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Evangelism Secrets

It's Judgment Time

The times in which we live are without equal in the history of this world's existence. This is an age of unprecedented tumult and change. The hearts of men and women are troubled with a fear of the new tragedies that lurk in the dark places of the unknown. Hunger impacts the bellies of the masses worldwide. Social strife and confusion blanket our insensitive communities. So many people report an uptightness and fatigue in their quest to improve themselves. Seeking to navigate the uncertain terrain of society seems to be an uphill climb. Terror and violence, for unclear reasons, have plagued our cities and our educational institutions. Juvenile delinquency is increasing beyond the ability of parents or police to control. Families fear kidnapping. Women fear sexual assaults. Men fear drive-by shootings and road rage. Wives fear brutal beatings or murder at the hands of their own husbands. If you happen to be part of the flight to the rural suburbs or the country in North America, crime is rising faster there than in the urbanized zones of this great nation. Pathogens and varied viral and bacterial strands ambush every step of human society. It is reported by multiple human service surveys that at least three million people in the United States attempt to take their lives. Mental illness, psychic disorders, and emotional unrest have become a haven of rest to many more millions. Nations are at war and are in pursuit of unclear moving targets with the intent to snuff out terror. Teenagers by the millions are succumbing to alcoholism and drug abuse. I am sorry to report that this is the portrait of our current society.

The purpose of this editorial is to suggest that, as bad as things are now, I say as one pastor said to a sophisticated congregation, "You ain't seen nothin' yet. It's gonna get worse before it gets better."

However, this age of tumult and challenge does not catch the student of Bible prophecy by surprise. The Bible teaches that the days of Noah would be replicated during the final days on this Earth before Jesus returns to put an end to civilization as we now know it, and to rescue His children from this sin-cursed planet.

Immorality and trauma, therefore, are here to stay until Jesus intercepts time with eternity.

The big question is, despite all of the above-mentioned gloom and doom, is there hope for the human race? Is there salvation even for modern man? Is there a Gospel large enough to address the contemporary condition in which we live? Ladies and gentlemen, I have found the Gospel. It is called the Everlasting Gospel as recorded in Revelation 14:6-12.

The Everlasting Gospel simply and succinctly is this: The most critical of all judgments is going on right now as you read this editorial. Right now, the lives of men and women are being paraded before the Almighty God to give an answer for their loyalty to Him according to the level of knowledge that He has allowed them to have of Him. It is the Everlasting Gospel because it was preached to Adam. It was called enmity. It is the Everlasting Gospel because it was preached to Abraham. It was called Seed. It is the Everlasting Gospel because it was preached to ancient Israel. It was called Repent because the kingdom of God is at hand. It is called Everlasting Gospel because today God says: Despite other opinions and philosophies you may be hearing, listen to the first angel of Revelation 14. The judgment time has come. Now!!!

The judgment is going on right now in Heaven. Eternal life for you is at stake. The great God of the Universe is the real Supreme Court Justice. Jesus wants to be your lawyer. You can't lose with the Judge's Son as your Defense Attorney. The judgment is nothing to fear if you are intimate with Jesus.



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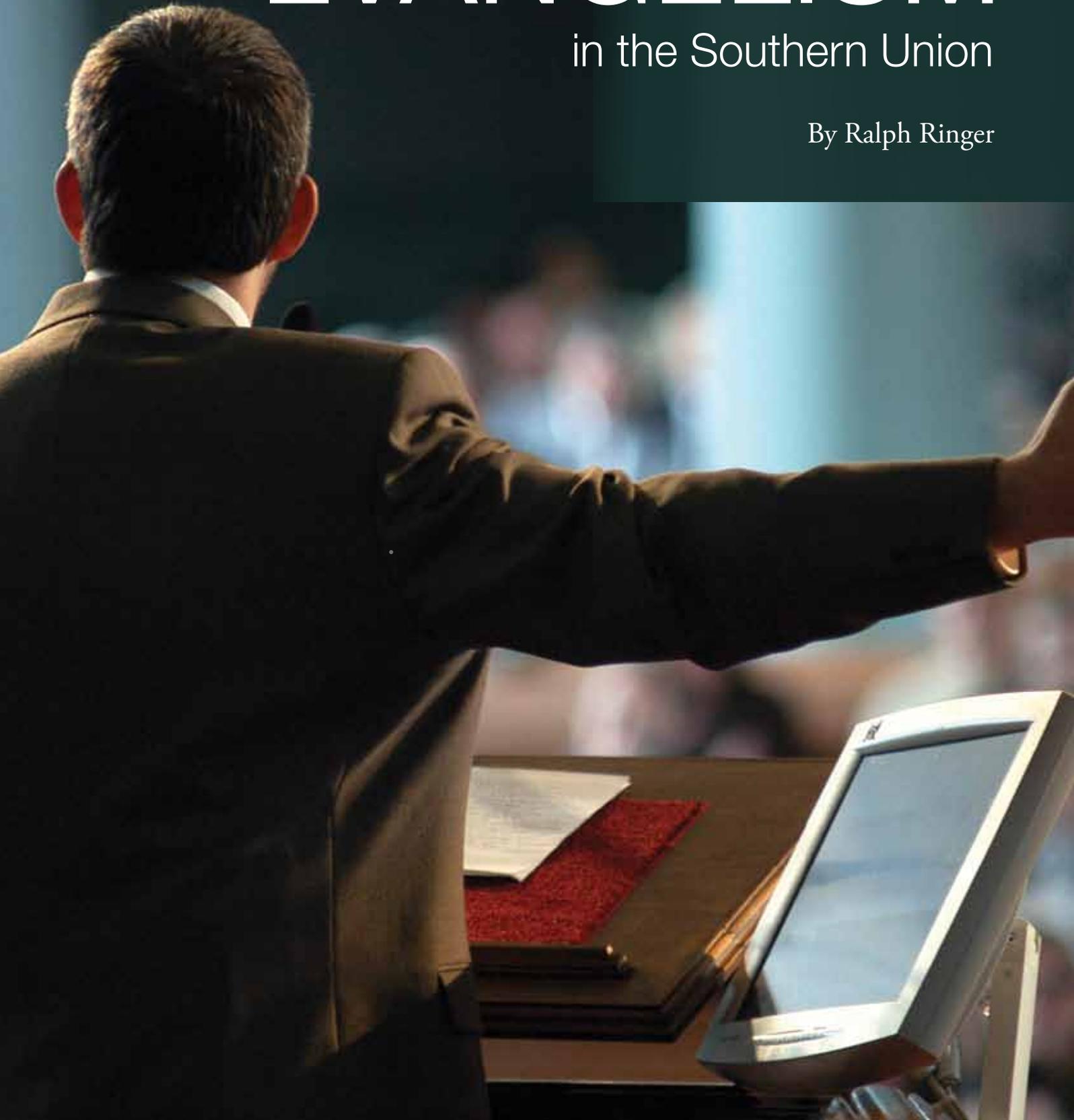
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8 Secrets for **EVANGELISM**

in the Southern Union

By Ralph Ringer



1. Friendship Evangelism alone has limited results.
2. Personal Evangelism alone has limited results.
3. Public Evangelism alone has limited results.
4. Combining Friendship, Personal, and Public Evangelism has great results.
5. Disciple all new members and willing current members.
6. Applying the Cycle of Evangelism help a church's efficiency in evangelism.
7. ShareHim/Kingdom Friends can help the pastor, church, and conference better involve all members doing something in evangelism.
8. Southern Union Evangelism Council can help evangelists, pastors, and lay evangelists be better evangelists.

Friendship Evangelism has been around for quite some time. It was part of "The Caring Church" that was a program and a slogan for many years. There have been many seminars for friendship evangelism, but when it is not coupled with personal and/or public evangelism, there have been few who become part of our Church family. The problems most of us have are we are not consistent and/or we do not have a plan. Kingdom Friends has a plan that helps make friends, then network them with members and other kingdom friends to bridge events that lead them to reaping meetings. This is part of ShareHim, which we will look at later.

A current example of combining friendship evangelism with public is

Kelly Trotti, who had no background in the Adventist Church, but his wife, Debbie, was a former member. They were looking for a church. They went to several and found one that drew them with their friendliness. That church was the Gethsemane Church in Daphne. Even though they were white and the church was black, the warmth of friendship touched their hearts. They went to Mark Finley's meetings, and were baptized March 31, 2012.



a door hanger offering vegetarian cooking classes. She invited Mae-gan to go with her. Meagan was so impressed she took Robert to meet Mark and Ernestine Finley that night. They were invited to Mark Finley's meetings; they attended, and were baptized March 31.



Personal Evangelism has been used by our Church since we started. We have given Bible studies, handed out tracks, given books, shared testimonies, and made Gospel presentations. About 20 percent of those we give Bible studies to are baptized. Those who have the gift of evangelism will get a higher percentage, but those whose contacts get studies or attend public evangelistic meetings will have about 80 percent success rate.

An example: Robert Soto Jr., and his wife, Maegan, just finished a Daniel fast when his mother received

Public Evangelism has also been around since we started as a Church. It has been the most successful way of baptizing people we have in the Church. Yet, today, when it is promoted only by advertising, we will baptize only 10-30 percent of those who attend. When we combine public, personal, and friendship outreach, the percentage grows dramatically.

Public evangelism started out in our Church as a way of starting churches, and then the early Camp Meetings were evangelistic meetings where members would invite others to come to Camp Meeting to hear great preaching. Sometimes the Camp Meeting would be held where they wanted to plant a church. Throughout the years, many things changed, for instance, the use of charts, images, and paintings were replaced by

Long calls and visitations.



1950

Pastors would take this on their personal visits to homes.



1960

Programmers, dissolve units, and sound were taking shape.



1970

Projectors were used.



1980

Video Cameras were invented and started to be used for Evangelism.



1990

slides and movies. Fordyce Detamore started the three-week meetings with long calls and lots of visitation in the 1950's-1960's. In the 1970's-1980's, multi-media was used with several screens, slide projectors, dissolve units, sound, movie, and programmers. Ken Cox was a pioneer in this area, but was joined by other big time evangelists like Dale Brusett, who had budgets and team members to operate the equipment. Then a large number of other evangelists figured out a way to use multi-media. As computers developed, there was a switch to computer-generated graphics and video projectors.

Through much of the history of public evangelistic meetings, there were teams. There was a speaker and singing evangelist; and on the larger teams, they would have a pianist and/or organist, as well as a Bible worker. The Voice of Prophecy and later Faith For Today and It Is Written would have a quartet. The teams, many times, would baptize 100 to 200-plus individuals. The common meeting places were halls, tabernacles, and tents, which were neutral ground for interests to come. In the 1980's, as funds got tighter and we had more churches, more meetings were held in the churches, and there were fewer and fewer teams.

Combine Friendship, Personal, and Public Evangelism for the greatest results. Evangelism is a team effort. The larger and more diverse the team, the better the results are. Evangelism is more than an event or even a process; it should be a continuous cycle.

An example of combining friendship, personal, and public evangelism has and is happening in Mobile, Alabama. Gary Tracy, pastor of the Cody Road Church, contacted me, in my role as director of church growth/evangelism training for the Southern Union, in 2009 about doing something big that would involve all the churches in Mobile. He wanted Mark and Ernestine Finley to lead out in this great adventure. They worked on getting the Finleys to Mobile, but with their heavy schedule the meetings couldn't happen until 2012. That

was good; there was plenty of time to prepare.

The evangelistic meetings, held February 24-March 31, 2012, were also a field school of evangelism for 10 Gulf States pastors, four South Central pastors, and several laypersons. As of March 31, more than 100 people were baptized or joined by profession of faith. There are dozens more to be baptized in the next few weeks. Each pastor and church has follow-up classes.



Disciple all new members and willing current members. The best way to keep new members is to disciple them. This is what Jesus taught in Matthew 28: 18-20. It also helps grow the Church by multiplication, not just addition. There are many discipleship programs, but the best is on-the-job training. Work with them directly, take them on Bible studies, let them watch, let them help, let them give the Bible study, and when they are able, let them disciple someone.

Applying the Cycle of Evangelism helps a church be more efficient in evangelism. There are four parts in the cycle of evangelism: **Preparing the Soil**, that is friendship evangelism; **Sowing the Seed**, that is personal evangelism; **Cultivating the plants**, that is continuation of personal evangelism into bridge events; and **Reaping**, which is public evangelism.

ShareHim/Kingdom Friends can help pastors, churches, and conferences better involve all members in participating in evangelism. The pastors in six of the eight conferences have the ShareHim/Kingdom Friends training materials. The pastors of the other two conferences will have them as soon as ShareHim/Kingdom Friends meets with their pastors.

Southern Union Evangelism Council can help evangelists, pastors, and lay evangelists to be better evangelists. The Southern Union Evangelism Council started in 1970 by Harold Metcalf, who was the ministerial secretary of the Southern Union at that time. It was started for the evangelists of the Southern Union, and then opened to other evangelists throughout the United States. (Later Westpoint for Evangelism and Oakwood Ministerial and Evangelism Convocation were started.) Ron Halverson, Dennis Ross, and I have kept it going. The Southern Union has always had evangelism as a strong priority.

This year the Southern Union Evangelism Council will be December 3-6, at Daytona Beach Resort, Daytona Beach, Florida. The Southern Union Evangelism Council is for evangelists, pastor evangelists, and lay evangelists. The speakers and presenters will be Mark and Ernestine Finley from the General Conference; Ron Clouzet, from Andrews University; Ron Smith, D.Min., Ph.D., Southern Union president; Ivan Williams, North American Division; Olin McGraw, Mountainside Church; and others. You can register at southernunion.com or for details, call Ralph Ringer at 407-257-6847.

Evangelism should be a lifestyle for each of us, or — in one word — **Evangeliving.** Everything we say or do should in some way reflect the Gospel. The methods and media have changed, but the message of lifting Jesus and His saving love remains constant.

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JEWISH TRADITIONS ATTRACT VISITORS

BY GLADYS NEIGEL

The Shabbat (Sabbath) is drawing to a close on a balmy evening in December as visitors and members gather beneath a giant menorah set on the grounds of the Beth-El Shalom congregation in New Port Richey, Florida.

State Senator Mike Fasano of the 11th District accepted the congregation's invitation to light the 10-foot-high menorah. It is a joyous time with music, food, and a message about the real miracle

of Chanukah and the importance of the freedom of worship that we have today. For a congregation of 18 members, an attendance of slightly less than 100 at this Chanukah celebration is an achievement.

Outreach for the members of the New Port Richey congregation, as well as its sister congregation in St. Petersburg, often use the traditions of the Jewish faith to encourage visitors to attend their fellowship.

Celebrations for Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot (feast of booths) have also drawn many visitors.

Friendship fellowship has also included a group meal at a restaurant where new attendees and visitors bond with members.

Utilizing traditional methods of outreach, the congregations have held many courses and seminars such as a monthly Eat Smart

Cooking Seminar, a Stop Smoking Forever course, and various Bible meetings. A beginning Hebrew class was held, and two gentlemen who attend services recently conducted a six-week self-defense course.

For decades, it has been difficult for Jewish people to leave their traditions behind and accept the Messiah. Jeff Zaremsky, the congregation's

leader, has combined Jewish traditions with the Messianic message and, over the past four years, has welcomed 17 people to this Messianic ministry of Florida Conference.

Editorial Note: Jeff Zaremsky recently authored a book entitled *Jewish Discoveries*. TEACH Services, Inc., publisher, announced that the book portrays how "Scripture intertwines with Jewish traditions to form a rich heritage of faith and spiritual truths." It is available from the Florida Adventist Book Center and other retail bookstores.



State Senator Mike Fasano, District 11, prepares to light the Chanukah menorah at Beth-El Shalom Messianic Synagogue in New Port Richey, Florida.



Jeff Zaremsky (left), congregational leader, leads three young men from St. Petersburg, Florida, in blowing shofars during the Rosh Hashanah service to remind the congregation that the time of judgment is at hand. The Ancient of Days is sitting on His throne, the books have been opened, and cleansing and mercy is still available for a short period of time.

Adventist Physician Honored

BY JOSH NELSON

Ralph Ruckle, M.D., of Portland, Tennessee, was the honoree at a reception after he was chosen as the recipient of the Frist Humanitarian Award, presented by the Hospital Corporation of America (HCA).

The award is given to those “who demonstrate extraordinary concern for the welfare and happiness of patients in their community,” according to HCA.

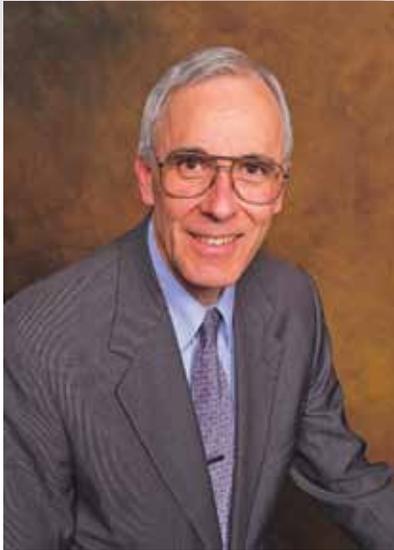
Ruckle was chosen from 10 doctors who were nominated for the award. The honor places him in nomination for the nationwide Frist Humanitarian Award, which is the highest honor he can receive within HCA, the company that owns Hendersonville Medical Center.

National recipients are honored in the spring at a reception at the company’s Nashville headquarters; they are given a bronze statue, a \$5,000 gift, and an additional \$5,000 to the charity of their choice.

Candidates were nominated by co-workers, and a committee chose the winner.

“I was just minding my own business, and the administrator walked in ... and told me,” Ruckle said. “It was the first time I learned anything about it. It’s a great honor — I really appreciate it,” he added.

The woman who nominated Ruckle — who did not want to be



Ralph Ruckle, M.D., and his wife, Diane, are members of the Highland Church in Portland, Tennessee.

identified — wrote in her nominating letter, “The definition of humanitarian is: Having concern for helping improve the welfare and happiness of people; pertaining to the saving of human lives or to the alleviation of suffering. The previously mentioned are traits that Ruckle possesses in abundance. He is also the most compassionate person I have ever encountered.”

She wrote that Ruckle has practiced medicine in the Portland Community for over three decades, “and in that time has gone above and beyond for his patients and their families.”

The woman who nominated Ruckle said that she has worked for him for more than 10 years, but when she started her employment she “immediately noticed the long hours he kept as well as the rapport he had with his patients, their families, and the hospital staff. Tying all of these things together ensured the patient would have the best possible outcome, and I saw the love he had for humankind radiate from him. He NEVER did things begrudgingly ... he always had the utmost concern for everyone being affected by an illness.

“I can recall being at work late at night and he would still be in the hospital checking on his patients

when a phone call would have sufficed,” she wrote. “He definitely is a very hands-on physician, and his patients benefit greatly from this.

“Dr. Ruckle also is very dedicated to his work involving the local nursing home. He always spent a great deal of time there, and following the closing of Portland Medical Center, has maintained and perhaps increased his time there,” the nominating letter reads. “He continually supports Portland Diagnostic Center by sending his patients to the facility for their diagnostic imaging needs. This type of support helps ensure that his patients will have an option ‘locally’ as opposed to driving many miles to get the testing they need. He has a great love for the Portland community.”

The nominating letter also mentioned Ruckle’s missionary work: “His most recent mission trip was to Cuba in 2010. Being a missionary requires a great deal of dedication, and even greater compassion for the well being of his fellow man,” the nominator wrote. “It can be dangerous in many ways, but Dr. Ruckle doesn’t let this deter him.

“He does it so quietly...under the radar almost! This shows that he does all of these wonderful things because of his heart,” she wrote.

“I just try to take care of the community as best as I possibly can,” he said. “I think it comes from my religious values. We’re all children before God’s eyes, and I try to take care of His children.”

Josh Nelson is a contributing editor of the Portland Leader newspaper in Portland, Tennessee. Story reprinted with permission.

THE GREAT HOPE

Questions and Answers interview about The Great Hope Project in the North American Division with J. Alfred Johnson, director of adult ministries and coordinator of the NAD Great Hope Project.

Question: Pastor Johnson, could you tell readers about the NAD initiative to distribute *The Great Hope* throughout the Division?

Pastor Johnson: NAD's initiative is to distribute *The Great Hope*, the 11-chapter abridged version of *The Great Controversy*, designed to serve as an entry type of literature to individuals who have some spiritual interest, and particularly, interest in last-day events. We recognize that the unabridged version of *The Great Controversy* outside of a relational context has the capacity to raise more questions than answers when distributed in a cold-contact process, so we encourage distribution of *The Great Hope*. It will be available for everyone through the local Adventist Book Centers.

Question: Why push the abridged version versus the original version?

Pastor Johnson: We are emphasizing *The Great Hope* because it's a less complex "entering wedge" compilation of literature than the unabridged version.

Question: What is the numerical goal? What is the larger aim/outcome hoped for?

Pastor Johnson: Our goal is to distribute three

million copies in the NAD territory. A larger outcome would be as many beyond three million as possible.

Question: What is the timeline for the NAD initiative?

Pastor Johnson: I should explain that that timeline is divided into two sections:

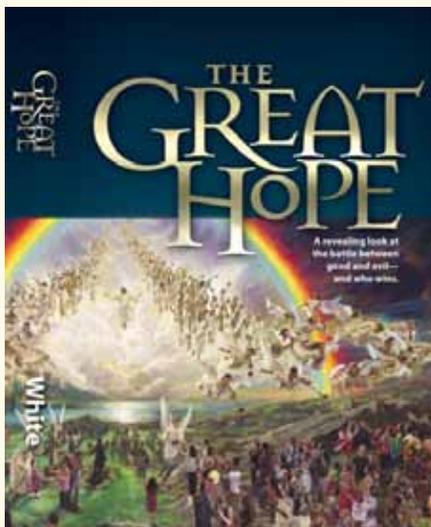
1) We're asking members to read the unabridged version (*The Great Controversy*) now. Read it prayerfully, asking the Lord to lead you to individuals to whom you should distribute *The Great Hope*, so you'll find the people most receptive.

2) Then, the relational distribution of *The Great Hope* to family, friends, and acquaintances will be from June through December.

Question: Will individual members be able to get the reduced prices to purchase *The Great Hope* (paperback/94 pages).

Pastor Johnson: Yes. The reduced pricing of 39 cents/copy (plus shipping) is a price offered by the Review and Herald Publishing Association and the Pacific Press Publishing Association. That price is good for orders received from anyone — individuals, churches, and conferences. To order, call the Adventist Book Center at 800-765-6955.

Question: What are the



prices for various quantity cut-off points?

Pastor Johnson: The 39 cents price represents the best quantity pricing. One conference is ordering 500,000 copies.

Question: Is contact information included in the books if readers want to discuss them, have questions, a study guide available, or request Bible studies?

Pastor Johnson: Yes, at this time plans are for including contact information for Bible study organizations such as the Discover Bible School and BibleInfo.com. The Discover Bible School is preparing a study guide and available online at www.sharethegreathope.com, and through the Adventist Book Centers.

Pastor Johnson: It will fit all throughout the larger REACH initiative, particularly for evangelism and literature distribution. It will have tie-ins in 2012. We are aware that the General Conference Communica-

tion Department has already completed two episodes of a Great Controversy video series, tied in with the larger unabridged version, and it is also designed to tie in with any evangelistic series that is themed toward *The Great Controversy*.

Question: What is the NAD's vision for the best way to distribute the books?

Pastor Johnson: The NAD's vision for the best way to distribute these books is in a relational context, person-to-person, friend-to-friend!

Question: Are there any marketing materials available to help promote this NAD initiative — bulletin inserts and announcements, posters, social media sites, etc.? If so, how can people get them?

Pastor Johnson: A bulletin insert and short 3-slide PowerPoint presentation for churches is posted on www.sharethegreathope.com. More materials and information will be available there and announced through future NAD NewsPoints, and the NAD Facebook page.

Question: How does someone donate to this initiative?

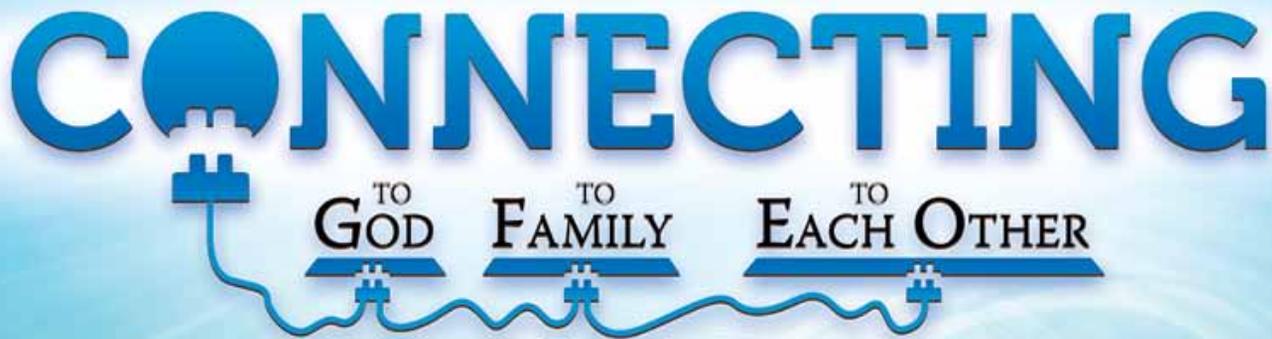
Answer: Send check or money order made out to the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, Attention: NAD Treasury Department, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904-6600. Designate 'For Great Hope Project.'

—BY NAD COMMUNICATION

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We are living in an age of every kind of “iThing” you can imagine. It’s all about being connected to the world. It’s about being connected to your world, iPhone, iPad, iPod, iTunes: connect, connect, and connect. We of the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are not out of touch with this organic phenomenon. We, more than some, understand the critical importance of being connected and staying connected to a much higher source, God. We want to announce the coming of a grand event taking place January 6-9, 2013, in Daytona Beach, Florida — the Southern Union Ministerium. We will seek to connect with all of the pastors in the southeast region of the United States.

The theme: “Connected to God, Family, Each Other.”

Our meetings will be family centered and family oriented. We will have programming for children birth-13, given by ministers of children; women’s programs with specialists in the field of ministry to pastors’ wives; passionate devotional speakers; inspiring plenaries; and relevant seminars that will deal with challenges for today’s pastor. There will also be time for families to spend quality time together in the sun in Daytona Beach.

The theme of “Connecting” is a powerful one, because of to whom we are to be connected — God, the Creator of the Universe! The devotional speakers, plenary presenters, seminar teachers,

women’s leaders, children’s ministers, greeters, registrationists, and ministerial directors and their wives are all apart of helping us realize a transformational experience as we come to this gathering of men and women who preach, teach, and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As ministerial directors of the Southern Union Conference, we are praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in every meeting. We are praying that the Holy Spirit will empower us with wisdom and ability to lead God’s people in these times in which we live. Let us pray for individual and corporate baptism of the Holy Spirit. Let us look with expectancy to a time of refreshing of the Holy Spirit, The Great Enabler!

So please join us with your prayers and presence for the 2013 Ministerium.

—BY DENNIS AND
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New Five-Story Building Will House Graduate Programs

Students, donors, and local politicians gathered on campus on April 10, 2012, to break ground for a new, five-story building going up at Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences.

The 90,000-square-foot edifice will house existing and anticipated graduate programs in nurse anesthesia, occupational therapy, physical therapy, pharmacy, and physician's assistant.

"This is an important step for the College," says David Greenlaw, D.Min., College president. "As an institution of excellence couched in Christian

thought, we need the space to provide higher levels of education for the future healthcare leaders of central Florida and beyond."

The decision to expand came after a careful analysis of healthcare needs in Florida. According to the 2010 Census Interactive Population Search, more than 50 percent of Florida residents are age 50 or older.

The College's graduate programs, and the nine new laboratories that will support them, encourage collaboration and excel-



A rendering, provided by Hunton & Brady, depicts the five-story building that will go up on Florida Hospital College's campus.

broadcast courses to a variety of locations, including the College's site in Denver, Colo.

"It's a really exciting opportunity for us to offer mission-based healthcare education outside of Florida," says Paul Martin, interaction design manager.

lence in healthcare education.

But, the building will not just benefit the local community. Classrooms equipped with live teleconferencing capabilities will enable instructors to

The building will also feature a multi-purpose meeting room where the College can host hospital and community education events for up to 600 people.

—BY RAINEY PARK

Anesthesia Students Volunteer in Guatemala

Two nurse anesthesia students left for a mission trip to Guatemala on March 3, 2012. In the span of just a few days, they provided anesthesia for more than 30 gynecological and general surgeries using skills they learned at Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences.

"It was a wonderful experience," says Gwen Locke, a first-time volunteer. "I'm definitely going back in the future."

Though she already has 15 years of nursing experience, Locke has never seen lines of patients like the ones that showed up to receive treatment in Guatemala.



Gwen Locke (left), senior nurse anesthesia major, served many patients and met many other missionaries during her trip to Guatemala.

"Hundreds of people would stand under the hot sun for hours just to receive Motrin or Tylenol," Locke says.

All the students had to offer and use in surgeries were the supplies they brought with them, includ-

ing masks, gloves, and blankets.

"It teaches you how to improvise and think on your feet," says Erica Shaw, senior anesthesia major.

Though challenging, both women feel they've grown from the experience.

"Healthcare is a very humbling experience," Locke says. "You learn to appreciate not just what you have, but the strength you see coming from patients."

The effect, Shaw says, is life changing. "There's something about giving back to the community that teaches you what your

purpose in life might be. It shows that the talents you learn in class can be used in a positive way outside of your everyday career."

This month, several more anesthesia students will leave for a mission trip to Peru.

"It's something we really encourage in our department," says Johanna Newman, assistant chair of the Department of Nurse Anesthesia. "Not only does it give students the opportunity to practice skills outside of their comfort zone, it gives them a greater sense of compassion and mercy for patients who come in the door."

—BY RAINEY PARK

Service Not Just Another Ribbon-Cutting



Church members and community leaders were present on Sunday, February 7, 2012, when officials cut the ribbon for the new 7,000-square-foot Westminster multi-purpose community center. This 175-member church has already made use of the center for church gatherings as well as community outreach programs.

The ground was broken in October 2010 for this new facility. It was completed and ready for limited use in May of 2011. The gymnasium took just

a few months longer for completion.

But, this was not just a day for cutting ribbons. Elmer Bass, head elder, reminded the gathering that it was the dedication of former members Lewis and Virginia Stubbs who were instrumental in forming the Westminster Church back in 1979. After the church was officially formed, the Stubbs and their fellow members went to work on constructing the

church building. In 1984 the church and fellowship hall were completed. Just a few years later another wing was completed and paid for. Then two years after that another wing was added for the school.

Today, Lewis and Virginia Stubbs (pictured

below with Rick Russell (left), Conference treasurer, and Bob Self, church development coordinator), are members of the church in Clemson, S.C. The Stubbs once again saw the need for a congregation in a neighboring city, and led a small group of believers to establish a church in the university city of Clemson, S.C. Their enthusiasm for church-planting is evident.

So, this special day was not just for cutting ribbons; it was an opportunity to honor a truly dedicated couple who want to work for their Lord.

—BY RON QUICK



Elders' Retreat Allows Time to Recharge



More than 200 elders and their spouses from churches all across the Carolinas congregated at Nosoca Pines Ranch for the annual Elders' Retreat on March 23 and 24, 2012. Angel Rodriguez, recently retired director of the Biblical Research Institute and regular contributor to *Adventist Review*, was the featured speaker.

Elders from diverse churches combined their musical talents to bless the

attendees. Haskell Williams, Conference ministerial director, led the Sabbath School lesson. It was the easiest lesson he's ever taught. Everyone had studied their Quarterly and was willing to participate.

Leslie Louis, Conference president; Gary Moyer, secretary; and Rick Russell, treasurer; each provided an update on God's leading in the Carolinas during the last year.

The Elders' Retreat is

provided each spring as a gift to all conference elders. It is intended as a time of spiritual rejuvenation, a 'mini-Camp Meeting,' of sorts. It is a chance for elders to be recharged, to re-examine their call, and to give them practical tools for their ministry.

Next year's retreat is already scheduled for March 22-23, 2013, with David Smith as speaker.

—BY HASKELL WILLIAMS

Couples' Getaway Brings Back Romance

At least once a year, husbands and wives can depend on a guaranteed opportunity for romance if they embark on a special journey to Nosoca Pines Ranch for Romance at the Ranch. The Carolina Conference Family Ministries Department and their team works very hard to bring the romance, so married couples can look forward to an unforgettable Valentine's Day weekend.

New this year, the department also planned a Romance at the Ranch weekend for the Hispanic married couples. Both events had a great turnout.

The theme, "Rekindle the Romance," focused on reminding couples of



Pictured are guest speakers Ken and Helen Bryant (left); musical guests Carolina Heart Song, Alicia Crabtree, Ginnie Hakes, Heather Darnell, and Judy Bailey (at the piano); and the Family Ministries Romance at the Ranch team, Loida and Eli Rojas, Louise and Richard Killian, and Claudette and Adlai Daughma.

family ministries director, was the guest speaker for the "Reavivando la Chispa del Amor" (Rekindle the Romance) weekend retreat.

Many were brought to tears as couples enjoyed a banquet celebration and communion service. It was during this emotional part of the weekend that hus-

bands and wives publicly expressed and affirmed their love for each other. They renewed their wedding vows, and some even serenaded their loved one with a song! The banquet was a perfect atmosphere of unselfish love and harmony that beautifully transitioned into the ceremony

of humility.

"It was so humbling and powerful when we took turns kneeling in front of each other and served with love our beloved by washing his or her feet," said Rojas.

The Family Ministries Department thanks all

those who helped make this event possible, and praises God for the beautiful individuals in love who were able to attend. Next year's guest speakers will be Claudio and Pamela Consuegra. They serve as the directors of family ministries for the North American

Division. Also, Mike and Gayle Tucker return to Carolina Camp Meeting this year to present their "Mad about Marriage" seminar. Please visit the website at www.carolinasda.org for details about future events.

—BY JACQUIE PINDER



Marvin Fulbright serenaded his wife during the banquet.

their love and appreciation for one another, as well as keeping the marriage strong through differences that occur. Guest speakers Ken and Helen Bryant from Florida, provided several insightful exercises that revealed these characteristics and how to handle them. Eli Rojas, pastor and



Pathfinder Evangelism Series Results in Eight Baptisms

There was something unusual about the evangelistic series held this spring at New Port Richey, Fla., Church. The sermon titles were the usual topics, and even the theme, "His Way of Hope," was familiar; yet, something was definitely different!

Overall, there was a new vitality and a new expectancy as it became apparent this was not the typical, grandparents' church meeting or, for that matter, your parents'. This was a program led in all facets by Pathfinder youth, including speakers, platform participants, special music, and ushering.

Before the series began, Pathfinders went door to door inviting people with descriptive brochures. Advertising appeared on



Carol Koch, Pathfinder director, with ShareHim presenters Miles Patterson, Tabitha Hobbs, Markley Richard, Liam Montanez, Myranda Rodriguez, David Hecht, and Jake Hecht

the Internet, radio, and in the newspaper. Church members were encouraged to hand out business card invitations.

Carol Koch, Pathfinder director for 35 years, reports, "The kids were enthusiastic with the *ShareHim* evangelistic series that included visual presentations through videos and materials they used on a laptop computer." The names, grade level of

the speakers, and topics:

- Markley Richard, 5th grade, How To Start Over
- Liam Montanez, 8th grade, The God of Creation & A Better Way
- Myranda Rodriguez, 8th grade, Rescue
- Tabitha Hobbs, 10th grade, Signs of the End of Times
- David Hecht, 11th grade, God's Indestructi-

ble Sign & The Restoration of All Things

- Jake Hecht, Youth Leader, How Can You Know the Future?
- Miles Patterson, 9th grade, What Happened at the Cross?

Three people were baptized at the close of the series, and five more were baptized the following Sabbath.

Lynn and Leann Hecht, evangelism coordinators, helped Pathfinders put the meetings together; however, actual instruction for the program was received at a weekend retreat held in January 2012 by the Florida Conference Youth Department at Pine Lake Retreat, Groveland, Fla. Attendees paid one-third of their registration fee to the retreat, with the Conference and the local church each contributing an additional one-third of the cost.

—BY LENNIE SCHIEFER

Midport Church Radio Station Hosts Community Event

A Sabbath of Voice of Prophecy memories, King's Herald Quartet music, and evangelistic preaching by former Voice of Prophecy director/speaker Lonnie Melashenko inspired Treasure Coast members and friends who attended the February 18, 2012, services sponsored by WEHR-FM, Midport, Fla., Church's radio station.

The community-wide event was the fifth in a

series sponsored by the Adventist church-owned station to bring Treasure Coast listeners of all denominations together. Pictured are Don Scroggs (left), Kings Herald Quartet first tenor; Joel Borg, second tenor; Lonnie Melashenko, former Voice of Prophecy speaker; Russell Hospedales, baritone; Jeff Pearles, bass; and Dale Bass, WEHR president.



Clearwater Event Helps the Homeless, Hungry

Larissa Schiefer, a 12-year-old girl with a Christ-like spirit, approached Steve Adessa, pastor of Clearwater, Fla., Church, with an idea for the congregation to do something special to help



Cynthia Duncanson (left), Barbara Quinin, and Sandra Merton were some of the women who filled visitors' plates to the brim.

the homeless and hungry in the community. She named the event, "Feeding the 5,000."

When the idea was brought before church members, there was a wonderful spirit of cooperation and unity. People brought packages of rice, salad items, pasta, sauce, beans, and bread. Others baked cakes and cookies. Participants cooked in their home kitchens as well as at the church. Men, women, and children worked tirelessly for several weeks.

Helpers wore special T-shirts advertising the event. A garage sale was scheduled along the street to help attract motorists.

Larissa and several friends stood in front of a huge banner that read, "Jesus Still Feeds the 5,000." Children held up other signs offering "Free Food."

Activities during the feeding included vocal and guitar music, games, a bounce house, and a table with bags of food for guests to take home.

Donations and items sold at the garage sale brought in several hundred dollars for the Community Services Department.

—BY JOY HUNTER



Larissa Schiefer (left), who came up with the idea of "Feeding the 5,000," and her mother, Roma Palcan, stand in front of the banner that welcomes guests and proclaims that "Jesus Still Feeds the 5,000."

Lauderhill Church Hosts God's Media Conference

In an effort to highlight the use of communication and technology in ministry, Lauderhill, Fla., Church hosted God's Media Conference in south Florida. The weekend event began with a presentation by guest speaker Todd Mace, Southern Union information systems director.

Broward County Commissioner Dale Holness and award-winning producer Collin Williams were among the experts donating their time and knowledge to make the

conference a success. Relevant information was presented that attendees could use immediately to enhance their ministries, including marketing, community presence, photography, social media

in ministry, operating the church sound board,



Theme artwork used for Lauderhill Church's communication and technology media conference

writing, audio visual, Easy Worship, and information

security.

Attendees expressed their desire for another conference as they left with a strengthening of their media mission for God to use time, talents, and technology to enhance worship services, to help spread the Gospel, and to increase each church's presence in the local community.

—BY SHELLY PINNOCK

Hartmans Celebrate 60th Anniversary

Carl and Betty Hartman celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary December 27, 2011. They were married in Reading, Penn., by E.D. Calkins. They grew up and went to high school together in Reading.

Carl graduated from Washington Missionary College (now Washington Adventist University) in Takoma Park, Md., and

Andrews University in Berrien Spring, Mich., with a master's degree.

Carl served as a pastor in Takoma Park, Charlottesville, Va., Harrisonburg, Va., Pensacola, Fla., Montgomery,



Ala., Murphy and Andrews, N.C., and Sioux City, Iowa. He finished his ministry as ministerial director for the Iowa-Missouri Conference, where Betty worked as a secretary.

They have two sons, David and John, and two grandchildren. They retired to Andrews, where they are very active in their church and community.

Savannah School Presents “Gingerbread Castle”

After months of preparation and many skating rehearsals, students in grades one through eight at Savannah Adventist Christian School presented “Gingerbread Castle.” Audiences appreciated the three consecutive evening shows, February 28, 29, and March 1, 2012.

Family members, neighbors, and friends from across the greater Savannah area — and from as far away as Alabama and Florida — enjoyed the students’ growing skating skills while also absorbing the story of God’s plan to save His precious creation through an original allegory written, choreographed, and produced by Mike Faison, volunteer drama/ skating coach at the six-teacher

school in Pooler, Ga.

In the unique parable, the Great Baker and His Son create cookies in their image and place them in a beautiful Gingerbread Land. The highly respected cookie, Tasty Pastry (played by fifth-grader Easton Gustafson-Malaguit), gets jealous and has a meltdown, transforming him into Moldy Oldy (played by fifth-grader Brandon

Familia). Moldy and his crew wreak havoc in Gingerbread Land, breaking and destroying cookies all around. The baker and his son weep to see their creation in such a sad state. The son offers to become a gingerbread cookie in order to save them. You recognize the story.

Possibly the most moving scene in the show is when the baker removes

the chef’s hat and apron from the son. The anguish the father must have felt when faced with the reality of sacrificing His son was powerfully portrayed by seventh-grader Devin Rodgers, and fourth-grader Jacob Gates. Several audience members wiped tears from their eyes as the baker and son said goodbye.

The school’s ability to share the Gospel story in this unique way is thanks to SACS ACTS (Savannah Adventist Christian School Artistically Creative Talented Students), the brainchild of Faison.

The school family praises God for Faison’s willingness to share his talents with the students, and through them, with the community. They are also thankful for the selfless support of the school parents, and the enthusiastic dedication of the student cast.

—BY ESTHER MARTINEZ



Students from Savannah Adventist Christian School presented “Gingerbread Castle” in February.

Collegedale Academy Students Help Clean Up After Tornado

For the second time in less than a year, tornado warnings were broadcast in the Collegedale, Tenn., area. This time, people knew this was no drill, and with urgency they sought shelter immediately from green skies, wind going straight up, the noise, the panic, and homes being torn from the ground. Miraculously, no one died. In that horrific moment, life as they know it for a number of families in the Savannah Bay area,



About 300 Collegedale Academy students helped clean up after a tornado went through Savannah Bay, March 2, 2012. The bay is eight miles from Collegedale, Tenn.

the call for help, and have risen to the occasion to render assistance to those that have lost so much in the tornado. First the sophomores, then the freshmen, and then on March 29, 2012, more than 300 students along with all faculty, administration, staff, and parent volunteers, swarmed four specific areas in the Savannah Bay area. CA students put the school's mission statement into action, recognizing God's call to reach out to others, and to reveal His truth through kindness, compassion, and helping those in need.

CA Bible teacher Chris James said, "This is the second year we have gone out to be Jesus'

hands after these incredibly devastating tornadoes. The students see these opportunities as ways to show

our community that we don't just talk the talk; we are ready to sink knee deep in Savannah Bay to remove debris, we are ready to battle tick-infested woods to reunite families with pictures, we are ready to endure through hot sun and drenching rain to wrangle downed trees and branches to brush piles — all because these are the things Jesus would be doing. We call it CIA — Christ in Action!"

Tennessee Valley Authority lowered the water level in the bay to allow for debris removal from March 26 to 29. With the water gone, but with lots of mud, students found and removed sofas, roofing shingles, plastic outdoor furniture, household items like cookware, a riding lawn mower, metal sheeting, lumber, large tree branches, and stuffed toy animals.

The junior class was assigned to clear a specific beach area and bring the debris to the roadside for pickup, and they were encouraged by local folks honking their horns and shouting words of encouragement.

The

sophomores, working a nearby roadway, scoured the ditches finding family pictures, checks, ID cards, and other important personal items to turn over to the authorities in an attempt to return them to their owners. The freshmen roamed the muddy bay bed to remove as much debris as possible before the water would fill back up Friday night.

The seniors worked at several private home locations in sorting debris and moving vegetation debris to burning piles. Although heavy rains cut short their time on site, the students returned to school knowing that they had made a difference in the lives of many people that day.

Local television news crews made two separate news stories commending the work of the students.

Through the dark storm clouds of devastating tornadoes, the students and faculty have had the opportunity to shine boldly for Jesus Christ.

—BY MURRAY COOPER



had changed forever.

Three times in the past month, students and faculty from Collegedale Academy (CA) have responded to



Troy Church Reaps Big Through Evangelism

On Friday evening, January 13, 2012, individuals filled a room of a Quality Inn in the town of Troy, Ala., for a Revelation Seminar. Eric Bates, pastor, invited Richie Halversen, neighboring pastor of Montgomery First Church, to partner on an evangelistic meeting.

Both pastors saw the potential of having a meeting in Troy. There had not been an evangelistic event in the city for years. Troy Church was small with only 43 members, but the city was in a growing area. It is a college town, with Troy University attracting individuals from all over the southeast. The soil was rich. For the opening night the church



Fourteen people joined the small Troy Church by baptism or profession of faith.

had set up 75 chairs in the large conference room. They had to add about 20 more chairs before the night was over. People kept coming. On the opening weekend, about 70 visitors attended. Forty-five to 50 continued through much of the series. One resounding comment was made from visitors throughout the series, "We have never had anything like this in Troy. We love it."

A crucial part of the meet-

ing's success was the friendliness of the church members. Each night they visited and got to know all of the attendees. "People need to know you care about them. This is just as important as the content and delivery of the seminar, if not more, lifting up Christ through genuine love and selflessness,"

said Halversen, nightly presenter. The meetings concluded on February 3, with a beautiful baptism ceremony. Each baptismal candidate was given a certificate and a rose. That night 14 individuals joined the Church by baptism or profession of faith. It was a beautiful climax to a great series of meetings. God certainly blessed in a mighty way!

—BY RICHIE HALVERSEN



More than 70 visitors attended the meetings the first night, and between 45 and 50 continued each night throughout the series.

Hobbs Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary



Eva and Carl Hobbs

Carl and Eva Hobbs celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary surrounded by family, church family, and friends from the community on the weekend of February 3, 2012, at First Church in Dothan, Ala. Their sons, Stan and Norm Hobbs; and their four grandchildren, Caitlin, Colton, Savannah, and Nelson; as well as Eva's niece, Linda Walker, gave tribute to the couple in speech and song. Carl, who is currently the head elder,

and Eva have served First Church in multiple capacities for more than 50 years. Their lives have touched many for the Kingdom of Heaven.

—BY ERIC BATES

Crestview Members Impact India

Once again, Elbert James, a member of the Crestview, Fla., Church, and a team of three other individuals completed two weeks of evangelism in Bangalore in Southern India.

The team's goal was to make an impact on the city of Bangalore, now known as Bengaluru. The theme for the two weeks was "Impact Bangalore: Uniting the Family for Life." They arrived on December 31, 2011, with each team member scheduled to preach at different locations on Sabbath morning, the same day of their arrival. Each morning a devotional thought was



This banner invited the members to attend the meetings so they could be a part of future soul-winning endeavors.

given for the Frazertown Adventist Hospital staff, students, and conference officials, in addition to holding a Week of Prayer for the 3,600 students and 176 teachers.

The focus of the evening meetings was to get the members from the seven churches in the area together, and to inspire and prepare them to hold Bible

study groups and evangelism meetings with their friends and neighbors. A prayer vigil started an hour before each meeting to pray for God's blessings on the congregation and speakers.

Attendance at the first evening meeting was 485 and

increased to 1,500 by Sabbath. A tent was erected to handle the overflow. After attending the first evening meetings, leaders from the Southern Asia Division headquarters and the Union were happy to

support the meetings, and invited the mission team to return in six months to run a month-long meeting to reap the souls that have been reached. James says, "Many of the leaders declared that they had never had meetings that had so much impact on the members." The group intends to return if the funding is available.

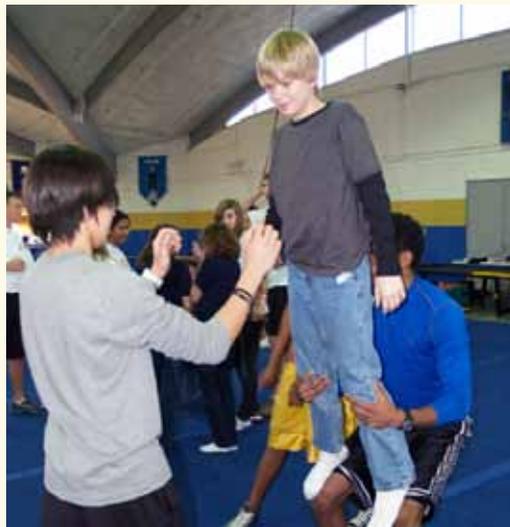
—BY REBECCA GRICE



A total of 3,600 students attend the Frazertown Adventist School and College.

Conference Holds Annual Education Fair

A highlight of the school year for fifth through ninth grade students is the annual Conference-wide Education Fair, which is conducted at Bass Memorial Academy. This year, more than 135 students attended along with teachers and other staff. Twelve of the 14 Conference schools were represented. A variety of activities were scheduled. They included art



Jacob, a student from Hoover Christian Academy, enjoys the gymnastic clinic taught by Bass Memorial Academy gymnastic team members.

and science projects, Bible quest, math masters, choir, gymnastics, drama, and a new category this year, poetry.

Elizabeth Long, administrative assistant for the education department says, "It is impressive to watch the enthusiasm of the students. It is also impressive to witness the commitment of the teachers and sponsors who are willing to drive to Bass, sleep

on the floor, and keep up with students as they go from one event to another for an intense 24 hours. We appreciate everything everyone does to help make the annual Education Fair a success."

—BY REBECCA GRICE

New Hispanic Company Organized

A new company of believers was organized on Sabbath, March 24, 2012, in Somerset, Ky. In 2005 the church in Somerset opened its doors to a group of Spanish-speaking believers. Through the leadership efforts of Sam Soler, the pastor during that time, and with the support of the Castillo family and Elizabeth Albenda, Alvaro Noguera, pastor, and his family, were invited to the

area to help with evangelism and to assist in raising up a Hispanic church in the community.

The group continued to grow in attendance, and soon found it necessary to acquire a place of their own



Lerin Lambur, head elder, is the first to sign as a charter member of the new Somerset Hispanic Company.



Somerset Hispanic congregation meets in this building.

that was more suitable and accommodating for worshipping. For a time the congregation met in the town of Monticello, but later moved back to Somerset when the Otoniel Puerto

family made available to the group the use of a small building at no cost for the next five years. In the meantime, funds were being collected and saved to build a church of their own.

With the support of the members of both the Lexington Hispanic and the Somerset churches, the small building was

enlarged. There are plans to purchase the property in the near future. Special thanks goes to Noguera and his family for providing inspirational leadership for this project, along with the Reyes and Morales families, and the many members who helped with the expansion project.

The sanctuary, which seats about 110, was filled to capacity to witness 37 individuals declare themselves as members of this new company. The goal now is to keep growing and soon become an organized church in the community for God's glory and divine purpose.

—BY MARVIN LOWMAN

Health Expo Connects Individuals With Solutions

The Health Expo was held at the Madison Campus Church in Madison, Tenn., on Sunday, March 25, 2012. The inspiration for the event came from Malinda Haley, who serves as the health ministries coordinator for the Nashville, Tenn., area in the Conference.

The Expo was designed to assist individuals in assessing the state of their personal health, but it went even further. A major goal was to generate interest in classes that are already planned, and that will be offered in the near future. These classes will deal with

such hot topics as lowering cholesterol, reducing stress, getting good nutrition, managing diabetes, and obesity — issues people are concerned about today.

Upon arrival at the Expo, each of the more than 100 visitors who came through was asked to complete a brief personal health record form. They were then weighed, and their BMI (body mass index) was calculated. They then progressed through the various stations representing the eight natural remedies — nutrition, exercise, water, sunlight, temperance, air, rest, and

trust in divine power.

Many of the stations and demonstrations were conducted by students from Wildwood Lifestyle Center and Hospital in Wildwood, Ga. These students gained valuable practical experience required for the completion of their course of study.

The stations included healthy food samples, a demonstration of simple home remedies, a peak flow meter breath test, a health-age computer analysis, and Harvard fitness test. There were stations for vision screening and dental health coaching.

The health counseling station concluded the tour. Local healthcare practitioners were on hand to offer suggestions for improving lifestyle and living a longer, healthier life. Plans are to hold at least two Expos each year in the greater Nashville area to raise awareness and promote ongoing health seminars dealing with a variety of health issues.

—BY MARVIN LOWMAN

Louisville Pastor, Congregation Help With Disaster Response

Jody Dickhaut, new church pastor of the Louisville, Ky., First Church, was the right man in the right place at the right time. Neither he nor his congregation had any idea that his experiences in disaster response would be needed so soon after his arrival.

In the Iowa/Missouri Conference he became the Iowa state director for ACSDR (Adventist Community Services Disaster Response). Soon thereafter, he was elected by the Iowa State Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) as the chairman of their Volunteer & Donations Subcommittee. Just last year, he was elected VOAD president for the en-

tire state of Iowa. Dickhaut joined his counterpart in Missouri the day after the tornado hit Joplin, Mo., in May of 2011. With his wife's help, and that of other volunteers, they set up the Joplin Multi-Agency Warehouse, still in use today.

On Friday, March 2, 2012, devastating tornados brought havoc to the southern Indiana/Louisville area, and thankfully Dickhaut was there to help get things in motion.

Before he could begin Sabbath services, he was online with Marvin Lowman, Conference ACSDR coordinator, and Kentucky Emergency Management



Sonja and Jody Dickhaut

officials on a first response teleconference call. In addition to plans that were made to help solve immediate problems, plans were laid for an eight-hour class to prepare local Kentuckiana volunteers for response participation.

Before Dickhaut's arrival, a local Middletown Adventist Church member,

Barbara Hagele, worked successfully with area pastors and interested church members to form a coalition to support ACS.

Because of her work, the first Donations Operations Training Class taught by Dickhaut and hosted at Louisville First, was attended by 90 adults representing all of the local area churches in Kentucky and southern Indiana. The second session was attended by 75 volunteers who completed the course. With their Disaster Response Training Manual, yellow T-shirts, and ID badges, these volunteers are ready to begin work.

—BY NATHAN C. JUHL

God in Shoes Volunteers Minister to Women, Children

The teaching of the sheep and the goats in Matthew 25 may be famous and preached by many, but it was never meant to be a trophy sermon or a literary masterpiece. Jesus spoke this commission to those who would call themselves His disciples to be a reality in "doing."

God in Shoes (GIS) is a "doing" ministry founded on Jesus' words, "I was hungry, I was thirsty, I was a stranger, I was naked, I was sick, I was in prison, AND YOU CAME!" Magdalene Community (a recov-

ery program for prostitution and drug addiction), Renewal House (a refuge for domestic violence victims and drug rehabilitation), Elam Women's Health (a recovery program for drug addiction), and two assisted living facilities were the destination for the 60 women who CAME on March 11, for GIS. Included were 13 high school girls and one seventh grader.

These volunteers ministered to more than 80 women, and a dozen or more children. Besides the 97 care bags distributed,

women were pampered with massages, haircuts, spa treatments, pedicures, and manicures. At Renewal House, under the direction of Crystal Mills, a baby shower was celebrated with cake in honor of the four new babies born. While mothers at Renewal House were pampered, Madison Academy girls kept their children busy with games and lots of Play-Doh.

Karen Hamberger, God in Shoes coordinator, has assembled a manual for those who would like to begin this ministry in their

city. Because five members of the Dickson Church attended, they are now starting a God in Shoes program in Dickson. They are very excited about the possibility of Memphis and Louisville as two additional sites they are working to enter. With grateful hearts they give thanks to Jesus, Who called Himself "the Least of these," and to all who "came."

—BY GAIL MCKENZIE

Bethel Member Celebrates 90th Birthday

It was in 2010 that Ann Lowe, a member of Bethel Church in Columbus, Ga., stated to one of the senior members whom she was befriending, "If you reach your 90th birthday, I will give you a party." Inez B. Mann turned 90 on July 6, 2011. On July 9, after a wonderful Sabbath service, Gregory Saunders, pastor, gave the invitation to guest and members to join Mann in the fellowship hall as she gave praises to God, greeted family and friends, and received accolades at her birthday party. The women coordinated with Lowe to bring a cover dish and help with the decorating. Jessie Armour, head deacon, and others assisted with set-up and clean up. The fellowship hall was decorated to honor Mann.

Mann was born in Rus-

sell County, Alabama, on July 6, 1921, to the late Richard and Marie Branscomb. She attended school in Alabama and went as far as the ninth grade. Despite her limited education and many hardships, her life was successful. She accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior at an early age, and moved to the city of Columbus in 1939. Thirty-four years later while sitting under a big tent, she heard the trumpet sound and the Three Angels' Messages given by King Solomon Smallwood, pastor of Shepherd Drive Church. The message was startling, yet sweet to her ears. She learned many kindred truths and realized that the sev-



Inez B. Mann

enth day was the Sabbath of the Lord. Without hesitation, she soon became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

For the past 38 years, this dedicated servant has had the privilege of hitting the streets to share the message of a risen Savior. She involves herself in the distribution of tracts and yearly Ingathering. She has served as usher, sung in the senior choir, volunteered with the Pathfinders, had a word to give to the young people, and encouraged many depressed individuals to look to Jesus. Mann's greatest involvement was the invaluable service she provided as deaconess. She

served as the head deaconess for four years. She knew how to delegate, and the deaconesses under her were eager to do what was asked of them. She had a willing and helpful spirit, and opened her humble home for the needy with clothes and food.

Mann uses a cane now and she has poor vision, but her mission in life has never faltered or changed. She always has a testimony to share, and sometimes power hour on Sabbath morning. She continues to uplift the name of Jesus by sending cards to the sick and bereaved families. Mann also encourages the homebound through her telephone ministry as she waits for her Redeemer to come in the clouds of glory.

—BY WESLEY B. JONES

Hospital Recognizes Charlotte Berean Health Ministries Leader

Deborah Johnson, health ministries leader at Charlotte, N.C., Berean Church, received the Community Involvement Award in November 2011, from the Carolinas Healthcare System where she is employed as an L.P.N. Nominated by the physicians she assists, Johnson was recognized for the community health events she has coordinated at Berean Church for some 20 years. The award is given monthly to one of the hospital's 32,500 employees for outstanding service to

the community.

Johnson remembers the day she was drafted to organize her first health event. She had a new baby and didn't think she could do it, but encouraged by a fellow member she took on the tasks and hasn't looked back. The original one-day health fair has expanded into an annual three-day event dubbed the "Health Explosion," and today includes mammography, pap smears, prostate screenings, nutrition education, cooking demonstrations, and more,

and involves some of the same physicians who nominated her for the Community Involvement Award.

Last year, more than 400 adults, children, and teens were screened; and Johnson is quick to say that the success of the health screening would not have been possible without her team of 12 volunteers, physicians, nurses, and other health professionals who gave their time and expertise.

The health event, like nursing, is a passion for

Johnson. "I wanted to be a nurse since I was a little girl," she explains. "I love helping people and giving back." She adds, "We have had to send people right to the hospital because their pressure was so high, we detected lumps that would have gone undetected, and because we screened them, hopefully, it helped save a woman's life. It's powerful when you know you are helping someone, that you are making a difference and saving lives."

Ephesus Celebrates Community Guest Day

Ephesus Church of Jacksonville, Fla., recently celebrated Community Guest Day, and honored Herbert and June Latney for their 30-plus years of community service in the Jacksonville area.

Herbert currently serves as a counseling psychologist with the state of Florida. A graduate of Florida A & M University, he has been a Rites of Passage facilitator/coordinator for boys and young men for the Mental Health Association of northeast Florida. June, a licensed clinical social worker, is employed with Duval County Public Schools, and



Sberwin Callwood, D.Min. (left), pastor of Ephesus, and Hazel Golson-Jenkins (right) present June and Herbert Latney with the Community Service Award for their dedicated service to the Jacksonville community.

her desire to assist others in the community began in elementary school. Her

greatest joy is to give back to the community through spiritual and community

involvement. She volunteers with local programs such as Autism Speaks, Dignity U Wear, and City Rescue Mission; and is a crisis care network responder with the AWANA program at their church, First Baptist Church of Mandarin in Jacksonville. Herbert and June feel that the Lord has truly blessed them and continues to bless them.

—BY HAZEL GOLSON-JENKINS

Howards Celebrate 58 Years of Marriage

Ernest and Julia Howard celebrated 58 wedding anniversaries on February 21, 2012. In 1952, Ernest became an Adventist by joining the Mt. Sinai Church on Parramore Street. During that time, Julia was dating someone else and attended the Apopka, Fla., Church. However, she had visited the Mt. Sinai Church many times, catching Ernest's attention. Tragically, her boyfriend was killed in a car accident. Because Ernest loves to visit people, he took this opportunity to give Julia Mae a visit to offer his condolences. Needless-to-say, he never stopped visiting her.

The Howards were married on February 21, 1954, and 10 months later



Ernest and Julia Howard were married on February 21, 1954.

their first child, Juliett Edwina, was born. Two years after that, Ernest Jr. was born. Three years after that, Christopher Bernard was born. Four years after that, Karen Denise was born. And five years after that, Carlotta Ann was born.

They spend their days and nights working in a retirement home. Ernest

spends time making home and hospital visits to the sick and shut-ins. He has been titled the "Visitation King." If he hears that any "hen" or "rooster" is sick, they can expect a visit from him. Julia spends time cooking meals for everyone. They also enjoy spending time with their five children and five grandchildren.

Ernest has been actively involved in the Church for the past 45-plus years, having served as the head elder for more than 25 years. However, he now says that he's letting the

"young bucks" take over, and he does things behind the scene.

Julia is also actively involved at Mt. Sinai. She currently serves as head deaconess and church board member.

—BY KATHLEEN WILLIAMS



The Howards celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on February 21, 2012.

Mt. Sinai Jr. Academy Robotics Team Wins Second Place

Mt. Sinai Jr. Academy Robotics Team, the Christian Cyber Geekz, won second place in the teamwork category during the annual Southern Challenge on March 25, 2012. The Southern Challenge is a STEM-based academic competition that encourages students to become academic superstars in areas other than sports.

“At first, it was kind of scary,” said Christian Cyber Geekz team member Mark Nichols, “Then it ended up being fun and exciting when we actually got a trophy!”

Sixteen teams from throughout the Southern Union territory competed in five areas: robot design and engineering, robot programming, research project and presentation, teamwork, and the robot challenge.

“It was good to see how the different teams worked with each other to make their robots work. We did not think we were going to win anything, but we were just glad to be there and have fun together as a team.”

The competition is composed of two parts, robotics and research project. The robotics section re-



Tyson Hall, Ph.D., bands the Mt. Sinai Junior Academy Robotics Team Christian Cyber Geekz a second place award in the teamwork category after competing in the Adventist Robotics League Southern Challenge. The annual event is hosted by Southern Adventist University School of Computing.

quires students to research, design, build, and program an autonomous robot that must complete a series of tasks in two minutes and thirty seconds.

The research project requires students to conduct authentic scientific research and develop innovative solutions to solve real-world problems that engineers, scientist, and technologists face today.

The program challenges the students to think in new ways when it comes to solving problems. “This is an outreach to middle-schoolers in the Southern

Union,” said Tyson Hall, Ph.D., Southern Challenge coordinator. “It increases awareness of what you can do with math and science.”

The annual event is held at Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn., and is sponsored by the School of Computing.

“Having watched the students work so hard for so many months, it was amazing to observe how much they had matured at the South-



Christian Cyber Geekz team members put their autonomous robot in action during the robot challenge section of the Adventist Robotics League Southern Challenge.

ern Challenge. During the competition they worked together as a team, fine-tuning programs on the robot and the project,” said

Betty Nugent, Mt. Sinai Junior Academy principal and coach of the Christian Cyber Geekz. “I was overjoyed when they received second place in Teamwork.”

The Southern Challenge is one of six robotics competitions that are held each year by the Adventist Robotics League (ARL), <http://www.adventistroboticsleague.net>. ARL is a consortium of Adventist educators that sponsor and promote learning through robotics in the classroom. ARL is a full partner with the FIRST Lego League.

The FIRST Lego League, <http://www.firstlegoleague.org>, is an international competition that is designed to inspire students to pursue careers in engineering, science, and technology areas. Approximately 20,000 teams (200,000 students) in grades 4–8, from more than 60 countries participated in this year’s competition.

For more information about the Adventist Robotics League Southern Challenge, visit <https://www.southern.edu/cs/clubsandevents/Pages/southernchallenge.aspx>.

—BY ROBERT HENLEY

Perrine Celebrates International Day

The Perrine Church, Perrine, Fla., recently held its annual international extravaganza. It was a weekend of spiritual renewing and cultural and social activities. This year the theme was “One People, One Hope, One Goal.” The services for the weekend highlighted

the country of Ghana, the ancestral homeland of Africans who were taken into slavery and carried to

the Americas. Most of those attending were smartly dressed in their African attire to complement the occasion.



Twenty-two members of Perrine Church participated in a “Parade of Nations.”

One of the highlights of the program was an interview with Carlita Mells and Lenworth McCalla, M.D. They gave firsthand information about Ghana and the work of the Gospel in that country

The divine hour began with a Parade of Nations featuring 22 members of

Perrine proudly carrying the flags of their nations. Hubert Morel Jr., Conference president, served as the day’s speaker.

The afternoon program was informative, spiritual, and educational. The packed church quietly listened as they were taken to Ghana through slides, and firsthand information from Daniel Ghansah and McCalla.

—BY MILICENT TAYLOR

Nicole Brise Receives Award for Faith-based Leadership



Andre D. Pierre, Esq., mayor of North Miami, Fla., recognizes Nicole Brise, Conference women’s and prayer ministries director, for faith-based leadership.

The city of North Miami honored Nicole Brise, Conference women’s and prayer ministries director, on March 27, 2012, for her faith-based leadership work in the city.

North Miami Mayor Andre D. Pierre, Esq., and Councilwoman Marie Erlande Steril presented Brise with the award. Pierre thanked Brise for service to the community.

“I am humbled to be recognized for doing the work of our Lord,” said Brise.

Brise was one of 14 women recognized during the event that celebrated

National Women’s History Month. Earlier this year, Brise received the North American Distinguished Service Award during the Adventist Ministries Convention in Tampa, Fla.

Also in attendance was Jennifer Carroll, lieutenant governor of the state of Florida.

National Women’s History celebrates women from all walks of life for their contributions to the United States.

Pacific Press Releases Book by School of Religion Professor



For years, John S. Nixon, D.Min., contemplated writing about the book of Genesis, but the demands of working as a full-time pastor kept him from making much progress. When he joined Southern's School of Religion in 2010 as a faculty member, Nixon was finally able to set aside dedicated time for writing about the topic that had fascinated him for so long. The result is *Redemption in Genesis: The Crossroads of Faith and Reason*, a book released by Pacific Press in January 2012.

"Every important topic in the Bible can be found

in Genesis in seedling form," Nixon said. "Some of the topics exposed there are really important for the Church in the last days. I have always found it to be a fascinating book."

In *Redemption in Genesis*, Nixon searches for Jesus in the beginning of the Bible and brings new lessons to familiar stories. He also proposes that faith and reason work together — rather than opposing each other — to lead us to a deeper understanding of the truth.

"I think that, often times, people don't have a picture of Jesus being

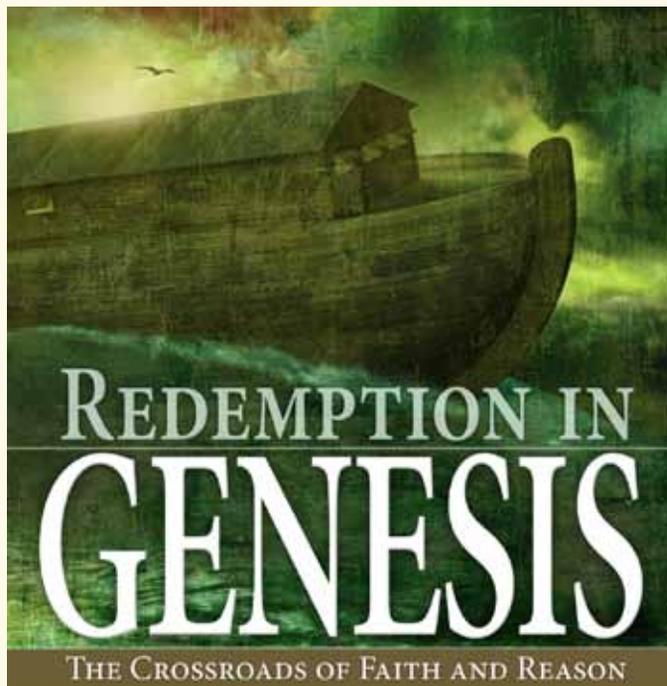
present in the Old Testament, particularly in Genesis," said Scott Cady, acquisition editor for Pacific Press. "I think John does a nice job of identifying the metaphors and symbols in Genesis that point to Jesus Christ. It's something that's there, and he was able to highlight that perspective in a very engaging way."

Nixon uses *Redemption in Genesis* as a textbook in "Christian Beliefs," a class he teaches. He hopes that after reading it,

students come away with a sense of clarity over issues that may have puzzled them before. Kevin Reynolds, a junior accounting major, is currently taking this class and said the book gives a view about Bible stories different from many that are commonly heard.

"It's easy to understand Nixon's message, regardless of how far along you are in your faith journey," Reynolds said.

—BY SARAH CROWDER



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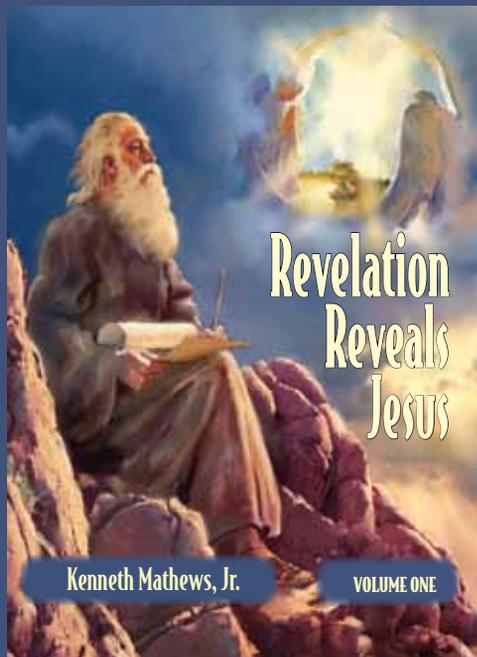


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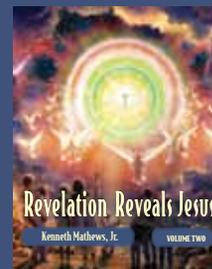
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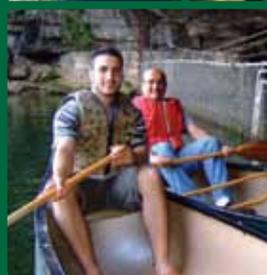
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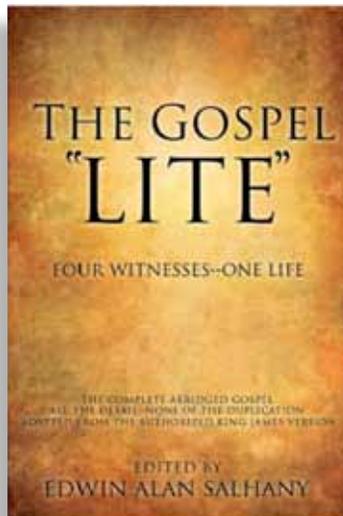
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Announcements

New Members Sabbath School

Resources – The New Members' Bible Study Guide has been prepared to assist in the task of making disciples. It is a valuable resource for assisting recently baptized members in understanding how to follow God's Word. All the fundamental beliefs of the Adventist Church are covered several times during the year, reinforcing basic doctrines. Other special features include stories from people who grappled with learning truth, a glossary of key Bible terms, and frequent "Adventese" sidebars to acquaint new members with terminology and culture unique to the Adventist community. The series can be started with a new members' class at any time and is not limited to the calendar year.

Southern Singles Ministries – May 12.

Men treat the women for mothers' day supper at 6 p.m., at White Oak Room in Southern's Women's Dormitory, Collegedale, TN; 8 p.m. Vespers, business meeting, and nomination of SSM officers. Details: avocadofiddler@gmail.com or 423-243-4001.

Tillamook Adventist School 75th

Celebration – May 18-20. Tillamook, OR. All past students, faculty, and friends are invited. Details: visit www.TillamookAdventistSchool.org, join Tillamook Adventist School Alumni Facebook group or call 503-842-6533.

SDA Church of Cape Corral First Annual Golf Tournament – May 20, Palmetto-Pine Country Club, Cape Corral, FL. Details: www.sdaccgolftournament.com, or call Juan & Mercedes Ruiz: 239-691-5477 (c) or 239-945-1375 (h), mrr0530@aol.com

Cohutta Homecoming – June 2. Cohutta, GA (not Cohutta Springs). Special invitation to all former pastors, charter members, members, and friends. Details: www.cohuttaadventistchurch.org or 706-694-8625 or 706-935-4592.

Ozark Adventist Academy Homecoming – June 8-10. All former faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend the weekend events. Plan to sing with the alumni choir, visit with classmates and friends, and enjoy the beautiful OAA campus. Details: 479-736-2221 #1109, or visit www.ozarkacademy.org.

Belleview SDA Church Dedication – June 9. Belleview, FL. Special invitation to all friends and former members to celebrate the opening and dedication of the new sanctuary. Details: Dot Carey, 352-236-3129.

"Ye Olde" Cedar Lake Academy

Reunion – June 8-10. For alumni and warmly welcomed schoolmates of 1962 and earlier at Great Lakes Adventist Academy, Cedar Lake, MI. Honor classes: 1932, 1942, 1952, and 1962. Details will be forthcoming by postal service. Also, you may contact GLAA Alumni Office at

989-427-5181 or visit www.GLAA.net for details.

Transforming Lives Through Libraries/ Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians 2012 Conference – June 19-24. Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS); Silang, Cavite, Philippines. Librarians and Information Professionals are invited to visit <http://asdal.org> for details, or contact Christy Scott at Christy.Scott@wallawalla.edu, 509-527-2153.

Madison College Alumni Association Homecoming – June 22-24. Honor classes: 1942, '47, '52, '57, and '62. Also invited are those who attended Madison Academy and the Anesthesia School. We will have activities and meals beginning Friday evening through Sunday morning at the Madison Academy Campus. Details: Henry Scoggins, president, 615-919-7767; or Jim Culpepper, secretary/treasurer, 615-415-1925.

First NAD Adventist Muslim Relations Training & Networking Weekend – July 26-29. Heritage Academy, TN. Details Heidi Guttschuss at Heidi.NADAMR@gmail.com, 404-558-4682.

Frederick SDA Church 100th Anniversary – Oct. 5, 6. Frederick, MD. For more information, please email fredericksda@gmail.com or visit www.fredericksdachurch.org.

LEGAL NOTICES

REGULAR SESSION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that the 10th regular session of the Southeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at the Mount Calvary Seventh-day Adventist Church, located at 4902 N. 40th Street, Tampa, Florida 33610, Sunday, May 20, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. The Organizing Committee will meet on Saturday night, May 19, 2011 at 8:15 p.m. (Sunset). This constituency session is called for the purpose of electing officers and for transacting any other business as may properly come before the membership. Each church in the conference is entitled to one (1) delegate for the church and one additional delegate for each 50 members or major fraction thereof. For the Organizing Committee, each church is entitled to one (1) delegate for the church and one additional delegate for each 500 members or major fraction thereof.

Hubert J. Morel Jr., President
Gregory O. Mack, Executive Secretary
Gwendolyn T. Parker, Treasurer

REGULAR SESSION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that the 10th regular session of the Southeastern Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, is called to meet at the Mount Calvary Seventh-day Adventist Church, located at 4902 N. 40th Street, Tampa, Florida 33162, Sunday, May 20, 2011. The delegates to the Southeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the constituency of the corporation.

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Camp Meeting 2012 Schedule

CAROLINA

Portions of Camp Meeting will be viewable at www.carolinasda.org
Hispanic.....May 11-13.....Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, SC
English.....May 27-June 2..... **Theme: Countdown**.....Lake Junaluska, NC
Speakers: Doug Batchelor, Mark Finley, Herb Montgomery, and Richard Of'ill
Musical Guest: Charles Haugabrooks
Eastern Carolina.....Sept. 29..... **Theme: Countdown**.....Greenville, NC, Church
Speaker: James Gilley
Musical Guests: Message of Mercy
Eastern Carolina.....Oct. 6..... **Theme: Countdown**.....Summerville, SC, Church
Speaker: James Gilley
Musical Guests: Message of Mercy

FLORIDA

Camp Kulaqua Family Camp.....Aug. 31-Sept.3.....Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, FL

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Korean.....May 18-20.....Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA
GCC.....May 23-26. **Theme: TBD**.....Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, TN
 Friday night/ Sabbath morning Speaker: John Bradshaw, It Is Written
Hispanic.....June 8-10.....Georgia Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, GA
Olde Time.....June 7-9..... **Theme: He's On His Way**.....Deer Lodge, TN
Speaker: Lonnie Melashanko
Deaf.....Aug. 9-12.....Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA
Northeast Tennessee.....Sept. 21, 22..... **Theme: TBD**.....The Oaks, Greenville, TN
Speaker: Jud Lake

GULF STATES

May 26-June 2..... **Theme: TBD**.....Bass Memorial Academy, Lumberton, MS
Speaker 1st Sabbath: Gordon Bietz
 Evenings/ Monday-Friday: Dick Duerksen
Speaker 2nd Sabbath: Jerry Page

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

English.....May 25-June 2..... **Theme: Living Deeper**.....Highland Academy, Portland, TN
Speakers/Seminar Presenters: Steve Wohlberg, Karl Haffner, Dan Jackson, Elizabeth Talbot, Pavel Goia, Jeff Wilson, Eduard Schmidt, Gail McKenzie, and Daniel & Kristina McPeeters
Hispanic.....June 8, 9.....Highland Academy, Portland, TN
Speakers: Peter Simpson and Felipe Garibo

SOUTH ATLANTIC

June 9-18..... **Theme: Seeking the Master's Touch**.....River Oaks Campground, Orangeburg, SC
Speakers: Abraham Jules and Jessie Wilson

SOUTH CENTRAL

Latino.....May 24-27.....Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL
Korean & Haitian.....June 1-3.....Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL
English.....June 1-9.....Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL

SOUTHEASTERN

English.....June 21-30..... **Theme: Lord, Send Us a Revival**.....Hawthorne, FL
Adult/Main Pavilion
Speaker: Ron Smith, D.Min., Ph.D. [June 22, 23]
Speaker: James Doggette, D.Min. [June 29, 30]
Youth Pavilion..... **Theme: Empowered 2 Ignite**.....Hawthorne, FL
Speaker: Andre Campbell [June 23]
Speaker: John Boston [June 30]
Haitian.....July 4-7..... **Theme: Seigneur, envoie-nous un Reveil**.....Hawthorne, FL
Speaker: Hénoch L. Paucilin

Summer Camp 2012 Schedule

CAROLINA

Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, SC
 [Register online at www.nosoca.org]
 Traditional Camps
 Adventure..... June 17-24
 Junior Camp.....June 24-July 1
 Teen.....July 8-15
 Specialty Camps
 Lifeguard Class.....June 3-8
 SIT Camp..... June 10-22
 Horsemanship I..... June 17-24
 Water Sports..... June 17-24
 Horsemanship II..... June 24-July 1
 Family Camp.....July 1-6
 Teen Extreme Specialty Power Pack 5.....July 15-19
 Horseback Mountain Trip.....July 22-29

GULF STATES

Camp Alamisco, Dadeville, AL
 [Details: www.Alamisco.org]
 Camp Alamisco Staff Week.....May 27-June 2
 Adventure Camp (ages 7-10).....June 3-9
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12)..... June 10-16
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16)..... June 17-23
 Native American Camp..... June 24-30
 Family Camp (all ages)..... July 2-7
 Family Camp Weekend.....July 5-7

SOUTH ATLANTIC

River Oaks Campground, Orangeburg, SC
 Junior Bible/Summer Camp (ages 8-17).....June 24-July 1

FLORIDA

Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, FL
 [Details: <http://summercamp.campkulaqua.com/>]
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9)..... June 3-10
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9)..... June 10-17
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9)..... June 17-24
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12)..... June 3-10
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12)..... June 10-17
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12)..... June 17-24
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16)..... June 3-10
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16)..... June 10-17
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16)..... June 17-24
 Horsemanship Beginner Week (ages 10-14)..... June 3-10
 Horsemanship Intermediate Week (ages 12-16)..... June 10-17
 Horsemanship Advanced Week (ages 12-16)..... June 7-24
 Staff in Training (ages 16-18)..... (two-week track) June 10-24
 Cowboy Adventure (ages 13-16)..... July 15-22
 Spanish-language Family Retreat.....
 Details: rebeca.delosrios@floridaconference.com or 407-644-5000 x138..... Aug. 24-26
 Family Camp.....Aug. 31-Sept. 3

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Indian Creek Camp, Liberty, TN
 Blind Camp (mixed ages)..... June 10-17
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9)..... June 10-17
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12)..... June 17-24
 Tween Camp (ages 12-14)..... June 24-July 1
 Family Camp I (all ages)..... July 3-8
 Family Camp II (all ages)..... July 8-15
 Teen Camp (ages 14-17)..... July 15-22
 Extreme Outpost Camp (ages 13-17)..... July 22-27

SOUTH CENTRAL

Camp Thunderbird, Chattanooga, TN
 English/Math Camp (grades 3-12)..... June 24-29
 Camp Orientation..... July 1-7
 Conference Camporee..... July 5-8
 Camp "Kids Rock" (ages 6-12)..... July 8-14
 Extreme Team Camp (ages 13-17)..... July 15-21
 Ultimate Sports Camp (ages 8-17)..... July 22-28

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Cohutta Springs Adventist Center, Crandall, GA
 [Details: www.cs-cy.com]
 Camp Staff Training.....May 24-June 3
 Junior I (ages 10-12)..... June 3-10
 Golf Camp I (ages 13-17)..... June 3-10
 Paintball Camp I (ages 13-17)..... June 3-10
 Rock Climbing Camp (ages 13-17)..... June 3-10
 Fit for Life I (ages 10-13)..... June 3-22
 Junior II (ages 10-12)..... June 10-17
 Mountain Bike Trip (ages 13-17)..... June 10-17
 Paintball Camp II (ages 13-17)..... June 10-17
 Skateboard Camp (ages 13-17)..... June 10-17
 S.I.T. Camp (ages 15+)..... June 10-17
 Adventure Camp (ages 7-9)..... June 17-22
 Horse Pack Trip (ages 13-17)..... June 17-24
 Paintball Camp III (ages 13-17)..... June 17-24
 Wakeboard Camp I (ages 13-17)..... June 17-24
 C.I.T. Camp (ages 15+)..... June 17-24
 Tween / Pathfinder Honors (ages 12-13)..... June 24-July 1
 Ultimate RAD Camp (ages 13-17)..... June 24-July 1
 Fit for Life II (ages 13-17)..... June 24-July 15
 Teen I (ages 13-17)..... July 1-8
 Rock Solid I (ages 16-18)..... July 1-8
 Basketball Camp (ages 13-17)..... July 1-8
 Rock Solid Basketball Camp (ages 16-18)..... July 1-8
 Whitewater/Kayak Camp (ages 13-17)..... July 1-8
 Gym-Masters Camp (ages 13-17)..... July 1-8
 Gym-Masters DAY Camp (ages 7-18)..... July 2-6
 Teen II (ages 13-17)..... July 8-15
 Rock Solid II (ages 16-18)..... July 8-15
 Golf Camp II (ages 13-17)..... July 8-15
 Wakeboard Camp II (ages 13-17)..... July 8-15
 Surf Camp (ages 13-17)..... July 15-22
 W.I.T. Camp (ages 15+)..... Every week, June 3-July 15
 Family Camp (all ages)..... July 17-22

SOUTHEASTERN

Southeastern Conference Campground, Hawthorne, FL
 Junior Camp.....TBD
 Summer Camp.....TBD

Events Calendar

Carolina

Western Area Campout – May 4-6.

MPA Graduation Weekend – May 18-20.

Tried and True Conference – July 7, 8. Charlotte.

Bike for Life “Riding by Faith” – July 22-28.

Sabbath School Workshop – Aug. 3-5. NPR.

Pathfinder/Adventurer Leadership – Aug. 24-26.

Hispanic Men’s Retreat – Aug. 31-Sept. 3.

Hispanic Young Adult Retreat – Sept. 7-9. NPR.

Retiree Retreat – Sept. 16-20. NPR.

ECCM North – Sept. 29. Greenville, NC.

ECCM South – Oct. 6. Summerville, SC.

Banner Elk Annual Homecoming – Oct. 20.

Florida

Complete calendar online – <http://www.floridaconference.com/calendar/>

Florida Pathfinder events – <http://www.floridaconference.com/youth/> 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/childrenandfamily/>, 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, 888-719-7776, or 904-616-1896.

Bellevue Church Dedication – June 9. Grand opening and dedication of the new Bellevue Church sanctuary at 5051 SE 112 Street Rd. Details: 352-236-3129.

Florida Adventist Book Center – Winter Park: national toll-free number, (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

Florida Adventist Bookmobile Schedule

June 2. Jacksonville Southpoint.

June 3. Jacksonville First, Orange Cove, Palatka, Palm Coast, New Smyrna Beach. (Southeastern Conference: Jacksonville Ephesus.)

June 9. Tallahassee.

June 10. Perry, Cross City, Ocala, Silver Springs Shores, Belleview, Lady Lake, Inverness. June 16. Naples.

June 17. Cape Coral, Ft. Myers, Ft. Myers Shores, Arcadia, Avon Park.

June 23. West Palm Beach.

June 24. Midport, Port St. Lucie, Ft. Pierce, Cocoa, Titusville. (Southeastern Conference: Palm Bay.)

June 30. Port Charlotte.

July 1. North Port, Sarasota, West Coast Christian Academy in Bradenton, Brandon, Tampa First.

July 7. Maranatha in Miami Gardens.

July 8. Ft. Lauderdale, Ambassador in Lauderdale Lakes, Lauderhill, Pompano Beach, Jupiter-Tequesta.

July 14. St. Petersburg.

July 15. Clearwater, New Port Richey, Spring Hill, Brooksville, East Pasco in Zephyrhills, Lakeland, Winter Haven.

July 28. Sunrise.

July 29. Plantation, Lauderhill, Ambassador in Lauderdale Lakes. (Southeastern Conference: Mt. Olivet.)

Planned Giving and Trust Services Clinics

Aug. 4. Tampa First.

Aug. 11. Kress Memorial in Winter Park.

Sept. 8. Lakeland.

Spanish-language Family Retreat – Aug. 24-26. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs.

Cost: \$70-\$105 depending on accommodation choice. Details: rebeca.delosrios@floridaconference.com or 407-644-5000 x138.

Camp Kulaqua Family Camp – Aug. 31-Sept. 3. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. A weekend of fun, friends, family, and fellowship. Registration includes meals, lodging, and activities including mother/daughter tea, Kulaqua Rodeo, River Ranch admission, Ichetucknee River tubing trip, go-carts, horseback riding, and more. Cost: \$40

per person per day and up. Details and registration: <http://www.campkulaqua.com/>, summercamp@campkulaqua.com, or 386-454-1351.

Georgia-Cumberland

Duluth Church Celebrates 50 Years – May 4. Duluth, GA.

Adventurer Family Fun Day – May 6. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.

Hispanic Pastors Meeting – May 8. Conference Office, Calhoun, GA.

Hispanic Couples Retreat – May 11-13. Winshape Retreat, Rome, GA.

Health Rally – May 12. Roan Mountain Church, TN.

Korean Camp Meeting – May 18-20. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.

Personal Ministries Rally – May 19. Adairsville, GA.

Prayer Ministry Day – May 19. Loganville, GA.

Academy Graduations May 19. Atlanta Adventist. Marietta, GA.

May 19. Georgia-Cumberland. Calhoun, GA.

Collegedale Academy Graduation – May 20. Calhoun, GA.

Camp Meeting – May 23-26. Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, TN.

God in Shoes Outreach – May 25. Chattanooga, TN.

Online registration for events available: www.registration.gccsda.com.

Gulf States

Complete Calendar online

<http://www.gccsda.org>

Hispanic Women’s Ministries

Retreat – May 11-13.

Bass Academy Graduation Weekend – May 18, 19.

Camp Meeting – May 25-June 2. Bass Memorial Academy.

Pathfinder Council – June 10. Camp Alamisco.

Executive Committee Meeting – June 12. Conference Office.

Kentucky-Tennessee

Conference Association Board

May 15. July 17.

Conference Executive Committee

May 15. July 17.

Highland and Madison Academy Boards – May 10.

Southern Adventist University

First Summer Session Begins

– May 7. Sign up for classes between April 30 and May 9 by visiting southern.edu/register. Undergraduate and graduate classes available online; both require application and acceptance before registration.

Alumni Lunch – June 1. The annual Alumni and Friends of Southern Adventist University Lunch will be held at the Carolina Conference Camp Meeting at Lake Junaluska, NC. Details, or to RSVP, call 423-236-2830.

Wellness Summit – June 10, 11. Learn how to take your personal wellness to the next level. Presenter Mike Huckabee will set aside politics and tell how he lost 110 pounds. For complete list of speakers and programs, visit southern.edu/wellnesssummit.

Sunset						
	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25	June 1	June 8
Atlanta, GA	8:21	8:27	8:32	8:37	8:42	8:48
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

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