706.629.1578  
Columbus, GA  
Columbus SDA School, 706.561.7601  
Dalton, GA  
Learning Tree Elem School,  
706.278.2736  
Douglasville, GA  
Douglasville SDA School, 770.949.6734  
Duluth, GA  
Duluth Adventist Christian School,  
770.497.8607  
Elijah, GA  
Josephine Edwards Christian Sch.,  
706.635.2644  
Jasper, GA  
Jasper Christian School, 706.253.5113  
Lakeland, GA  
Lakeland Adventist School, 229.482.2418  
Macon, GA  
Wimbish Adventist School, 478.477.4600  
Marietta, GA  
Carman Adventist School, 770.424.0606  
Oglethorpe, GA  
Oglethorpe SDA School, 478.472.2388  
Ringgold, GA

Misty Meadows SDA School,  
706.937.9923  
Savannah, GA  
Savannah Adv. Christian School,  
912.748.5977  
Sharpsburg, GA  
Shoal Creek Adventist School,  
770.251.1464

### **NORTH CAROLINA**

Murphy, NC  
Murphy Adventist Christian Sch.,  
828.837.5857

### **TENNESSEE**

Apison, TN  
Lester Coon Apison SDA School,  
423.236.4926  
Benton, TN  
Horns Creek Christian School,  
423.338.6829  
Chattanooga, TN  
Standifer Gap SDA School,  
423.892.6013  
Cleveland, TN  
Bowman Hills SDA School, 423.476.6014  
Coalmont, TN  
Cumberland Heights SDA School,  
931.692.3982  
Collegedale, TN  
A.W. Spalding Elem School,  
423.396.2122  
Cookeville, TN  
Algood Christian Elementary School,  
931.537.3561  
Cookeville, TN  
Cookeville Christian Elem School,  
931.537.3561  
Crossville, TN  
Inez Wrenn SDA School, 931.484.3150  
Deer Lodge, TN  
Meister Memorial SDA School,  
931.863.4944  
Dunlap, TN  
Dunlap Adventist School, 423.949.2920  
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Tri-City SDA School, 423.477.8421  
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Greeneville Adventist Academy,  
423.639.2011  
Jasper, TN  
Jasper Adventist Christian School,  
423.942.1819  
Jellico, TN  
Jellico SDA School, 423.784.9355  
Knoxville, TN  
Knoxville Adventist School, 865.522.9929  
Maryville, TN  
Adventist Christ Sch of Maryville,  
865.982.7584  
McMinnville, TN  
Faulkner Springs Christian School,  
931.668.4092  
Morristown, TN  
Morristown SDA School, 423.586.4198  
Ooltewah, TN  
Ooltewah Adventist School,  
423.238.4449  
Pikeville, TN  
Pikeville SDA School, 423.447.3026

## **GULF STATES CONFERENCE**

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#### **MISSISSIPPI**

Lumberton, MS  
Bass Memorial Academy, 601.794.861

### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (PREK-8)**

#### **ALABAMA**

Bryant, AL  
Floral Crest Jr. Academy, 256.597.2582  
Hoover, AL  
Hoover Christian School, 205.987.3376  
Owens Cross Roads, AL  
Big Cove Christian Academy,  
256.518.9642  
Mobile, AL  
Mobile Jr. Academy, 251.633.8638  
Montgomery, AL  
Montgomery SDA School, 334.272.6437  
Pell City, AL  
Mountain View Adventist Academy,  
205.640.5951

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Fort Walton Beach, FL  
Emerald Coast Christian School,  
850.243.1910  
Panama City, FL  
Adventist Christian Academy,  
850.769.3405  
Pensacola, FL  
Pensacola Jr. Academy, 850.478.8838

#### **MISSISSIPPI**

Corinth, MS  
Corinth SDA School, 662.286.3600  
Meridian, MS  
Community Christian School,  
601.485.0715  
Pearl, MS  
College Drive SDA School, 601.933.0990

## **KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE CONFERENCE**

### **TENNESSEE**

#### **ACADEMIES (GRADES 9-12)**

Madison, TN  
Madison Academy, 616.865.4055  
Portland, TN  
Highland Academy, 615.325.2036

### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (PREK-8)**

#### **KENTUCKY**

Lexington, KY  
Lexington Jr. Academy, 859.278.0295  
Louisville, KY  
Louisville Adventist Academy,  
502.452.2965  
Manchester, KY  
Appalachian Christian Academy,  
606.598.5417  
Pewee Valley, KY  
Pewee Valley Jr. Academy, 502.241.4354  
Taylor Mill, KY  
Taylor Mill Christian Academy,  
859.431.9933

## **TENNESSEE**

Centerville, TN  
Martin Memorial Elem. School,  
931.729.9856  
Dickson, TN  
Dickson Adventist Elem School,  
615.446.7030  
Jackson, TN  
Hines Memorial Elem School,  
731.427.0012  
Lawrenceburg, TN  
Bill Egly SDA Elementary School,  
931.762.6297  
Madison, TN  
Madison Campus Elementary,  
615.865.4575  
Memphis, TN  
Memphis Jr. Academy, 901.683.1061  
Portland, TN  
Highland Elementary School,  
615.325.3184  
Ridgetop, TN  
Ridgetop Adventist Elementary,  
615.859.0259  
Tullahoma, TN  
Tullahoma SDA Elementary,  
931.455.1924  
Woodbury, TN  
Woodbury SDA Elementary,  
615.765.5330

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### **ACADEMIES (GRADES 9-12)**

#### **GEORGIA**

Atlanta, GA  
Greater Atlanta Adventist Acad.,  
404.799.0337

### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (PREK-8)**

Albany, GA  
Emanuel SDA Jr. Academy, 229.420.9823  
Atlanta, GA  
Berean Christian Jr. Academy,  
404.799.0337  
Augusta, GA  
Ebenezer SDA School, 706.496.8772  
Lithonia, GA  
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770.482.0294  
Macon, GA  
Bethany Jr. Academy, 478.746.7499  
Savannah, GA  
Ramah Jr. Academy, 912.233.3101  
Stone Mountain, GA  
Decatur Adventist Jr. Academy,  
770.808.2188  
Tucker, GA  
Atlanta Adv International School,  
678.361.2912

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Charlotte, NC  
Berean Jr. Academy, 704.391.7800

Fayetteville, NC  
Abney Chapel Christian School,  
910.488.7525  
Greensboro, NC  
Napoleon B. Smith SDA Acad.,  
336.273.0054  
High Point, NC  
Baldwin's Chapel SDA School,  
336.889.7930  
Raleigh, NC  
Gethsemane SDA School, 919.833.1844  
Whiteville, NC  
Carolina Adventist Academy,  
910.640.0855  
Wilmington, NC  
Ephesus Jr. Academy, 910.762.9989  
Winston-Salem, NC  
Ephesus Jr. Academy, 336.724.3046

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Jack J. Hanna SDA School, 843.669.8402  
Orangeburg, SC  
Vanard J. Mendinghall Jr. Acad.,  
803.535.3737  
Sumter SC  
Berea Jr. Academy, 803.773.6875

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### **ACADEMY (GRADES 9-12)**

#### **ALABAMA**

Huntsville, AL  
Oakwood Adventist Academy,  
256.726.7010

### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (PREK-8)**

#### **ALABAMA**

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Ephesus Jr. Academy, 205.786.2194  
Huntsville, AL  
Oakwood Elementary School,  
256.726.8358  
Mobile, AL  
Emmanuel SDA School, 251.478.1140  
Montgomery, AL  
Bethany SDA Academy, 334.264.2101

### **KENTUCKY**

Louisville, KY  
Emma L. Minnis School, 502.774.2108

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Jackson, MS  
E.E. Rogers SDA School, 601.981.2648

### **TENNESSEE**

Chattanooga, TN  
Avondale SDA School, 423.698.5028  
Knoxville, TN  
University Elementary School,  
865.524.1424  
Memphis, TN  
Alcy Junior Academy, 901.775.3960

Nashville, TN  
F.H. Jenkins School, 615.227.8992

## **SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE**

### **ACADEMY (GRADES 9-12)**

#### **FLORIDA**

N. Miami, FL  
Miami Union Academy, 305.953.9907

### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (PREK-8)**

Delray Beach, FL  
Daughter of Zion Jr. Academy,  
561.243.0715  
Florida City, FL  
Bethel Elementary School, 305.248.4973  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
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Miami Union Academy, 305.953.9907  
Ocala, FL  
Shiloh SDA School, 352.629.6857  
Orlando, FL  
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Palm Bay SDA School, 321/733.4551  
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Riviera Beach, FL  
Bethel Junior Academy, 561.881.0130  
St. Petersburg, FL  
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Tampa, FL  
Mt. Calvary SDA School, 813.238.0433  
West Palm Beach, FL  
Ephesus Jr. Academy, 561.841.0087

## **COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

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Oakwood University, 256.726.7000

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Sciences, 407.303.7747

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## Schools Receive School of Excellence Awards

Eight years ago the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists developed the Journey to Excellence which includes Goals, Essential Core Elements, and Preferred Practices for Adventist Schools.

In response, the Southern Union, along with the education leaders from each conference, developed the Adventist EDGE (Educators Delivering Great Education), a comprehensive school improvement plan.

The Adventist EDGE Handbook was developed with the requirements to become a school of excellence. A school has to be recommended to the Southern Union Office of Education as a candidate.



*Students at Dickson Adventist Elementary School in Dickson, Tenn.*

When the application is submitted, the school must include a check for \$6,000. The Southern Union Board of Education will vote to allow the school to begin the process and give a two-for-one monetary grant to help them meet the criteria to become an Adventist EDGE School of Excellence.

The process usually takes two years to complete. A scoring rubric was developed which has 33 criteria with a total possible score of 99. A school must

score at least 90 to receive the award.

In the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, two schools have gone through the process. Dickson Adventist School, a one-teacher school in Dickson, Tenn., received the award on March 9, 2010. The award is for a five-year period, and will be connected with the regular five-year evaluation schedule.

“As teaching is indeed a ministry, and as our Adventist schools exist to serve His precious children, then the bar for excellence should be set high,” says Diane D. Capps, teacher at Dickson School.

Madison Campus Elementary School, a 12-teacher

school, received the award on March 10, 2010. These two schools are congratulated for their accomplishments at reaching this goal. Only six schools in the Southern Union have received this award. Ridgetop Adventist Elementary School will be the next school to be visited by the validation team, which will be next school year. The goal is to have each Conference school receive this award.

—BY LARRY W. BOUGHMAN



*Students at Madison Campus Elementary School in Madison, Tenn.*

## Highland Academy is Making a Difference

There comes a point in every school year when teachers realize how completely swamped they are with everything taking place on campus. For me, this moment hits sometime mid-March. This is the life at a boarding academy and, truth be told, there is no place I'd rather be. Although the days are flying by as graduation looms around the corner, it is imperative to pause and see what wonders God is working in the lives of those with whom we are

daily interacting, and how He is persistently at work shaping our own lives.

True education is not only about accumulating facts and tidbits of information, but developing a compassionate character modeled after our Savior. Our sophomores have been stepping out of their comfort zones and witnessing, sharing, and leading out in Highland

Elementary School's Week of Prayer. Another group of students traveled to the Eastern Kentucky Camp Meeting with our chaplain,

Michael Smith, to share their talents.

Not only are Highland students making a difference within their Adventist sphere of influence, Chaplain Smith has been taking a group of students to the local public high school to participate in their weekly Fellowship of Christian Athletes meetings, allowing our students to interact and share



*Highland Academy students fellowship and pray with students from Portland High School.*

God with their peers in a completely different setting. Even now, final preparations are being made for our senior class to embark to Las Tablas, Panama, for an 11-day mission trip with The Quiet Hour that I am certain will change their lives forever.

What is most humbling and encouraging to me is that it is not the difference

the students or I are making on others, but how the Lord is making a difference in us. It is through seeking to serve Him that He is ultimately able to serve us. So even though the days never seem quite long enough, it is nevertheless amazing to see the difference God is allowing each of the students at Highland Academy to make in those

they encounter. Even more amazing is seeing how reaching out to others is allowing God to finish His work in us. And that is the mission at Highland Academy and the goal of Adventist education: To develop Christ-like characters and lifelong learners.

—BY STEVE BAUGHMAN

## Students Builds Leadership Skills

Ask any student at Madison Academy which fellow student they admire the most, and you will likely hear the name Jonika Freeman. Jonika is the Student Association president this year, but her contributions to the school go far beyond a mere office. This year she presented the Spring Week of Prayer at Madison Campus Elementary School.

“She’s a jewel,” says Art Cheney, principal of the elementary school. “We love her and the kids love her.” The students in the eighth grade, especially, have come to appreciate Jonika and her warm, encouraging spirit. She serves as a class chaplain for the eighth grade. For a high school student to be invited to serve in this capacity is a sign of the gifts of leadership with which Jonika has been blessed.

Each of her four years at Madison Academy has provided Jonika with opportunities to develop her leadership skills. She credits those opportunities, more than anything else,

with her growth as a spiritual leader on campus.

“As a freshman, I was elected president of the freshman class,” Jonika re-



Jonika Freeman

members. For her sophomore year, Jonika served as class fundraiser. Then she was elected religious vice president of the Student Association, and president of the junior class.

As a senior, she is Student Association president, and class historian. She is also the student many other students turn to when they need encouragement or comfort.

According to Jonika,

her academy teachers have played a significant role in her development as a leader, and in her spiritual growth. “I think the open discussions we have had in our Bible classes really helped me sort through a lot of questions and issues.” But it isn’t just Bible classes where teachers have made an impact.

“In English class, Mrs. Gatling spent a lot of time teaching us to write well, to organize and think outside the box. What I learned there has been of good use to me in planning and organizing events as S.A. president, class chaplain for the elementary school, and even when talking in front of kids for a worship or a week of prayer.”

The students and staff at Madison Academy have been blessed. Even after she graduates this month, her influence on the school, and the school’s impact on her life, will continue to be felt for years to come.

—BY DAVID DENTON

### Historical Timeline

- 1904 E. A. Sutherland and P. T. Magan resigned their posts at Emmanuel Missionary College and headed south to establish a new school. The Nelson farm on the Cumberland River in Madison was purchased, and the first term of Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute (NANI) began with 11 students.
- 1907 Braden Mulford, moved to Fountain Head and founded Fountain Head Rural Industrial School.
- 1922 NANI recognized as a junior college by Tennessee State Department of Education.
- 1927 The secondary school at Madison accepted into the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.
- 1928 NANI accredited as a junior college.
- 1933 NANI accepted as a four-year college by the Tennessee College Association.
- 1937 NANI renamed Madison College.
- 1945 The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference became manager of Fountain Head Academy and changed the name of the secondary level section to Highland Academy.
- 1950 The Madison Hospital School of Anesthesia for nurses founded by Bernard Bowen, CRNA, under the sponsorship of Madison Hospital.
- 1963 Control of Madison College transferred to the Southern Union, and the General Conference designated it as a professional and technological training center for the North American Division.
- 1964 Decision made to operate Madison College as an extension of Southern Missionary College beginning in the fall of 1965.
- 1965 The secondary school continued as Madison Academy under the operation of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference.
- 1980 The Madison Hospital School of Anesthesia changed its name to Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia.
- 2010 The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference has 18 schools, including two senior academies, 88 teachers and staff, and 730 students.

## GAAA Embarks on School Improvement Plan

When it comes to Christian schools, and a Christ-centered educational establishment, a few things come to mind when quantifying the high points of Greater Atlanta Adventist Academy (GAAA). It is

ious international disaster relief organizations to help support those in the devastated areas, such as those hurt during the earthquake in Haiti. The 4H Club and the National Honor Society have teamed up to support



*Pennie Smith (left), Conference vice president for education; Orlando King, GAAA principal; Frank Jones III, BCJA/GAAA chief administrator; and Vanard Mendinghall, Conference president, attend the awards ceremony held at Atlanta Belvedere Church, Decatur, Ga., on March 24, 2010, as GAAA becomes the first Southern Union secondary school to apply for the School of Excellence Award.*

here where students are shaped to be **God** Centered, **A**cademically Literate, **A**nalytical Thinkers, and **A**rdent Citizens.

GAAA is a tight-knit community of students and staff members who strongly believe in prayer. For a Christian school, belief and faith in Jesus Christ is of utmost importance, and it can be said that GAAA excels in this aspect.

There are various clubs at GAAA that have also taken up the cause to be a light in the community. The International Club has made donations to var-

a local teen pregnancy home. The student body as a whole has taken a school day to help clean up the surrounding community to demonstrate to the neighbors that the upkeep of the shared area is one of GAAA's priorities. Fifty students also participated in the "Reading Across America" program on a visit to the Mt. Olive Elementary School.

Seniors may elect to participate in the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program that is operated by the state of Georgia. In this program, students be-

come licensed CNA's, and are employed throughout the school year. The experience gained stays with them, and becomes a tool they can use to help them after they leave GAAA.

Another focus at GAAA is in its extracurricular activities. Whether it's the male and female basketball teams, the school band, or the renowned GAAA Concert Choir, pride and love for the school is evident. In March 2010, the choir, orchestra, and drama team, totaling 84 students, traveled to Dallas, Tex., to minister at various locations. The students were well received, and repeat performances were scheduled.

Academics are a priority at GAAA. On Honors' Day, almost 75 percent of the school's 163 students received awards for their achievements on the honor roll, high honors, and principal's list. Also this school year, 18 students from the junior class were inducted into the National Honors Society.

This relationship was seen when the visiting accreditation team came to evaluate GAAA. The team members were impressed with the care and spirituality the staff and students demonstrated in various situations. The committee noted that

GAAA's academic success and activities help set it apart from the rest. Such observations led to GAAA receiving one of the highest markings for the AAA accreditation, and GAAA will receive for the first time AdvancED (formerly SACS) accreditation.

On the heels of the glowing success of the accreditation, GAAA also received \$18,000 from the Southern Union to help it become an Adventist EDGE School of Excellence. This gives GAAA the distinction of being the first secondary school in the Southern Union to apply for the School of Excellence Award.

With the combination of a strong school spirit, trust and total reliance on God, and a successful relationship between students and faculty, GAAA is fast becoming a GREAT school.

—BY JUSTIN SMITH AND DANNYETTE ROUSE



*Margaret Wright, history instructor at GAAA, guides her students in a discussion during their geography class.*

## South Atlantic Schools Deliver GREAT Education

Every day in the 19 Adventist schools operating in the South Atlantic Conference, more than 100 staff members start the day with prayer and devotion for the more than 830 students. These staff members have joined the ranks of other conferences in the Southern Union by embracing the school improvement initiative — the Adventist EDGE.

In 2009, Yvonne Brown, principal, led her school, Decatur Adventist Junior Academy (DAJA), Decatur, Ga., to become the first Adventist EDGE School of Excellence in

Atlanta, Ga., have completed the evaluation process, and are looking forward to receiving AdvancED accreditation as well.

BCJA and GAAA have applied for the Adventist EDGE School of Excellence Award, and each received their checks for \$18,000 to assist in completing all the benchmarks in order to receive the award. Shirley Johnson, BCJA principal, and Frank Jones, BCJA/GAAA chief administrator, were present at the awards ceremony to receive the funds. Understanding the role which technology plays in school

improvement, BCJA has also just completed installing its own computer lab, and has purchased interactive whiteboards as well.

Just as large schools are developing more innovative ways to deliver instruction

to students, some smaller Conference schools are leading the way as well. Victoria Robinzine, principal/teacher at Emanuel Adventist School in Albany, Ga., along with volunteer Meyassar Robinzine, is partnering with Darton College as an extension

to Emanuel's science curriculum. The students in grades 1-8 go to the college campus and, with the assistance of a biology professor, dissect a brain and a cow's eye. Afterward, they have an opportunity to visit an ophthalmologist, where the students compare the cow's eye with a human eye.

As an outreach project, the students crochet blankets for the premature babies at the Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany. Through the hospital, the students at Emanuel completed a CPR course and experienced a ride in an ambulance.

Decatur Adventist Junior Academy also took learning outside of the classroom as they embarked on their annual educational tour this year to the Grand Canyon in Arizona. Some 50 students, with their chaperones, left Atlanta on a four-hour flight to Arizona. For some students, this was their first



*Future scientists from Emanuel Adventist School participate in dissecting a cow's eye.*



*Shirley Johnson (left), BCJA principal; Frank Jones III, BCJA/GAAA chief administrator; Vanard Mendinghall, Conference president; and Carlton Byrd, D.Min., Atlanta-Berean pastor, accept the \$18,000 check from the Southern Union during the awards ceremony held at Atlanta Belvedere Church, Decatur, Ga., on March 24, 2010, in preparation for Atlanta-Berean school to become a School of Excellence.*

the Conference, as well as completing the requirements for AdvancED (formerly SACS) accreditation. Recently, two more schools have followed suit: Berean Christian Junior Academy (BCJA), and Greater Atlanta Adventist Academy (GAAA), both in

experience on an airplane.

During their excursion, they took an exciting ride down the Colorado River on a river float. The students had an opportunity to study many rock formations along the way in the Canyon walls. They also took a breath-taking walk along the South Rim with a Grand Canyon Ranger. The students also had an opportunity to visit Holbrook Adventist Indian School, which is the only boarding

school for Native Americans. The interaction was an enlightening experience as DAJA students were introduced to the various aspects of a culture different from their own.

In South Atlantic, Educators indeed are Delivering

**GREAT Education!**

—BY JAMES K. LAMB



*Two students from Emanuel Adventist School in Albany, Ga., proudly display a completed crocheted blanket for a baby at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany.*

## Oakwood University Supports Science Lab at Oakwood Adventist Academy

Delbert Baker, Ph.D., president of Oakwood University (OU), visited the students at Oakwood Adventist Academy (OAA) on January 15, 2010, during their weekly chapel program. Timothy McDonald, Ph.D., vice president for development, and Sabrina Cotton, vice president of finance, accompanied Baker as he presented 12 new Dell computers for the science laboratory.

Baker, an alumnus of OAA, has always taken a special interest in his alma mater. During an earlier visit to the academy, he learned that the computer lab and the graphic design classroom had just been equipped with new computers, but that plans to equip the science lab



*Principal Sharon Lewis receives a special award for Oakwood Adventist Academy from Delbert Baker, Ph.D.*

were on hold for financial reasons. In response, Baker immediately made the commitment, on behalf of the University, to assist the Academy in obtaining computers for

the science lab.

The new computers will improve opportunities for virtual lab activities, simulations, and computer-assisted instruction. While students from

OAA science classes have a tradition of strong showings in science fairs – often reaching recognition at the state level – the science teacher, Nanetta Hiller, is excited that she will now be able to provide science instruction that meets the needs of the 21st century learners in her classes.

OAA has greatly benefited from its close association with OU through the years. The administration, faculty, and student body of the Academy will continue to strengthen the ties between the two institutions as all “Develop, Nurture, and Affirm” (DNA) the young people for a lifetime of service to God and humanity.

—BY SHARON L. LEWIS

## Emma L. Minnis Junior Academy Breaks Ground for New School

Serving the Louisville area since 1915, Emma L. Minnis Junior Academy has been educating students for more than 90 years. A groundbreaking ceremony took place for a new school at 629 S. 20th Street

on Monday, February 8, 2010, at 12 noon.

The school serves grades Pre-K-8, and it is an accredited private school. It provides quality Christian education through a curriculum that empha-

sizes the academic, social, and spiritual development of each student.

Emma L. Minnis Junior Academy operates in harmony with the guidance and direction of the Office of Education, North Ameri-

can Division, Southern Union, and South Central Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists.

—BY TIFFNEY GIBSON AND  
EVADNE CHISM

## F. H. Jenkins Celebrates 100th Anniversary

This past year of celebrating F.H. Jenkins Elementary School's 100th year of providing premier Christian education has been an unforgettable one. Among its many attributes, Jenkins holds the legacy of being the oldest, accredited, African-American elementary school in the Nashville metro area.

The pre-celebration began in 2008, sending 18,000 invitations into the nearby communities, inviting the residents to a grand open house. The response was overwhelming as 100 people poured into the hallways to observe "Jenkins in action." Benjamin Browne, former Conference president, opened the day with an inspiring devotional thought from Africa that

held the students' attention. Erma Lee, Conference superintendent; Angenette Hill, Conference associate superintendent; and representatives from the Tennessee Education Department were among the many visitors to be greeted by parent volunteers. Visitors observed teachers using the most current standard-based instruction, students interacting with the latest state-of-the-art technology, and hallways displaying artifacts of skill mastery. Visiting children spent the day in the classroom to experience the magical touch of Jenkins.

Right up to the pre-planned week of October 12, gospel radio broadcasted various events; the local newspaper detailed its history and resilience

to survive in a time of economic crisis; and a local television station highlighted various events, including the school-wide Washington, D.C. trip to the Presidential Inauguration on January 19, 2009. Jenkins' Student Council began its own Spirit Week celebration with "dress down" days, school rallies, a live safari animal show, and a birthday party.

Friends of Jenkins Committee began the homecoming weekend activities where hundreds of alumni, friends, and well-wishers attended the Friday night "Meet and Greet Musical," and overflowed the sanctuary during Sabbath services at Riverside Chapel. Roy Gaiter, pastor, was the speaker, and the weekend culminated

with a formal banquet on Sunday afternoon. It was truly an exceptional year for Jenkins.

This celebration has not been forgotten as the Alumni Association was formed to continue the legacy of a school that sent hundreds into the professional, theatrical, and aesthetic fields of study. As Jenkins settles back into its mode of educating children, the momentum does not end. On March 17, 2010, an open house was held to let Nashville know that F.H. Jenkins Elementary School is still in the business of "Providing an atmosphere where each student can prepare academically and spiritually for service."

—BY QUEEN ROBINSON

## OAA Students Receive Recognition

Oakwood Adventist Academy (OAA) held its annual Science Fair on February 4, 2010. Eight of the winners went on to participate in the North Alabama Regional Science and Engineering Fair at the University of Alabama in Huntsville on March 5. Jasmine Bartholomew (environmental science) and Kimille-Grace Trott (plant science) received honorable mention in their categories. Dionne Monroe was awarded third place in the microbiology category. Corey Dormer (chemistry) and Robert Harvey III (physics)



OAA students were recognized by Delta Sigma Theta on March 7, 2010.

each received the special award from the Secretary of the United States Army in their categories. Robert Harvey also received honorable

mention in his category. Science teachers Nanetta Hiller and Rachel McDaniel are very proud of the accomplishments of their students.

On Sunday, March 7, 2010, Delta Sigma Theta sorority recognized more than 200 area high school students for their academic achievements. Thirty OAA students were recognized, including three seniors – Jennifer Miller, Timothy Harris, and Ariana Gill, who received special awards for four consecutive years of Principal's List or Honor Roll achievement. Oakwood Academy is blessed to have so many students who are continuing its long tradition of academic excellence.

—BY SHARON L. LEWIS

## Southeastern Moves Upward to Excellence in Adventist Education

The Southeastern Conference education department deems it a real privilege to have 15 beacons of light as Church schools throughout Southeastern's territory. Miami Union Academy (MUA), the only academy, provides a day school for students.

The history of this school dates back to 1917, when the members of the

Bethany Church followed God's instructions from the pen of inspiration to make sure all their children were taught of the Lord. The first teachers were Katherine Murray and Henrietta Emmanuel.

In 1963, Bethany Academy became a constituent school, and the name was changed to Miami Union Academy. A few years

later, 9th and 10th grades were added. By 1980, the enrollment had climbed to 400 students. With a continued increase in enrollment came the need for larger facilities to house a

12-grade approved academy. Through much prayer, perseverance, and a positive attitude, a suitable location was located in the north Miami area at the present site. MUA reflects the general population of south Florida, accommodating students from diverse backgrounds.

MUA can be justly proud, for it has sent forth graduates who have returned to serve the next generation: songwriter, Regina Harris, MUA principal; Renee' Hodge, MUA vice principal; Shelly Garner, MUA vice principal; and the entire team of teachers and staff. Miami Union Academy



*Avery Spencer (left); Enya Russell; Audrey Wainwright, Daughter of Zion Junior Academy principal; Chante' Coleman; Kayla Kerr; Robyn Boucard, Daughter of Zion Junior Academy assistant school board chair, proudly display their Adventist EDGE School of Excellence grant.*



*Conrad Gill (left), Southern Union superintendent of education; Carol Byrd, Southeastern associate superintendent; Kalisha Waldon, principal of Mt. Olivet SDA School; Mildred Bolden, school secretary; Brent Waldon, pastor of Mt. Olivet Church; and Hubert Morel, president of Southeastern Conference, with four students from Mt. Olivet SDA School, proudly receive the grant for being selected as an Adventist EDGE School of Excellence school.*

stands as a living testimony that all God's biddings are enabling.

Elementary schools in the north, central, and south areas of the Conference challenge the students to excel in their studies, are educated by precept and example, and to give themselves totally to God. With guidance and grace from God, the schools listed below have nurtured and educated students in a Christ-centered environment, and taught that the Bible is the highest and most important textbook for many years. The students have also received a well-rounded curriculum, which includes their core academic studies on a daily basis:

Elim SDA School in St. Petersburg, Fla., Renee' White, principal  
Ephesus Jr. Academy in

### Schools of Excellence

Daughter of Zion Junior Academy, Delray Beach, Fla., Audrey Wainwright, principal; and Mt. Olivet SDA School, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Kalisha Waldon, principal, both achieved School of Excellence status during the awards ceremony held at Atlanta Belvedere Church in Decatur, Ga., on March 24, 2010.

Both of these schools have made great strides to be approved for the process to be G.R.E.A.T. Schools must have high spiritual emphasis coupled with elevated academic performance standards that epitomize and model what students should both know and be able to apply as a result of their acquired knowledge.

It should be noted, both schools are blessed to have highly qualified administrators and teachers who are God-fearing and innovative leaders. They seek to encourage all of their students to succeed spiritually and academically. Elisa Young, Conference superintendent of education, salutes both of these schools for being recipients of this outstanding award.

Jacksonville, Fla., Joyceline Dudley, principal  
 Mt. Calvary Jr. Academy in Tampa, Fla., Edson Jarvis, principal  
 Mt. Sinai Jr. Academy in Orlando, Fla., Toni Drummond, principal  
 Palm Bay SDA School in Palm Bay, Fla., Iris Segree, principal  
 Shiloh SDA School in Ocala, Fla., Murray Ramnarine,

principal  
 Bethel SDA School in Florida City, Fla., Barbara Davis, principal  
 Bethel Jr. Academy in Riviera Beach, Fla., James Previlus, principal  
 Broward Jr. Academy in Plantation, Fla., George Aristide, principal  
 Daughter of Zion SDA in Delray Beach, Fla., Audrey Wainwright, principal

Ephesus Jr. Academy in West Palm Beach, Fla., Sonia McCloud, principal  
 Miami Union Academy in Miami, Fla., Regina Harris, principal  
 Mt. Olivet School in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Kalisha Waldon, principal  
 New Hope School in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Reuben Frederic, principal  
 Perrine School in Perrine,

Fla., Sandra Fletcher, principal

Good teachers in Southeastern have mastered the following:

- They instill a love of learning.
- They make the difficult easy.
- They help students believe in themselves.
- They help students realize the impossible is possible by God.
- They help students change their world.
- They give an awareness of the need for each student to honor God first and each other!

—BY CAROLA A. BYRD

## Spelling Bee

Students in all Southeastern schools excelled in the Conference-wide Spelling Bee this school year hosted by Miami Union Academy. Much excitement filled the air, and the students were well-prepared by their teachers and parents to complete 40 rounds. The grand winners for the Spelling Bee were Cunnie Chostel, 1st Place, Mt. Calvary SDA School in Tampa, Fla.; Marchley Registe, 2nd Place, Miami Union Academy in Miami, Fla.; Haylah Dawkins, 3rd Place, Broward Jr. Academy in Plantation, Fla.

## God Still Moves at Miami Union Academy

God yearns to converse with us; however, the hustle and bustle of school, friends, and life, can sometimes cause students and teachers to give Him quick, trite, and insincere prayers, along with a laundry list of wants and needs. For that reason, there is nothing like a Week of Prayer to refresh our relationship with God, bask in His glory, pour your heart to Him, and hear His voice.

Such was the experience for the students of Miami Union Academy (MUA) for the week of November 16, 2009. Under the tutelage of Sammy Diaz, pastor, and Sony Perpignan, the student body explored the story of Joseph and the power

of a dream. Through the Word, amusing anecdotes, and powerful realizations, these men of God helped the students of MUA to realize no matter the events or circumstances of life, our response is what matters most. Through the use of a familiar Bible story, this allowed the student body to experience the grandeur and fullness of God.

This experience called two freshmen, one sophomore, and 24 elementary students, rang-

ing from second to eighth grade, into the arms of God, and they sealed their faith by being baptized at the public baptism following



*Omri Mota (left), Miami Union Academy chaplain and religion teacher, and Juan Garcia, chaplain of Greater Miami Academy, baptize students in a make-shift baptismal pool in the parking lot of Miami Union Academy.*

the Week of Prayer. The new converts are happy about their decision and excited for the future.

Now refreshed and revived, the faculty and students of MUA can continue to serve as a beacon in south Florida. For almost a century, MUA has educated citizens for this life and the next. This Week of Prayer has equipped the students to take their rightful place, and lead others to God's kingdom.

—BY CARLIE AURUBIN

# Obituaries

**ABELL, April L.**, 42, of Louisville, KY, died Jan. 16, 2010 in Brooks, KY. She was a member of the Louisville First Church. She is survived by her husband, Tony; and one son, Jared.

**ALEXANDER, Virginia "Beth" Elizabeth McKee**, 76, born in Graysville, TN, in 1934, died Jan. 20, 2010. She attended Collegedale Academy from 1948-1952, and Southern Missionary College from 1951-1954. In 1954 she married James T. Alexander, M.D. They were longtime residents of Ukiah, CA, from 1962 until 2003, when they moved to Ooltewah, TN. She was preceded in death by her parents, O.D. McKee and Anna Ruth King McKee; and her sister, Wyn McKee Stevens. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, James T. Alexander, M.D.; one daughter, Kathy (Terry) Alexander Beagle Janzen of Ooltewah; one son, Donald James Alexander of Harrison, TN; four grandchildren: Anna Lee Beagle, Christopher (Laura) Lee Beagle, all of Ooltewah, Justin Travis Alexander of Chattanooga, TN, and Liesl Michele Alexander of Phoenix, AZ; one great-grandson, Dominic James Alexander of Phoenix; two brothers: Ellsworth (Sharon) McKee Sr., Jack (Betty) McKee, all of Ooltewah.

**BECK, Esther M.**, 80, of Bowling Green, KY, died July 25, 2009 at a local nursing home. She was a native of Jefferson, TX, and a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She is survived by two daughters: Faye (Darrell) Merideth of Hendersonville, TN, and Donna Sallee of Indiana; two sons: Charles Ray (Wanda) Beck of Stony Point, NC, and Alvin (Regina) Beck of Bowling Green, KY; one brother, Cecil (Millie) Reed of Waynesboro, TN; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

**BENDER, Rachel Lucille**, 83, born Nov. 21, 1926, died Nov. 12, 2009 in Mobile, AL. She is survived by three daughters: Pat Huggins, Barbara McGowan, and Beverly Hilscher; and two sons: Craig Barthlett and Richard D. Barthlett.

**BOETTCHER, Egon**, 72, born Nov. 18, 1933 in Nuestatin, Germany, died July 6, 2006. He was a member of the Lakeland, GA, Church. He had worked as a health educator with Adventist Health Systems. He is survived by his wife, Arlene; one daughter and son-in-law: Rosalie and Stewart Cowles of Asheville, NC; two sons and daughter-in-law: Andrew and Sherry Boettcher of Knoxville, TN; Fred Boettcher of Ooltewah, TN; two grandchildren: Darrah and Landon Sellars of Asheville, NC.

**BURGER, Amy Jean**, 46, born July 23, 1967, died Dec. 16, 2009 in Knoxville, TN. She was a member of the Athen, TN, Church. She was educated in the Adventist school system and was 1985 graduate of Fletcher Academy, Fletcher, NC. She is survived by her parents: David and Peggy Burger of Athens, TN; two sisters and one brother-in-law: Dawn and Eric Gunderson of Goodlettsville, TN, and Rachael Burger of Athens; two nephews: Coley and Caleb Gunderson of Goodlettsville; many aunts; uncles; and cousins.

**CHURCHILL, Richard**, 81, born Nov. 30, 1928, died Jan. 4, 2010. He was a member of the Forest Lake Church, Apopka, FL, for 36 years. He is survived by his wife, Aggie; one son, Dan Scheffler; and one daughter, Cindy Scheffler. His son, Rick, predeceased him. The memorial service was conducted by Pastor Derek Morris.

**COMAN, Nick**, 62, born April 3, 1947, died Oct. 4, 2009 in Gallatin, TN. He was a member of the Madison, TN, Campus Church. He is survived by his wife, Olivia of Hendersonville, TN, one son, Gabriel of New York, NY; and one daughter, Anna of Atlanta, GA.

**COMSTOCK, Margaret McKinney**, 78, born in Birmingham, AL, died Nov. 12, 2009 in Foley, AL. She was a member of the Fairhope Church in Fairhope, AL. She worked for many years as a C.P. A. and was an instructor at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. She was a volunteer at Weeks Bay Estuary and was a member of the Camellia Club of Mobile, AL. She is survived by her husband, Earl D. Comstock; one daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia and David Echols; one son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Libba Nicholson; and four grandchildren.

**CROSBY, Berna Lee Dodson**, 62, of Collegedale, TN, died Nov. 10, 2009. A native of Idaho. Crosby lived in the Chattanooga, TN, area since 1975. She was a strong advocate of disability rights and worked with several area organizations to improve community awareness of all the needs of persons having disabilities, and to promote their ability to be viable contributors to any community. She is survived by her husband, Jerry W. Crosby Sr., of Collegedale; two sons: Jerry "JJ" W. Crosby Jr., of Collegedale, and Cameron J. Linde of Kernersville, NC; his father, Harry L. Dodson of Boise, Idaho; two sisters: Brenda K. Roberts of Boise, and Shanah G. Percy of Meridian, Idaho; one granddaughter; and one grandson. She was a member of the Collegedale Church.

**DARNELL, Ruth**, 93, born May 19, 1916 in Asheville, NC, died Nov. 14, 2009 in Yucca Valley, CA. Ruth and her husband, Cecil, served in the Carolina and Florida Conference Book Centers for many years. She was preceded in death by Cecil in December 1998. Ruth is survived by one son, Wayne Darnell, and his wife, Linda

**DAVIDSON, Dorothy J.**, 82, born June 30, 1927 in Battle Creek, MI, died Nov. 4, 2009 in Avon Park, FL. She was a member of the Avon Park Church for five years. Mission work by either she or her husband or both took them to Okinawa, Europe, Africa, Mexico, Belize, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Colombia, Chile, and Uruguay. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, James; three sons: James Jr. (Virginia) of Kennewick, WA, Dr. Brent (Kristen) of Blairsville, GA, and John of Alpharetta, GA; two daughters: Joni (Dr. Duro) Picukaric, West Palm Beach, FL, and Bonnie (Bill) Briggs of Kalamazoo, MI; brother and sister-in-law, Dr. William and Jackie Davidson; and

eight grandchildren. The memorial service was conducted at the Avon Park Church by Pastor Paul Boling.

**DEARK, Diane**, 64, born Dec. 19, 1944, died Sept. 24, 2009. She worked in the hosiery industry in Hickory, NC, and was a CNA at Laurelbrook Nursing Home in Dayton, TN. She is survived by her husband, Gilbert Roy DeArk; one son, Rick Sigmon of Hickory; two daughters: Kimberly (Quentin) Purvis of Lansing, MI, and Rebecca Sigmon of Waxhaw, NC; two sisters: Fran Robinson of Hickory and Linda Hawkins of Mosheim, TN; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; several nieces; and nephews. Pastor Barry Mahorney officiated at the memorial service.

**DEBOLT, Eugene "Gene" D.**, 81, born Sept. 11, 1928 in Cromwell, MN, died Nov. 17, 2009 in Swartz Creek, MI. He was a member of the Winter Haven, FL, Church for 10 years. He is survived by his wife, Jeri; two daughters: Kathy (Joseph) Rieder and Paulette (Frank) Myzel; three step-children: Terry (Bonita) Pelky, Ronda (Jim) Welch, and Pat Durfy; one brother, Leo (Ruth) DeBolt; one sister, Libby (David) Pillar; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Eugene Jr.; step-daughter, Wendy; three brothers; and two sisters. The service was conducted by Pastor Justin Ringstaff at the Swartz Funeral Home in Flint, MI.

**DEBOLT, Leo R.**, 82, born Feb. 4, 1927 in Cromwell, MN, died Dec. 25, 2009 in Linden, MI. He was a member of the Winter Haven, FL, Church since March 16, 2002. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Ann; one son, David (Roberta) DeBolt of St. Petersburg, FL; two daughters: Beverly (Michael) Baker of Linden, MI, and Sharon DeBolt of Flint, MI; one sister, Elizabeth (David) Pillor; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters: Zela Zeman and Viola Johnson; and three brothers: William Lloyd, Vernon, and Eugene Sr. The service was conducted by Pastor Leonard Kitson at the Swartz Funeral Home in Flint, MI. Interment was at Great Lakes National Cemetery.

**DEFAZIO, Leonard**, 87, born Nov. 11, 1921 in Batavia, NY, died June 7, 2009 in LeRoy, NY. He was a member of the New Port Richey, FL, Church for 14 years. He is survived by six sons: Samuel, Leonard Jr., Ronald, James, all of New York, Carmen of Port Richey, FL, and Richard of Dunedin, FL; and one daughter, Teresse Morasco of Batavia, NY. Interment was in Batavia.

**DELLER, Delores**, 59, born Sept. 20, 1950, died Dec. 5, 2009. She was a member of the Port Charlotte, FL, Church for 28 years. She was a registered nurse and worked in nursing homes in Angola, IN, and Arcadia, FL. She is survived by her son, Monte of Angola; one daughter, Heather Somerlott of Marietta, GA; mother, Kathryn Cram of Coldwater, MI; two brothers, Dale and Lawrence of Coldwater; one sister, Bonnie Cram of Coldwater; and two grandchildren. Her husband, Don, preceded her in death. The service was conducted at the Rayborn Memorial

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Church in Coldwater by Pastor Joel Nephew. Interment was in Angola.

**EAST, Marie Vernona**, 87, born July 4, 1922, died Dec. 1, 2009. She is survived by her husband, Robert East of Rogersville, TN; three children: Robert (Pat) Vernon East of Kennesaw, GA, Barry (Diane) Barnard East of Rogersville, TN, and Karen (Don) Louise Collins of Church Hill, TN; five grandchildren: Kristina (Josh) Ann Zink of Sahuarita, AZ, Roger (Krystal) Arthur East of Surgoinsville, TN, Timothy Robert East of Rogersville, TN, Sean Tyler East of Rogersville, TN, and Robert Adam Pillor of Church Hill, TN; three great-grandchildren; and two sisters: Margret Rhinehart of Spencer, TN, and Helen Clayburn of Burleson, TX. She was a member of the Rogersville Church.

**ELMENDORF, Ilah May**, 87, died Jan. 5, 2010 at Erlanger Hospital, born Sept. 20, 1922 in Evensville, TN. She lived in Hamilton County since 1951, and was a member of the McDonald Road Church. She is survived by her husband, Archer Elmendorf Sr.; three sons: Archer Elmendorf Jr. of Harrison, TN, Fred Elmendorf of Apison, TN, and Tedrick "Tree" Elmendorf of Iowa; two daughters: Lanea Elmendorf and Cheri Bishop of Apison; one sister, Florence Leffew of Apison; and numerous grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and great-great grandchildren.

**ERICKSON, Sandra "Sandy,"** 59, died Jan. 5, 2010. She was an elementary school teacher for 26 years and a member of the Collegedale, TN, Church. She is survived by her husband, Richard Erickson of Collegedale; her mother, Frieda Blanchard of Collegedale; one son, Jonathan Erickson of Athens, TN; and one daughter, Julie Cavanaugh of Portland, OR.

**FARLEY, Beulah L.**, 92, born June 6, 1917 in West Paris, ME, died Nov. 18, 2009 in Apopka, FL. She was a member of the Altamonte Springs, FL, Church for 14 years. Winters from 1958-1978 she worked part-time in the housekeeping department at Florida Hospital. She is survived by three sons: Philip of Manchester, NH, Paul of Freeport, ME, and Boyce of Apopka; two daughters: Phyllis Kimbro of Hendersonville, NC, and Joyce Yates of Apopka; 16 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild. The service was conducted in the Altamonte Springs Church by Pastor Mark Waters. Interment was in Brunswick, ME.

**FEW, James David**, 51, born April 30, 1958 in Mobile, AL, died Oct. 21, 2009 in Mobile. He was a member of the Cody Road Church in Mobile. He is survived by his brother, Allen Few.

**FINLEY, Gloria**, 86, born July 7, 1923 in Natick, RI, died Dec. 11, 2009 in Deltona, FL. She was a member of the Deltona, FL, Church. She served the Church in New England and Florida in many supportive capacities behind the scenes. She is survived by her husband, James; one son, Mark (Teenie) Finley of Haymarket, VA;

three daughters: Dale Slongwhite of Altamonte Springs, FL, Sandra Doran of Apopka, FL; and Holly David of Westbrook, CT; one sister, Lucy DeBerry of Encinitas, CA; 10 grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

**GAMMENTHALER, Charles A.**, 89, born Oct. 10, 1920 in Harper, TX, died Nov. 7, 2009 in Eustis, FL. He was a member of the Umatilla, FL, Church for six months. He worked at the Florida Hospital in Orlando for 21 years. He is survived by his wife, Esther; two sons: Sammy of Tangerine, FL, and Robert of Collegedale, TN; one daughter, Janice Deaton of Murphy, NC; one sister, Elizabeth McDougall of Fredericksburg, TX; and four grandchildren. The service was conducted at the Umatilla Church by Pastor James Appel. Interment was at the Lakeside Cemetery.

**GOTTSHALL, Becky**, 36, died June 28, 2009. She was born in Penn Yan, NY, and was a licensed practical nurse. She is survived by her husband, Shannen Gottshall; two sons: Justin and Brandon Gottshall; and one daughter, Miranda Gottshall, all of Valdosta, GA; her parents: William and Priscilla Haesche of Dundee, NY; two brothers: Randy Haesche of Tampa, FL; and Jamie Haesche of Dundee; and one sister and brother-in-law: Sheri and Kary Van Allen of Destin, FL.

**GREEN, James R.**, 83, died June 15, 2009 in Winston-Salem, NC. He was a member of the Dunnellon, FL, Company. He is survived by his wife, Ethel; two sons: Keven and Richard of Hampton, VA; and one daughter, Donna Marie of Hampton.

**HAMILTON, William S.**, 70, born May 14, 1939 in St. James, Jamaica, West Indies, died Dec. 13, 2009 in Palm Bay, FL. He was a member of the South Brevard Church in Palm Bay. He was a member of the Linden Church in Laurelton, NY, from Aug. 1970-July 1999, where he served in many areas including head deacon. He is survived by his wife, Monica; three sons: Roy, Joseph, and Tymel; four daughters: Dawn, Pauline, Taharria, and Tralaine; two brothers: George and Joseph; one sister, Gwendolyn; and 10 grandchildren. The service was conducted in the South Brevard Church by Pastor Theophilus Roberts. Interment was at the Fountainhead Memorial Park in Palm Bay.

**HARRISON, Rubye**, 91, born March 21, 1918 in Denver, CO, died Jan. 18, 2010 in Lakeland, FL. She was a member of the Fort Meade, FL, Church for one and one half years. She is survived by one son, Gary of Mulberry, FL; one daughter, Kathleen of Oregon; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**HASTY, Walter**, 86, died Nov. 24, 2009. He was a lifelong farmer and active member and supporter of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He was preceded in death by his wife, Opal Hust Hasty in 1998. He is survived by his children: Lynnne and Carolyn Hasty of Bascom, FL; Dorothy and Lester

Davis of Valdosta, GA; eight grandchildren: Jennifer and Anthony Southard, Samuel, Nathan, Benjamin, and Jonathan Hasty, and Opal and Kimberly Davis; and two great-grandchildren: Callie and Alena Southard.

**HEINRICH, Arthur A.**, 93, born Oct. 7, 1915 in Eustis, FL, died Feb. 17, 2009 in Eustis. He was a member of the Umatilla, FL, Church. He is survived by his wife, Eldina; two sons: Milo of Yucaipa, CA, and Arlo of Pierre, SD; two daughters: Sharon Werner of Eustis, and Cynthia Darcy of Beulah, ND; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. The service was conducted in the Umatilla Church by Pastor James Appel. Interment was in Jamestown, ND.

**HESS, Alvin J.**, 84, died Feb. 2, 2010 at Florida Living Retirement Home in Apopka, FL. Upon graduation in 1950 from Emmanuel Missionary College in Berrien Springs, MI, his service in financial areas of the Church began. He has served at Highland View Academy in Hagerstown, MD; as association treasurer of Florida Conference; assistant auditor of Southern Union Conference; treasurer of Gulf States Conference; auditor of Atlantic Union Conference; first area director of the Atlantic district of the General Conference Auditing Service; and finally association treasurer of Southern California Conference, where he retired. Moving south again, he assisted in the Florida Conference Trust Services Department. While in college, Hess operated a little store in his dormitory room to meet the needs of students for items such as soap, shoe laces, razor blades, etc. He called it "Hess and Company." With this natural bent towards meeting needs of the moment, he developed the Adventist Heritage Ministry Heritage Shoppe to help preserve and promote Adventist Heritage. He served as volunteer Heritage Shoppe manager from 1987 to 2003 when he had to step down for health reasons. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Geraldine T. Hess; two sons: Leslie (Margaret) Hess, and Charles "Chuck" Hess; one grandson, Doug Hess; and one sister, Fran H. Spurlock.

**HUGHES, Richard**, 82, born Oct. 17, 1925 in Leavenworth, KS, died June 28, 2008 in Avon Park, FL. He was a member of the Lake Wales, FL, Church for 19 years. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; two sons of Kansas and Arizona; three daughters of Kansas; one sister, Kathlyn Myers of Avon Park, FL; and nine grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Amado Luzbet at the Lake Wales, FL, Church. Interment was in Ottawa, KS.

**HUNT, Roger W.**, 89, born July 12, 1919 in Bravo, MT, died June 8, 2009 in Avon Park, FL. He was a member of the Lake Wales, FL, Church for 25 years. He served as the head librarian for Antillan College in Puerto Rico. He is survived by his wife, June; one son, Dennis Hunt of Napa, CA; and one grandchild. The service was conducted by Pastor Walter Maier at the Lakeview Memorial Gardens in Sebring, FL. Interment was at the Lakeview Memorial Gardens.

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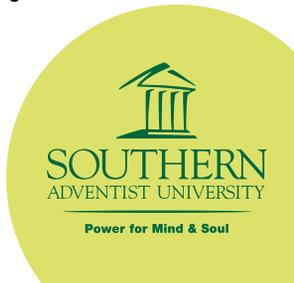
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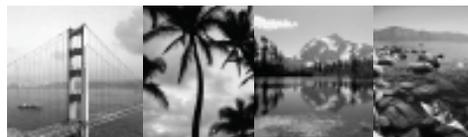
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**AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS** – The quinquennial business and fellowship meeting of the Adventist Amateur Radio Association International will be June 27, 2010, at 2:00 p.m., room B-317 in connection with the GC session in Atlanta. All radio amateurs welcome. Visit us at booth 1738, Adventist World Aviation. [5]

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For more information, please call Rocky Davis or Jim Wilson at: 404-299-1621

# Events Calendar

## Carolina

**Mother/Daughter Banquet** - May 9.  
**Mt. Pisgah Graduation** - May 14-16. Candler, NC.  
**ACBC closed for CM Set up** - May 23-28. Lake Junaluska, NC.  
**Conference Office Closed** - June 7 and July 5.  
**ShareHim Boot Camp** - July 23-25. Nosoca Pines Ranch.  
**Adult Sabbath School Workshop** - July 30-Aug. 1. Nosoca Pines Ranch.  
**Master Guide Camp Out** - July 30-Aug. 1. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

## 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.floridaconference.com/family/>, [djmiller4000@gmail.com](mailto:djmiller4000@gmail.com), or 407-703-3050.  
**North Florida Oakwood University Alumni Chapter** - membership information and event listings for Oakwood alumni in Florida. Details: <http://www.oakwoodalumniinf.org/>, [oakwoodalumniinf@gmail.com](mailto:oakwoodalumniinf@gmail.com), 888-719-7776, or 904-616-1896.  
**Florida Hospital DeLand Support Groups** - Florida Hospital DeLand offers a variety of support. Details available under the "Support Groups" link in the "Patients and Visitors" box at <http://www.fhdeland.org/>  
**Florida Adventist Book Center** - Winter Park: 877-55-FLABC (877-553-5222). Miami: 305-805-9900. High Springs: 386-454-7956. Shop online: <http://www.floridaconference.com/abc/> or order by e-mail: [FloridaABC@floridaconference.com](mailto:FloridaABC@floridaconference.com)  
**Florida Adventist Bookmobile Schedule**  
 June 5. Sunrise.  
 June 6. Plantation, Lauderhill, Temple Adventiste in Deerfield Beach. (Southeastern Conference: Mt. Olivet.)  
 June 12. Naples.  
 June 13. Ft. Myers, Ft. Myers Shores, Arcadia, Lakeland, Winter Haven.  
 June 19. Port Charlotte.  
 June 20. North Port, Venice-

Nokomis, Sarasota, West Coast Christian Academy in Bradenton, Brandon, Tampa First.  
 June 26. Tallahassee.  
 June 27. Perry, Cross City, Ocala, Silver Springs Shores, Belleview, Inverness.  
 July 10. West Palm Beach.  
 July 11. Midport Road, Ft. Pierce, Cocoa, Titusville. (Southeastern Conference: Port St. Lucie, Palm Bay.)  
 July 17. Jacksonville Southpoint.

## Georgia-Cumberland

**Complete calendar online** - [www.gccsda.com](http://www.gccsda.com)  
**Midterm Report & Town Hall Meeting** - May 8, 3 pm. Collegedale Community Church, Ooltewah, TN.  
**East Tennessee Adventist Unity Concert** - May 8. Knoxville First Church.  
**Andrew Ishee, Gospel Pianist** - May 8. Atlanta Metropolitan Church at 11 a.m. Details: 404-289-1748.  
**Field School Evangelistic Meetings** - May 14-June 12. Atlanta area churches.  
**GCC/SAC Evangelism Rally** - May 15, 6 p.m. Atlanta Belvedere Church.  
**Health Rally** - May 15. Brayton, TN.  
**Prayer Ministry Day** - May 15. Columbus First Church, GA.  
**Pioneer Outreach Ministries** - May 22. Danielsville, GA.  
**Prayer Ministry Workshop** - May 27, 28. Collegedale, TN.  
**CSYC Staff Training** - May 27-June 6. Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.  
**Free Adventist Church Connect Website Training** - May 30. Collegedale, TN.

**Evangelistic Meetings with E.W. Dempsey** - June 3-5. Vidalia, GA.  
**ShareHim Meetings** - June 4-15. Atlanta area.  
**Evangelistic Meetings with Warren Couple** - June 7-12. Vidalia, GA.  
**Prayer Ministry Day** - June 12. Cookeville, TN.  
**Searching for Hope Evangelistic Harvest** - June 16-19. Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, GA.

## Gulf States

Complete Calendar online <http://www.gscsda.org>

**Bass Memorial Academy Graduation Weekend** - May 14, 15.  
**Pathfinder Fair at Bass Memorial Academy** - May 23.  
**Executive Committee** - June 8. Montgomery  
**Family Ministries Mini Couple's Retreat** - June 12. Cody Road Church, Mobile, AL.

## Kentucky-Tennessee

**Conference Association Board** - July 20. Sept. 28. Nov. 30.  
**Conference Executive Committee** - July 20. Sept. 28. Nov. 30.

## Southern Adventist University

**Insight Writer's Workshop** - May 3-6.  
**Registration for Second Summer Session** - May 24-28.  
**PreviewSouthern** - June 10, 11.

## Announcements

**Southern Union Prayer Ministries** - Met in March to establish and implement goals with their conferences. These are the goals: Southern Union churches to become houses of prayer for all people; Unity through communication and prayer partnering among all churches; Encourage more prayer rallies, prayer days, weeks of prayer, in every church; Plan and implement children's prayer conference; Encourage families to establish family altars; and Encourage families to establish time and place for personal prayer.  
**"Ye Olde" Cedar Lake Academy Reunion** - June 3-6. For alumni and schoolmates of 1960 and earlier, at Great Lakes Adventist Academy (formerly

CLA). Honor classes: 1930, '40, '50, and '60. Details will be forthcoming by postal service. Also, you may contact the GLAA Alumni Office at 989-427-5181 or visit [www.GLAA.net](http://www.GLAA.net) for further information.

**Madison College Alumni Homecoming** - June 18-20. Honoring classes of 1940, '45, '50, '55, '60, and all others attending. Friday evening, Sabbath, and Sunday breakfast at Madison Academy Campus. Details: Jim Culpepper, secretary/treasurer, 615-654-3311.

**Maranatha Golf 4 Hope** - June 21, 22. This two-day pre-General Conference Golf event is a South Atlantic Conference Haiti Mission project. Golfers and non-golfers are invited to attend. Details: [www.maranthagolf4hope.golfreg.com](http://www.maranthagolf4hope.golfreg.com).

**Adventist Race for Health 5/10K** - June 27. Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta, GA. Details: [www.AdventistRaceForHealth.org](http://www.AdventistRaceForHealth.org). Walkers enjoy the InStep trail on June 25, and June 27-July 1 at 7 a.m., at the fountains in Centennial Olympic Park.

**South Atlantic Women's Ministries "Hearts Across the Waters"** - July 1. A formal Gala at Georgia Aquarium. Details: Sylvia Wilson, 336-240-7996 or Janice Carter, 678-698-2830.

**Adelphian Academy Class of 1960 Reunion** - July 9, 10. The 50th class reunion will be at the Academy in Holly, MI. Details: Duane Lemon, 423-693-8649 or email: [lemon075@comcast.net](mailto:lemon075@comcast.net).

**South Central Conference Women's Retreat 2010/ "At Jesus' Feet"** - Oct. 29-31. Park Vista Resort Hotel, Gatlinburg, TN. Details: 800-732-7587 or [www.plusline.org](http://www.plusline.org).

## Sunset

	April 30	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28	June 4
Atlanta, GA	8:21	8:27	8:32	8:37	8:42	8:46
Charleston, SC	8:02	8:07	8:12	8:17	8:21	8:25
Charlotte, NC	8:09	8:15	8:21	8:26	8:31	8:35
Collegedale, TN	8:26	8:32	8:37	8:43	8:47	8:52
Huntsville, AL	7:32	7:37	7:43	7:48	7:53	7:57
Jackson, MS	7:42	7:47	7:52	7:57	8:01	8:05
Louisville, KY	8:35	8:41	8:47	8:53	8:59	9:03
Memphis, TN	7:46	7:52	7:57	8:02	8:07	8:11
Miami, FL	7:52	7:56	8:00	8:03	8:07	8:10
Montgomery, AL	7:27	7:32	7:37	7:41	7:46	7:50
Nashville, TN	7:35	7:41	7:47	7:52	7:57	8:01
Orlando, FL	8:01	8:05	8:09	8:14	8:17	8:21
Wilmington, NC	7:56	8:02	8:07	8:12	8:17	8:21

## Camp Meeting 2010 Schedule

### CAROLINA

Portions of Camp Meeting will be viewable at [www.carolinasda.org](http://www.carolinasda.org)  
 Hispanic ..... April 16-18 ..... Nosoca Pines Ranch  
 English ..... May 30-June 5 ..... Theme: Reflecting His Love ..... Lake Junaluska, NC  
 Speakers: Shawn Boonstra, Gordon Bietz, Mike Tucker, and Karl Haffner  
 Eastern Carolina ..... TBD ..... Oak Island, NC  
 Speaker: Philip Samaan  
 Musical Guests: Jaime Jorge

### GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Korean ..... May 21, 22 ..... Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA  
 GCC ..... May 28, 29. Theme: Proclaiming God's Grace ..... Southern Adventist University,  
 Collegedale, TN  
 Friday night/ Sabbath morning Speaker: Ken Rogers  
 Sabbath School: Gordon Bietz  
 Sabbath evening: Ed Wright  
 Hispanic ..... June 4-6 ..... Georgia Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, GA  
 Olde Time ..... June 17-19 ..... Theme: Forever Faithful ..... Deer Lodge, TN  
 Speaker: Fred Fuller  
 Deaf ..... Aug. 4-7 ..... Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA  
 Northeast Tennessee ..... Sept. 24, 25 ..... The Oaks, Greeneville, TN  
 Speaker: Paul Richardson

### GULF STATES

May 21-29 ..... Theme: Show Yourself to be HIS Disciples ..... Bass Memorial Academy,  
 Lumberton, MS  
 Speaker 1st Sabbath: Frank González  
 Mornings/ Monday-Friday: G. Edward Reid  
 Evenings/ Monday-Friday: Phillip Samaan  
 Speaker 2nd Sabbath: Ron Smith  
 Musical Concert 2nd Sabbath: Marion Peppers

### KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

English ..... May 28-June 5 ..... Theme: So Much to Share...So Little Time! ..... Highland Academy,  
 Portland, TN  
 Speakers: Fred Kinsey, Gary Gibbs, Lincoln Steed, Dennis Priebe, and Clarence & Dianna Schilt  
 Seminar Presenters:  
 Hispanic ..... June 12 ..... Highland Academy, Portland, TN  
 Speaker:

### SOUTH ATLANTIC

June 11 and 12 ..... Theme: Grace to Begin Again ..... River Oaks Campground,  
 Orangeburg, SC  
 Speaker: Charles Drake

### SOUTH CENTRAL

Latino ..... May 27-30 ..... Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL  
 English ..... June 4-12 ..... Theme: Let's Talk About Jesus ..... Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL  
**ADULT SERVICES**  
 Friday night, June 4: Joe Grider  
 Sabbath, June 5: Dana Edmond  
 Wednesday, June 9: David Steede  
 Thursday, June 10: Merkita Williams  
 Sabbath morning, June 12: Calvin Preston  
 Sabbath afternoon Ordination, June 12: C.D. Brooks  
**YOUNG ADULT SERVICES**  
 First Sabbath: Vincent Dehm  
 Nightly young adult services at 7 p.m.  
 Second Sabbath: Gregory Nelson  
**YOUTH SERVICES**  
 First Sabbath: John Boston  
 Nightly youth services at 7 p.m.  
 Second Sabbath: Derloy Brooks

## Summer Camp 2010 Schedule

### CAROLINA

Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, SC  
 [Register online at [www.nosoca.org](http://www.nosoca.org)]  
 Staff Week/SIT Camp ..... June 13-20  
 Adventure (ages 7-11) ..... June 20-27  
 Horsemanship (ages 12-16) ..... June 20-27  
 Basketball (ages 11-16) ..... June 20-27  
 Mountain Bike (ages 13-16) ..... June 20-27  
 Water Sports (ages 13-16) ..... June 20-27  
 SIT Camp ..... June 20-27  
 Junior Camp/Horse  
 Camping Trip (ages 10-12) ..... June 27-July 4  
 Tween/ Horsemanship 3 (ages 12-14) ..... July 4-11  
 Teen/ Horsemanship 4 (ages 13-16) ..... July 11-18  
 Teen Extreme Adventurer Horse  
 Camping Trip (ages 14-17) ..... June 21-28

### GULF STATES

Camp Alamisco, Dadeville, AL  
 [Details: [www.Alamisco.org](http://www.Alamisco.org)]  
 Adventure Camp (ages 7-10) ..... June 6-13  
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12) ..... June 13-20  
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16) ..... June 20-27  
 Family Camp (all ages) ..... July 5-11

### SOUTH ATLANTIC

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

### FLORIDA

Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, FL  
 [Details: <http://summercamp.campkulaqua.com/>]  
 Equine Week (ages 11-16) ..... June 6-13  
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9) ..... June 6-27  
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12) ..... June 6-27  
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16) ..... June 6-27  
 Basketball Camp (ages 13-16) ..... June 6-13  
 Basketball Camp (ages 9-12) ..... June 13-20  
 Basketball Camp (ages 13-16) ..... June 20-27  
 Cowboy Adventure Week (ages 13-16) ..... June 11-18  
 Cowpoke Week (ages 11-16) ..... June 13-20  
 FL Frontier Week (ages 11-16) ..... June 20-27  
 Family Camp (all ages) ..... Sept. 6-9  
 Young at Heart Camp (ages 50+) ..... Oct. 17-21

### KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Indian Creek Camp, Liberty, TN  
 Blind Camp (mixed ages) ..... June 13-20  
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9) ..... June 13-20  
 C.I.T. (ages 16, 17) ..... June 13-20  
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12) ..... June 20-27  
 Family Camp I (all ages) ..... June 29-July 4  
 Tween Camp (ages 12-14) ..... July 4-11  
 Teen Camp (ages 14-17) ..... July 11-18  
 Family Camp II (all ages) ..... July 18-25  
 Extreme Outpost Camp (ages 13-17) ..... July 25-3

### SOUTH CENTRAL

Camp Lee, Anniston, AL  
 Friendship Camp (ages 6-17) ..... July 11-17  
 Sports Camp (ages 6-17) ..... July 18-27

### SOUTHEASTERN

Southeastern Conference Campground, Hawthorne, FL  
 Pee Wee Camp (ages 5-8) ..... July 11-17  
 Summer Camp (ages 9-16) ..... July 11-25

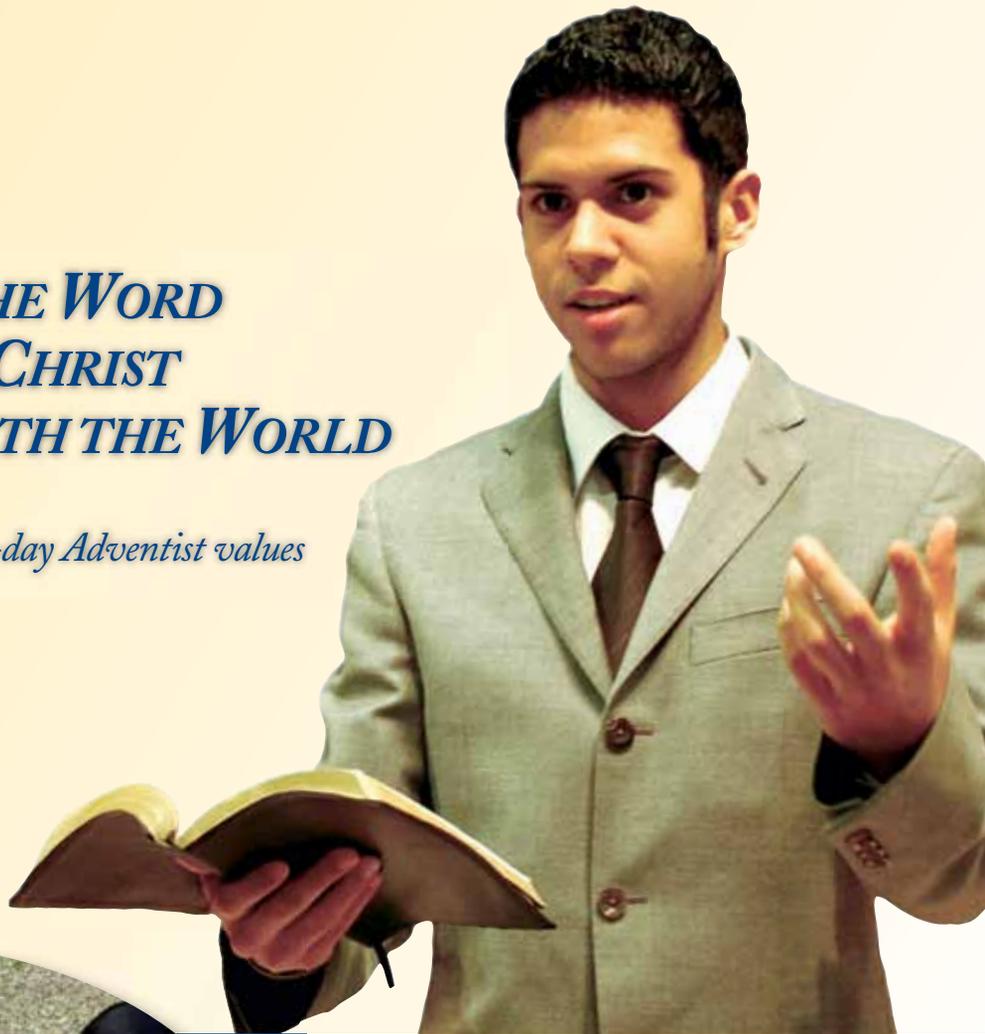
### GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Cohutta Springs Adventist Center, Crandall, GA  
 [Details: [www.cs-yc.com](http://www.cs-yc.com)]  
 Junior Camp I (ages 10-12) ..... June 6-13  
 Golf Camp I (ages 13-17) ..... June 6-13  
 Paintball Camp I (ages 13-17) ..... June 6-13  
 Rock Climbing Camp (ages 13-17) ..... June 6-13  
 Fit for Life I (ages 10-13) ..... June 6-27  
 Junior Camp II (ages 10-12) ..... June 13-20  
 Mountain Bike Trip (ages 13-17) ..... June 13-20  
 Paintball Camp II (ages 13-17) ..... June 13-20  
 Skateboard Camp (ages 13-17) ..... June 13-20  
 S.I.T. Camp (ages 15 and up) ..... June 13-20  
 Adventure Camp (ages 7-9) ..... June 20-25  
 Horse Pack Trip (ages 13-17) ..... June 20-27  
 Paintball Camp III (ages 13-17) ..... June 20-27  
 Wakeboard Camp I (ages 13-17) ..... June 20-27  
 C.I.T. Camp (ages 15 and up) ..... June 20-27  
 Tween/Pathfinder Honors Camp  
 (ages 12 & 13) ..... June 27-July 4  
 Gym-Masters Camp (ages 13-17) ..... June 27-July 4  
 Ultimate RAD Camp (ages 13-17) ..... June 27-July 4  
 Fit for Life I (ages 13-17) ..... June 27-July 18  
 Teen Camp I (ages 13-17) ..... July 4-11  
 Rock Solid I (ages 16-18) ..... July 4-11  
 Basketball Camp (ages 13-17) ..... July 4-11  
 Whitewater/Kayak Camp (ages 13-17) ..... July 4-11  
 Teen Camp II (ages 13-17) ..... July 11-18  
 Rock Solid II (ages 16-18) ..... July 11-18  
 Golf Camp II (ages 13-17) ..... July 11-18  
 Wakeboard Camp III (ages 13-17) ..... July 11-18  
 Surf Camp (ages 13-17) ..... July 18-25  
 W.I.T. Camp  
 (ages 15 and up) ..... Every week (June 8-July 20)  
 Family Camp (all ages) ..... July 20-25



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