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# The Strategy for International Peace

This is thought of as the most challenging of all roles on Earth. I cannot think of anything I would rather be. My personal desire is to be a peacemaker.

I would like to stop the wars between nations. I would like to stop the destructive “squabbling” between marriage partners that decimates their homes and families. I would like to stop the unhealthy political striving in churches that brings reproach upon the Gospel. I would like to quiet agitated minds. I would like to eliminate hard feelings between neighbors.

I daydream about being a peacemaker!

The night before Franklin D. Roosevelt died, he was planning a trip to San Francisco to attend the organization of the United Nations. These were the last words he wrote:

“We seek peace-enduring peace ... We must cultivate the science of human relations — the ability of all peoples to live together and work together, in the same world, at peace ... As we go forward, the greatest contribution that any generation of human beings can make in the world is the contribution of lasting peace — I ask you to keep up your faith.”

I think every president the United States of America has ever had would have liked, in his heart, to be a peacemaker. Why is it so elusive?

We seem to get a little taste of it annually during the Thanksgiving/Christmas seasons, and then it fades quicker than our New Year’s resolutions. Bitterness and jealousy replace the carols. Greed and animosity crowd the goodwill. There always is a relapse.

Sometimes I wish it could be packaged and sold. Mankind craves it more than winning a financial lottery. I consistently hear the plaintive wail from the lips of emotionally tortured people, “Oh, if I could only have a little bit of peace!”

Is it possible? How much does it cost? Must I withdraw? Can I love? Can I achieve wealth? Can I find a market for my talent and a place for my ability and enjoy peace at the same time? Who will show me? Who will teach me the strategy?

I think this torment of the human soul is more evident in the 21st century, and in our nation, than in any previous generation. Neither international nor inner conflict can be silenced with self-preservation, materialism, or superpower status.

There is a marvelous inner peace that comes to a man or to a woman who decides for God. The strife that tears at your conscience is finished. You cannot “halt between two opinions” week after week, and get much out of life. You are in a state of war.

To decide for God is the strategy/solution for peace in every dimension of life. His peace can become our peace. I challenge you to read about Christ’s life on Earth. Not once was He in conflict with His Father. He did the will of God in every area of His life. The open/empty tomb is proof of His victory.

The fundamental war of all wars is being waged. It is fought on the battleground of the human mind. God wants you to enjoy His peace for eternity. Satan wants you to succumb to anxiety and fear on the way to destruction. Only you can decide who will win in your life.

Let the Spirit of God share His peace with you. Nations have been shattered and battered long enough. That is a real strategy you hear crying in your soul. It is a cry for peace.

I have a deeper appreciation for the words of Jesus, “Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.”



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*Pastor Sean Day (left) of Shoals Church in Florence, Alabama, discusses the expanding role of deacons and deaconesses with Jacquelyn Valentine, head deaconess, and Farrell Sutton, head deacon.*

## The Varied Ministry of Deacons and Deaconesses

BY VINCENT E. WHITE SR., D.MIN.

It's Friday. Jacquelyn (Jackie) Valentine, head deaconess at Shoals Church in Florence, Alabama, makes sure that all preparations are in place for a busy weekend. Scrambling about, she checks the restroom facilities, making sure that they are clean and have adequate supplies. Then she surveys the sanctuary to see if hymnals, Bibles, and tithe and offering envelopes are in the pew racks and pulpit area.

About 60 miles away, Claudette Moore, a deaconess of 30 years, oversees the same preparations at Harvest, Alabama, Church. But, in addition, she prepares to teach her



*Deaconess Barbara Chapman of West End Church in Atlanta, Georgia, prays with several members during the church service.*

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*The deacons of West End Church present the tithes and offering to God for His blessing.*

adult Sabbath School class. She also teaches a baptismal candidates' class.

Both Jackie and Claudette agree that the role of a deaconess is multifaceted. It includes greeting members and visitors as they come to worship; visiting the sick and shut-ins; contacting missing members through visits, cards, and telephone calls; networking with other church departments and community agencies to provide food, clothing, and shelter for those in need; assisting at funerals and repasts; preparing for and assisting at Holy Communion and baptisms; assisting deacons in maintaining reverence in the sanctuary; monitoring the nursing room; helping to mediate when differences arise between members; teaching God's Word; and involving and training the youth to serve God and humanity.

Since the inception of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the role of deaconess has been important. Ellen G. White spoke very

highly of those who serve in this capacity. She wrote this statement in the *Review and Herald*, July 9, 1895:

“Women who are willing to consecrate some of their time to the service of the Lord should be appointed to visit the sick, look after the young, and minister to the necessities of the poor. They should be set apart to this work by prayer and laying on of hands. In

some cases they will need to counsel with the church officers or the ministers; but if they are devoted women, maintaining a vital connection with God, they will be a power for good in the church. This is another means of strengthening and building up the church.”

Jackie feels very strongly about deaconesses meeting the biblical qualifications. She states, “I believe that a deaconess should be trustworthy, loving, hospitable, sensitive, spiritual, and teachers of God's Holy Word.” Jackie's list is in harmony with the qualifications for deacons and deaconesses outlined in I Timothy 3:8-13. These qualifications are clearly seen as relating to deacons; but, they may also apply to deaconesses.

Terry is excited about the teaching role of a deacon. He can hardly wait for the divine worship service to end so he can partner with Haywood Ballard, local elder of Courtland Church, to give Bible studies in the community. Describing a typical Sabbath afternoon, Terry says, “After church, we would all get together for a while and fellowship at the church. Then we would go out into the community



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*Deacon James Pressley Jr. of West End Church, Atlanta, Georgia, prays with Shirley Watson at the conclusion of a Bible study together.*

to give Bible studies. It was very rewarding for me, and it always seemed too short. There just wasn't enough time to see all of the people you wanted to see."

Terry served as a deacon for four years at the Courtland Church

dously as a result of the election of the deacons: "... The word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly ...," Acts 6:7. Ellen White said, "This ingathering of souls was due both to the greater free-

and they engaged in the work with great earnestness and success," *The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 90.

Another important role in which deacons and deaconesses are to serve, according to Jackie, is mediation. She says, "I feel strongly as a deaconess that we are to help mediate when others cannot agree, and help them to resolve differences in a loving Christian manner."

It is only natural that deacons and deaconesses serve in this capacity, seeing that the office of deacon arose out of a conflict to address a serious problem that arose in the church. The problem was far greater than the distribution of food. It was unresolved differences that led to resentment, an unforgiving spirit, jealousy, discrimination, prejudice, and suspicion. Ellen White described the problem as following:

Satan launched a spiritual attack against the church in an attempt to hinder it from growing and, ultimately, to destroy it. But, through the intervening ministry of the seven deacons, God thwarted Satan's plan, and the church grew.

White stated, "It is necessary that the same order and system be



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*Claudette Moore, head deaconess of Harvest Church in Harvest, Alabama, enjoys teaching Sabbath School as part of her deaconess ministry.*

before relocating to Florida. He is an example of a modern-day Philip, one of the seven deacons of the first century Christian church noted for conducting public evangelistic meetings and giving a one-on-one Bible study to the Ethiopian eunuch.

The early church grew tremen-

dom secured by the apostles and the zeal and power shown by the seven deacons. The fact that these brethren had been ordained for the special work of looking after the needs of the poor, did not exclude them from teaching the faith. On the contrary, they were fully qualified to instruct others in the truth,

## RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT ADVENTSOURCE:

*Deacon and Deaconess – Quick Start Guide* focuses on expanding the roles of deacons and deaconesses to include the use of spiritual gifts.

*Deacon and Deaconess Ministry Description* lists the duties of these officers.

*The Twenty-First Century Deacon and Deaconess: Reflecting the Biblical Model* unveils the sacred biblical model for the ministry of deacons and deaconesses with modern day implications.

*The Twenty-First Century Deacon and Deaconess: Reflecting the Biblical Model Workbook* is a study guide containing the most important take-away points from each chapter of the textbook.

maintained in the church now as in the days of the apostles," *The Story of Redemption*, p. 260.

We can see how history repeats itself. In the first century Christian church when conflict arose, God used seven deacons to resolve it. As the church in the 21st century continues to face conflict and challenges, God has 700,000 deacons and deaconesses to resolve them. According to Jonas Arrais, associate secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Association, "There are fewer than 30,000 pastors to oversee the Adventist World Church's 140,000 congregations ..., 250,000 elders ..., and 700,000 deacons and deaconesses." Arrais presented these statistics on the final day of the 2013 Annual Council when he recommended that the deacons and deaconesses be placed under the auspices of the Ministerial Association, which was voted unanimously.

In an interview he stated, "We would like to appreciate, recognize, train, and equip this group of servant people in the Church. We would like to see the biblical and spiritual qualifications and skills exemplified in the lives of those selected today to serve this office — people in love for

Jesus and committed to the Church's mission. This is a ministerial teamwork. The Ministerial Association, in cooperation with the departments, will train and equip deacons and deaconesses. However, the support of the church pastor will be essential, because he/she has a primary responsibility for training them. Certainly, networking will make this vision a reality."

During an interview with Roger Hernandez, ministerial and evangelism director of the Southern Union Conference, he responded to the question: How do you plan to educate local pastors and church members on the importance of the ministry of deacons and deaconesses, so that the stereotypical perception of them is changed? Hernandez's answer: "Through ministry meetings and through LEAD conferences, the pastors are encouraged to come with their team of deaconesses and deacons so that they can grow together." He also stated that "participation is key. If people are willing, we will provide inspiration, instruction, and resources."

The following training initiatives have already begun in the Southern Union territory: LEAD conferences

(Leadership, Evangelism, Accountability, and Diversity) are weekend training and leadership events; and My City, God's City is a six-week curriculum that deals with preparing a church for evangelism. For more information about these programs, contact Roger Hernandez at [rhernandez@southernunion.com](mailto:rhernandez@southernunion.com).

The ministry of deacons and deaconesses is multifaceted. These officers are gifted and chosen by God. As the Church restores them to their biblical role as spiritual leaders, and trains, equips, and empowers them, the result will be as it was in the first century Christian church — "The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved," Acts 2:47. ❖

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## LEAD Conference April 25-26, 2014 Fayetteville, North Carolina

### DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE:

**L.E.A.D. Conference** is a city-wide event designed for Southern Union leaders who are intentional in discovering and developing their leadership abilities. Simply put, we aim to develop leaders.

### CORE

The conference will deal with four core components, and seek to present them in the context of best practices, proven methods, and effective strategies for the 21st Century.

**LEADERSHIP** - where are you going? Emphasis on vision.

**EVANGELISM** - how do you effectively reach people? Emphasis on servant evangelism.

**ACCOUNTABILITY** - who are you, really? Emphasis on some specific habits and relationships that can make a difference in a person's growth.

**DIVERSITY** - Emphasis on not just racial, but generational diversity. Saving the next generation.

### PROGRAM:

*Friday night, 7-9 p.m.*  
Leadership

*Sabbath, 9 a.m.*  
Evangelism

*Sabbath, 11 a.m.*  
Accountability

*Sabbath afternoon, 3-5 p.m.*  
Breakout sessions

*Sabbath wrap-up, 5:15-6 p.m.*  
Diversity



Gary Rustad (left), pastor of Calhoun, Georgia, Church; Charles Young, undertreasurer for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference; Ric Stitzer, principal at John L. Coble Elementary School; and Kurt Allen, Conference vice president for finance, prepare to burn the paper symbolizing the mortgage burning for Coble Elementary School.

DENNIS STARKEY

## COBLE CELEBRATES MORTGAGE BURNING

BY BETTY KOSSICK

Constituents and friends of John L. Coble Elementary School in Calhoun, Georgia, gathered February 22, 2014, for the mortgage burning to celebrate the school's debt payoff.

A groundbreaking took place in 2006 for the new John L. Coble School building, and the following year in 2007 students occupied the 26,500-square-foot complex that cost about \$3.1 million with a later addition of a \$200,000 kitchen.

On hand for the celebratory mortgage event were officers of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, with Kevin Kossick, vice president of education presenting the main address. Kossick commended those who helped erase the school debt: "At a time when finances are the biggest obstacle to accessing Christian education, the Calhoun community has re-energized their commitment to children by retiring this debt, and tangibly demonstrating their continued support of Christian education."

"In addition," Kossick remarked, "children are great imitators, so the retirement of this Coble School debt gives them an example of healthy stewardship to imitate for life."

Church and conference officers

signed the mortgage document in September 2007, following a million-dollar-plus fundraising effort — and this mortgage burning of a \$2.1 million debt resulted just six-and-one-half years later.

Ric Stitzer, school principal since 2000, said, "This mortgage burning is an opportunity to honor God because the gifts (money) came from Him. We are a very blessed school."

A unique factor in the mortgage payoff is the use of funds contributed from two Federal Communications Commission (FCC) contracts. Several years earlier, Ben Roy, principal at that time, purchased two FCC licenses. These licences have greatly benefited Coble financially, with future plans to begin an endowment.

Gary Rustad, senior pastor of Calhoun Church, enthusiastically said, "This is a day we have waited for! It happened because of the Lord's blessings, and faithful friends and members of the Calhoun and Georgia-Cumberland Academy churches who sacrificed."

Rustad pointed out that among the aids that enabled members to be aware of the school debt-reduction's

progress, were posters that provided color-coded visuals of the school layout.

The current 95-student school sits on the same land as Georgia-Cumberland Academy, where the Hurlbutt Farm School first opened its doors in



Current and former Bel Canto members perform "Go Down Moses" for the Coble mortgage-burning ceremony in February.

DENNIS STARKEY

1915, with A. W. Spaulding as principal. In 1964, the Academy elementary opened after Hurlbutt school closed in 1959. The next year, John L. Coble became the principal and served in that capacity for 23 years. In 1993, Coble received the honor of having the school renamed after him. ☩

Betty Kossick is Calhoun, Georgia, Church communication leader.

# No Smooth Mountain to Climb

BY OLSON PERRY

*Danya Wilson, flanked by conductor Laurie Minner, accepts the applause of the audience following her performance.*

It is a challenge to enter, compete, and win the audition for the annual Southern Adventist University Concerto Concert. So, it's awesome when two sisters win two years in a row. Denielle and Danya Wilson won the cello and violin competition in 2013 and 2014, respectively.

"Sibling winners are unusual; however, the success of one family member usually extends to others," says Laurie Minner, Southern professor of music and concert coordinator.

The concert series, started by the late Orlo Gilbert, Southern orchestra director, some 30 years ago, is an annual event sponsored by the School of Music to give young musicians the opportunity to play a movement of their favorite work with a large symphony orchestra. The resulting concert features performers on various instruments, with applicants from Adventist and non-Adventist organizations and institutions.

When she received the email announcing her as a winner, Danya, a Greater Atlanta Adventist Academy junior, cried, screamed, and thanked God. She then thanked her brother, Cliff Jr., the pianist who accompanied her performance of Henryk Wieniawski's "Polonaise Brillante in D Major," to enter the competition. And then she shared the excitement with her parents, as she grabbed the

phone to call her sister, Denielle, a freshman cello performance major at Northwestern University.

Danya and her siblings started out playing the piano; however, it soon became evident that the competition was a bit unhealthy in the household. Cliff Jr. stayed with the piano, and is an accomplished pianist today at the age of 20. Denielle concentrated on the cello, with some heavy coaxing from her Dad, and Danya began violin instructions at eight.

Even at that early age, Danya found the violin to be a unique instrument. Whenever she heard the violin being played on the radio or in a musical piece, she claimed affinity to the instrument and would begin waltzing to the music.

In talking with the Wilson performers, it is easy to see why they have excelled, although there was limited exposure to classical music in the beginning. Through the heavy influence of their parents, the siblings practiced about three hours daily during the week, and four to six hours on the weekend. Danya's motivation stems from her personal desire, enhanced by the impact on her audience. She says it's worth putting in the time to produce the impact.

Of course there were times of

major challenge. There were days when she hated practicing, and resentment would set in, especially not being exposed to professionals. During one of her worse lessons, she was playing a particular piece when she slammed her hand down on the radio. The selection she was practicing began to play on the radio. She accepted that incident as God telling her something, and from then has accepted her music as God's gift to her.

Cliff and Deborah Wilson have never entertained the option of their children backing off their practice sessions. Instead, the Wilson children were exposed to classical performers and music in which their interest has developed over time. Their interests mushroomed as they began to feel comfortable and in place. They do wish, however, that they had more exposure to Adventist performers.

As Danya dreams of becoming a physician and professional musician, she recommends to other youth performers that they treat practice time the same way they treat homework time in any other academic subject. There will be mental and physical pain attached, but nothing worthwhile ever comes easily, she says. As her mother says, "No one ever climbed a smooth mountain." ❧

# Far From Home

BY RAINEY TURLINGTON

*After being missing for 35 years, Jose was reunited with his daughter at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center Lake Placid.*

When police first brought the elderly Mexican man into Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center Lake Placid, employees were not sure what to make of him. Dirty and disheveled, he had been found sitting under a tree for several days, where passers-by witnessed him talking to himself.

“He had no name, no social security number, no resources, and no coping skills to be able to tell us what was going on with him in his life,” said Keith Edwards, the hospital’s director of behavioral health.

An assessment revealed that several strokes had impaired the man’s memory and ability to walk. Jose, as he came to be called, needed total care. Once his condition was stabilized, employees set out with Jose in the hospital van in hopes of finding his home.

Lake Placid is a small town made up mostly of orange groves, where waves of migrant workers flock to pick fruit each year. Unfortunately, many of them are illegal immigrants who live in heart-breaking conditions. Keith worried that may be the case with Jose, whom he guessed was around 80 years old.

When they finally found Jose’s home, Keith’s fears were confirmed.

The door to the dilapidated building was open, revealing rooms without cabinets or drywall.

“We knew we could not leave him there. We had to take him back and find a safe place,” said Derick Roache, behavioral health nurse manager.

Back at the hospital, Sharlene Landers, R.N., was the one charged with that task.

“I think nurses from the very beginning have a certain amount of detective in their blood, because we deal with people who are sick, and we’re trying to find out what’s wrong with them and how it happened,” Sharlene said.

During her three-month search, Sharlene contacted grove owners and workers, the Mexican Consulate in Orlando, local Catholic Churches, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, police, the governor, two senators, and Representative Rooney, but to no avail. She then sent an email with a picture of Jose to three Catholic Churches in the area of Mexico where she thought he might be from. Two came back immediately as undeliverable; the third one went through.

Several days later Sharlene received a reply from the church that said they may know Jose’s family.

Their asking around connected them to a woman in California, who called the hospital and wanted to visit because she thought Jose was possibly her dad.

When she arrived in Lake Placid there were a lot of mixed emotions, Derick said. “The woman was a little bit timid even to touch Jose at first.”

As soon as he mentioned her brother’s childhood nickname however, she was convinced he was her dad.

“All of a sudden she looks up and she says, ‘Can I hug him?’ I think she thought he was going to break because he had been ill,” Sharlene said.

It was then that the hospital employees learned more about what had happened to Jose. His daughter shared that it had been 35 years since she had seen her dad. When she was a teenager, Jose went regularly with his brother to pick fruit in the United States. One year, he never came back. The family thought he was dead, but it turns out that he was actually a victim of human trafficking.

Today, Jose is happily reunited with the rest of his children and grandchildren in Mexico, where he now lives. His health has also continued to improve. ❖

# Sreyleak's Story

BY DALLAS SACHSE

Sreyleak Sok is a freshman at Adventist University of Health Sciences (ADU) in Orlando, Florida. She is an international student who lives in the dorms and is doing extremely well in her studies. She is pursuing a degree in nursing and is currently taking prerequisite courses. Sreyleak may seem like an ordinary student, but she is an inspiration to the students, faculty, and staff at ADU.



Sreyleak was born in Cambodia, but came to the United States in July of 2009 to live with her aunt and uncle in Virginia. Coming from a poverty-stricken area in Cambodia, her hope was to get a good education in the United States so that she could one day provide a better life for her family, and get into a field where she could help others in need.

With the sponsorship from her uncle, Sreyleak began her life in the United States and started to attend a nearby Adventist Academy. She contributed by helping around the house and at her uncle's grocery store. After about 10 months something devastating happened. Her uncle began to have financial troubles and was no longer able to afford to send her to school. Sreyleak was heart broken. She didn't know what to do and didn't want to go back to Cambodia. She was here on a mission to get a better education and make something of herself. She said, "I was depressed. This was my one hope to help my

family in Cambodia. If I didn't get an education here, then I didn't know what I was going to do."

The summer began to near and Sreyleak received a phone call one day from her principal. She told her that there was a family that was willing to take her in and help her. Sreyleak didn't know what to do. She was happy that there was hope but was uneasy about living with another family. She talked to her uncle who eventually decided that it would be for her own good to take advantage of this blessing. Sreyleak spoke freely to her principal about the situation and about her uneasy feeling of it all. Together, they figured out a plan that would help Sreyleak stay in the U.S. and continue to attend school.

Sreyleak lived with her principal that school year. She worked at the school as a janitor to help pay for her tuition, but as the year went on she realized that it wasn't going to be enough. She couldn't afford the tuition on her own and knew she would soon be in another bind. To make matters worse, she found

out that her principal would be moving that next school year, and she would need to find another place to live. She prayed for an answer.

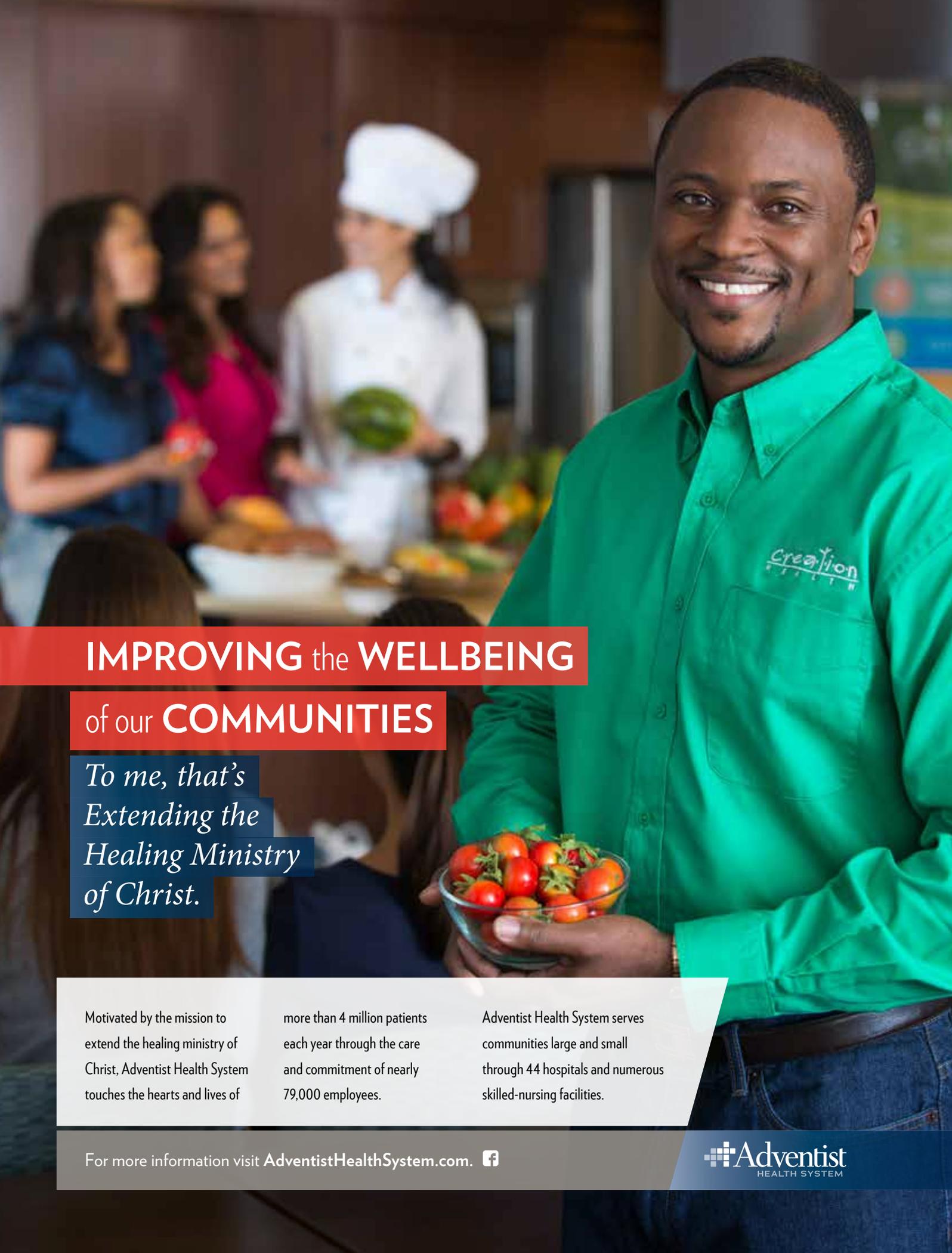
The principal told her that the offer still stood from the other family that was willing to help her and let her live with them. Sreyleak gave in and moved in with them that next year. She said, "I felt so welcomed by them from the beginning. I felt their warmth." They became her guardians.

Sreyleak faced another challenge. Her guardians couldn't afford to send her to college. However, they assured her that they would help her find scholarships, and that she would not miss out on the chance to pursue her dream of helping others.

Eventually it came down to her top two schools, ADU and a prestigious university. The other university offered her a full ride, but Sreyleak wasn't convinced that it was the one she wanted. Although ADU could not offer her a full ride, there were scholarships that she was awarded that would significantly help with her tuition. That was enough for Sreyleak! She was excited about moving to Florida and pursuing her nursing career.

"I still praise God. He has been blessing me every day through every struggle since the first year I came to the United States. I came to know God the second year I was here. He sent great people to help me! I am blessed." ✨

*Dallas Sachse is the communications manager at Adventist University of Health Sciences in Orlando, Florida.*



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## Adventist Health System Elects New Board Chairman

Thomas Lemon was elected on February 27, 2014, by Adventist Health System's Board of Directors to serve as chairman. Lemon is replacing Don Livesay, who has completed his three-year term, but will continue to serve on the Board.

"Adventist Health System is blessed to have such strong leaders serving on our Board," said Don Jernigan, president/CEO. "Don has led us with integrity and commitment, and I

look forward to working closely with Tom in this new role."

Lemon is the president of the Mid-America Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Previously, he served as vice president for administration for the Union, president of the Minnesota Conference, ministerial director in Oregon, and assistant to the president of the Rocky Mountain Conference.



Adventist Health System's Board of Directors consists of 61 members who are either Seventh-day Adventist Church union officers, conference presidents from the AHS territory, members of corporate leadership, or members-at-large from each Seventh-day Adventist Union. These members serve a term of five years and are appointed either through the position they hold or by special invitation.

—BY CHRISTINE STEWART

## Seven Individuals Who Embody the Mission of Adventist Health System Recognized

This past February, hospital employees, community leaders, and clergy members gathered once again at Adventist Health System's (AHS) Conference on Mission to discuss how to further extend the healing ministry of Christ. During the event, which took place in Orlando, Fla., seven individuals were also recognized with the following awards for exemplifying the organization's mission in their daily lives.

Adventist Health System's Crystal Angel Award was developed to acknowledge individuals for their significant contributions to the advancement of the Adventist health-care mission. In addition, it recognizes outstanding leadership in specific



mission-related achievements, projects, and programs as well as overall spiritual leadership. This year, Crystal Angels were presented to Monica Reed from Florida Hospital Celebration Health and Daniel Wolcott from Takoma Regional Hospital.

In acknowledgment of outstanding Christian example and in recognition

of their compassionate and untiring service to others, two individuals were honored with the Adventist Health System Christian Service Award. The recipients this year were Adriana Pasos from Florida Hospital Orlando and Candy Seltman from Shawnee Mission Medical Center.

In acknowledgment

of their generous contributions and the positive impact they have had on improving the quality of life in their community, Greg Hodgson from Centura Health and Maureen Kersmarki from AHS Headquarters received the Adventist Health System Community Service Award.

—BY ANTHONY VERA CRUZ

## Romance at the Ranch...Hawaiian Style

Mike and Lynn Ortel were excited to be back in the Carolinas as presenters for Romance at the Ranch, a romantic couples retreat held each year at Nosoca Pines Ranch in Liberty Hill, S.C. The duo most recently retired from the Northern New England Conference, where Mike was president, and they spent more than a decade in the Carolina Conference in family and adult ministries. They were well received by the more than 40 couples who attended the Hawaiian-themed weekend. Even the fact that the event was postponed a week due



Mike and Lynn Ortel

to a winter storm didn't keep attendance down.

Presentations from the Ortels were rich with scripturally-based advice for making marriage the family foundation that it was intended to be. Attendees ranged from newlyweds

to marriage veterans of 50-plus years, some even in the same family.

There is definitely a sense of loyalty in those who attend. George and Addy Vandulek have been coming to Romance at the Ranch for more than 15 years. "We love coming every year," said one attendee.

"Not only is it a lot of fun, but it's a chance for my wife and I to concentrate on us. We always leave here with a stronger bond in our relationship with each other and the Lord."

Sparks of love were flying on Saturday evening at the tropical banquet and spouse tributes, and afterwards during the evening festivities, which included a pineapple relay, hula hooping, and a limbo contest.

Other marriage events are already in the works for this year. For more information, contact the Carolina Conference Family Ministries Department.

—BY BECKY CARPENTER



## Carolina Conducts Pathfinder Bible Experience

Nine Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE) teams from around the Carolinas traveled to Charlotte, N.C., on March 1, 2014, for the annual conference-level testing for Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE). For the last year they have been studying the book of II Samuel in the New King James Ver-



sion. This book covers the span of 40 years in biblical history during the time David was the king of Judah, and later all of Israel.

These PBE teams came

together for Sabbath worship at Charlotte Sharon Church in their class A Pathfinder uniforms. After a fellowship meal and a uniform inspection, the nine

teams were tested for two-and-one-half-hours over the contents of II Samuel. There were 155 total points possible, and first place

teams move on to participate in the Southern Union Level testing.

Two teams, both from Arden, N.C. (pictured), received first place certificates. Three teams, Charlotte Sharon, Raleigh, and Spartanburg, received second place certificates. And four teams, Charleston, Haw River, Raleigh Spanish, and Gethsemane, received third place certificates. Each was inspired and supported by enthusiastic parents and staff from their local Pathfinder Clubs.

—BY STANLEY KNIGHT

## Charlotte Sharon Church Holds Ministry Fair

Youth ministries, Community Services, Sabbath School, music, Bible studies . . . the list can go on and on. Which one to choose? Which one is your calling? As a new member, finding a ‘fit’ in a church ministry can be daunting. The Sharon Church in Charlotte, N.C., sought to overcome these hurdles by holding a Ministry Fair on January 18, 2014.

Sharon Church currently has 31 ministries that actively engage more than 250 members. Tables were manned by ministry directors who were ready to answer questions and sign up potential team members. Balloons, snacks, and water on each of the 16 tables lent a festive air, enticing passers-by to a sign-up sheet where they

could indicate their interest. At the end of the fair, they had gained 50 new participants.



ELLIE GREEN

The unique organizational structure developed at Sharon Church has led to expanded ministries and rapid church growth. Bryan Aalborg, pastor, assumes not only a pastoral

role, but also a management role, overseeing the 15 Sharon Church elders. Each elder oversees two or

three ministries and their directors, and together they are responsible for the promotion and success of the ministry. Any issues that arise are brought to the overseeing elder, only

bringing major issues to Aalborg, and David Graham, associate pastor.

Aalborg and Graham believe that a church will grow no larger than the vision of its members. Therefore, they adopt a team approach to church administration which has allowed Sharon Church to expand and grow far beyond the abilities of its leaders. Sharing this God-given responsibility ensures a large working force, encourages spiritual gifts to flourish, and allows continuous input of new ideas; enabling Sharon Church to carry out its mission: To Know Jesus Christ and Share Him.

—BY ELLIE GREEN

## A Medieval Banquet Makes Learning Fun

Myrtle Beach, S.C., Adventist Christian School demonstrated learning in action when they hosted a medieval dinner for church members and friends.

The evening started with the lord of the manor, ladies, knights, and guards escorting the guests to their seats. Soon the royal fanfare was heard as the king and queen entered the banquet hall.

No medieval feast would be complete without knights jousting, sword fighting, and saving a damsel in distress to prove their bravery. After the knight-ing ceremony, the jester

attempted to entertain the king, but unfortunately was dragged off by the guards and, let’s just say, “banished” from the kingdom.

After a delicious meal of stew over rice, bread, fruit, and pudding, troubadours entertained the guests with music, and concluded the evening with singing hymns from the

Middle Ages. In the far corner of the dining hall was a replica of a medieval manor designed by sixth grader Sara Cain.

More than 65 people

participated in this interesting and informative example of how learning can be fun.

—BY BECKY CAIN

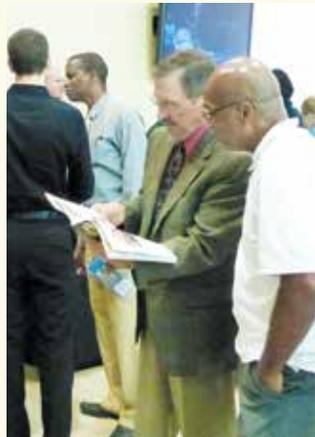


## Spring Meadows Church Hosts Mission Conference

Spring Meadows Church near Sanford, Fla., recently held a Foreign Mission Conference. The Conference provided a forum for Adventist mission sponsors from around the world and potential volunteers to connect with each other.

This congregation has a history going back to the 1980s for conducting domestic and foreign mission projects. For years, members experienced the challenge of recruiting and placing volunteers and coordinating trips. As a result, the idea for a Mission Sabbath was born from the realization that other organizations might have the same issues.

Morning worship time included John Baxter,



*Spring Meadows Church members Dean Bixby (left) and Berkley Moss learn about mission opportunities in Adventist Frontiers magazine.*

recruitment director for Adventist Frontier Missions, who encouraged members to participate in mission projects. Jennifer LaMountain and Rudy Micelli were the guest musicians. Also,

teens and youth took part in an active mission project discussion.

More than 100 potential volunteers from central Florida came to hear the following afternoon presentations:

- Paul Opp, People of Peru — abandoned children.
- John Baxter, Adventist Frontier Missions — the challenge of 500 million Christians reaching 7 billion unreached people.
- Madeline Torres, Guam Adventist Clinic — medical education.
- Pia Soule, Spring Meadows Church — partnerships with Maranatha Volunteers, International; God's Helping Hands; and

Faith FM Belize.

- Nancy Rorick, Spring Meadows Church — summary of the church's upcoming mission trip to Panama in October 2014.

Following these presentations, 19 Foreign Mission Conference sponsors provided promotional material to participants. Members of the Spring Meadows Church Mission Committee were also available to answer questions.

As a result of the Conference, there were many serious conversations and information exchanges. A dozen people signed up for a Panama mission trip, and Guam Adventist Clinic received several applications for service.

—BY TED BAIR

## Mission Group Holds Inaugural Sabbath

Members of Tampa Bay Filipino-American Mission Group in Clearwater, Fla., dedicated a special Sabbath to commemorate Florida Conference approval of their mission group status and inaugurate their 2014 officers. More than 100 guests attended the services, including friends from various churches, pastors, and church leaders. The group's sponsoring congregations are Clearwater and St. Petersburg Churches.

Volunteer lay pastor Angel Lucena and church elder Perry de Guzman had a burning desire to leave a legacy for the

Church's next generation. They wished to train young adults for serving the Lord, and ignite them to organize a congregation. Lucena's inspiration came from his father who started a church in the Philippines. Meanwhile, de Guzman envisioned organizing a mission group that would keep him motivated to spread the Gospel.

During Tampa Bay Filipino-American Mis-

sion Group's inaugural worship service, Walter Castro, Florida Conference lay ministries coordinator,



*The new Tampa Bay Filipino-American Mission Group received official recognition of organization from Florida Conference leaders on December 21, 2013.*

shared experiences and challenges he encountered in his ministry. Anthony WagenerSmith, Florida

Conference church planting coordinator, offered a dedicatory prayer. Daniel Catangay, Orlando Filipino Church pastor, presented the sermon, "Our Identity with Jesus."

In the afternoon, Castro and WagenerSmith reviewed the new congregation's mission statement with group members, and assisted them in developing communication, evangelism, and spiritual enrichment goals for 2014.

Additional photos from the organization service are available online: [florid-aconference.com/?p=6816](http://florid-aconference.com/?p=6816)

—BY ORPHA ALE MINEQUE

## Food for Soul and Body Found at Walmart

“Someday, I will go into that church,” said John Conyers as he walked past the Avon Park, Fla., Church. Little did he know that he would one day become a member.



Avon Park Church Pastor Frank Gonzalez baptizes John Conyers and Sherry Taylor.

On a November day in 2013, Alejandro Sarria, Bible worker for Avon Park Church, stopped by Walmart

intending to do a bit of shopping. He encountered Conyers outside the store asking for food, as his fam-

ily was destitute. Sarria invited the man to come into Walmart, and he purchased several food items for the family.

As they left the store, Sarria asked John if he would like to have Bible studies. Eagerly, Conyers accepted. After a series of studies,

Avon Park Pastor Frank Gonzalez baptized Conyers and his wife, Sherry Taylor, on January 18, 2014, into membership.

Where do you find subjects for God’s kingdom? Look among friends and neighbors — and at Walmart. “Cultivate an interest in people and an awareness of their needs,” says Sarria who has developed a habit of offering Bible studies to everyone he meets.

—BY NAOMI ZALABAK

## MagaBook Students Launch Miami Initiative

The 2013 year-end school break yielded another stellar job by Florida Conference’s student MagaBook team. Two of the program’s four leaders, Anwar Bowes and Fabian Dzul, led 24 students who solicited \$36,000 in donations with \$25,000 allotted for scholarships.

The students contacted 40,000 people in the Miami area, and were the first part of Florida Conference’s Mission to the Cities initiative. They distributed more than 2,800 books and gathered 50 Bible study interests.

The young people, mostly college students from six universities, shared many experiences. One student, Luis Ramos, saved a family’s house from burning down. People were fighting the fire with buckets of water, but when Luis silently prayed, “Lord,

please put this fire out,” it was immediately extinguished. The family told Luis that his visit saved their home.

First-time canvasser Joalicia Lopez, with many tears, was ready to leave the program after her first day. One of the first

individuals she approached was extremely rude to her. After prayers and encouragement from her leaders and fellow students, she stayed. With God’s help, Lopez was one of the top students in this winter’s program.

The MagaBook pro-

gram especially thanks David Monsalve, Miami Temple Church pastor, and the members for their kindness in hosting the students during the year-end canvassing program.

—BY LES MCCOY



Year-end MagaBook team members gather with Conference coordinator Les McCoy (center).

## Urban Legends Teach Others About Jesus

About 18 months ago, then 20-year-old Dillion Sherrill, a Wildwood College of Health Evangelism graduate, stepped to the podium of the Wildwood Church, and shared his burden for the people in the downtown Chattanooga area.

Sherrill and a few friends had been doing personal evangelism on the streets of downtown on the weekends. Within weeks after Sherrill's announcement at the church, groups of 25 to 30 people were gathering in the church parking lot to go to Chattanooga.

Due to the explosive response to the project, some immediate planning and organization was in order. With the help of several students, staff, and church leaders, a map or plan or comprehensive cycle of evangelism was created. The cycle would begin with several weeks of initial footwork, and would progress to health surveys, accessing the needs of the community, and contributing aid in whatever way possible. To conclude the cycle, a reaping series would be held close to the Westside community.

The active participation and the buzz surrounding the series of events that members called "evangelism" was evidence enough for the belief that personal friendships were being made between the church members and the com-



*The Wildwood, Ga., Church responded to a plea from 20-year-old Dillion Sherrill that they reach out to people in the downtown Chattanooga, Tenn., area. The response was exciting as members pulled together in outreach using health and evangelism.*

munity, but their final step would seek to evaluate if any solid connections had been made with the God of Heaven.

Students beamed and worn church members were rejuvenated after returning from outreach. After every outing, the group shared testimonies of their experiences. It seemed quite natural to progress to the next phase of the comprehensive cycle of evangelism, after months of exciting footwork. The proceeding phase was going to be the reaping evangelistic series.

The members secured a venue, the community Presbyterian Church, and planned the evening pro-

grams. There was a wellness program held in the same church only weeks before that helped generate interest in the reaping series as well.

Each night the program began at the health screening area where attendees were able to check their blood pressure, receive chair massages, and get one-on-one lifestyle counseling. There was a prayer room in the back for heavy burdens and Bible studies. Delicious plant-based meals were served every night before the service began.

Health was incorporated into every meeting, from the health-screening booth, to the meals, to the

health nuggets before the message. The theme of the series was Urban Legends. Each night the messages were focused on discovering the difference between fiction and reality in terms of God, His love for each person, and what people should in turn do with that love. Shawn Craig, a 23-year-old Georgia native, spoke for the eight-night crusade.

Nearly 70 members of the West Side community attended the meetings, with about a dozen interested in Bible studies.

Now once a week, a small group gathers to hear the spoken Word and to fellowship.

—BY KANEESHA LORD

## Adventurers Collect Backpacks for Foster Children

The Adventurer Club at the Loganville, Ga., Church undertook a wonderful project that began in November last year. They decided to pair up with [adventurebags.org](http://adventurebags.org) to collect backpacks for children in foster care.

Michelle Fentress, Adventurer Club director, first read about the program last year in the local newspaper. Naturally, the name of the organization caught her attention. As she said, "We're the Adventurers. The organization is called Adventure Bags. So, it just seemed like a perfect fit!"

Adventure Bags, Inc. is a local non-profit organization based out of Barrow County that serves children who have been displaced for a variety of reasons, such as domestic violence, house fires, and foster care entry. The program began on October 15, 2011, with the first fundraiser and an official bag stuffing, and



*The Loganville, Ga., Adventurer Club collects backpacks for foster children. They also place goodies like stuffed animals, toiletries, and coloring books into the backpacks.*

has grown from there. Adventure Bags, Inc. is dedicated to helping supply essential items needed to help provide a sense of ownership to the children entering foster care or other agencies throughout Georgia.

The idea behind the organization is simple: Organizations that work with displaced children (i.e.

DFCS, homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters, and teen shelters) would give the child a book bag with important items, such as a stuffed animal, toothbrush, toothpaste, hair brush or comb, socks, coloring books, crayons, and a journal to write down their thoughts, so that when they do have to go to an unfamiliar place, they will

have some items of their own.

The Loganville Adventurer Club put the word out to members, family, and friends. On February 1, 2014, Deborah Gori, the organization's founder, stopped by the church to pick up the backpacks, and to share with the Adventurers information about the children who would receive these items. Gori was happily overwhelmed to receive 25 backpacks for the children in need. She stayed around to talk with the children and parents during the Adventurer meeting, and to take pictures with everyone.

Anyone interested in participating in the Adventure Bags, Inc. program can visit the organization's website at [www.adventurebags.org](http://www.adventurebags.org) for further information.

—BY SHERIL R. SMITH

## Members Hang Out on Google in Prayer

A small group from the Roane Community Adventist Church in Harri-man, Tenn., meets daily for prayer and shared devotional time.

A core group of four members discovered the potential of social networking 18 months ago via Skype. Since then they have moved to Google+ "Hangouts," where up to 10 people can share a virtual chat. This free application only requires a camera,

microphone, and a high speed Internet connection.

God has also knit their hearts together as they join in intercessory prayer, conversational prayer, Scripture prayer, and rejoicing over answered prayer.

In 2014, their prayer circles have been enlarged and blessed with new people logging in from as far away as Arizona, New York, and Jamaica.

—BY LINDEN AND MARILYN LAWRENCE



*One of the prayer team members hangs out on Google+ Hangouts. The church members meet on Hangouts daily to pray and share God.*

## Pastor Counts it a Privilege to Evangelize

I had the privilege of growing up the son of an evangelist. My father, Richard Halversen, has done evangelism for more than 35 years, and has held more than 175 full meetings. So, setting up, tearing down, and going with my dad visiting was a part of my daily life. It was exciting to be a part of something that I knew, even as a child, was much bigger than me. I heard my father's sermons so many times, I knew them by heart. Evangelism is in my bones. I love it. There is no greater joy to me than seeing people make decisions for eternity.

I have had the privilege of working with my father in several evangelistic meetings through the years, with me as the pastor and him as the evangelist. However, on Friday, January 10, 2014, we did something we hadn't done before. We started meetings at the same time, in the same state, in neighboring districts. I had my meeting in Jackson, Miss., at my church, College Drive. My father conducted



*Richie Halversen, pastor, stands with 20 individuals who joined College Drive Church as a result of the evangelist meetings.*



*Richard Halversen, evangelist, and Will Labrenz, pastor, stand with 15 individuals who joined Meridian Community Church.*

his meeting in the Meridian Community Church with Will Labrenz, pastor.

We both began with a huge attendance; people filled the auditorium on opening night. Each night after the meeting, we would call each other and

check on how the other's meeting went. "How was your group tonight?" we would ask each other. We could empathize with each other as we had both experienced those high and low emotions you experience in evangelism. More impor-

tantly, we would pray for each other.

Members of both churches came out and supported tremendously. It was exciting to see the Holy Spirit move in the hearts of visitors and members alike. It renewed our vision and commitment to the Gospel commission. The Holy Spirit was poured out on middle Mississippi, an area that had not seen significant growth in recent years. God is doing something great in this area, and He will continue to do great things as long as we, the church, allow Him.

Evangelism is so important to any church, because it breathes new life into the church. College Drive had 20 individuals join their church as a result of the meetings. Meridian was blessed with 15. I grew up seeing evangelism change lives. It works when we do it. What a privilege it is to continue in the ministry I grew up loving. What a blessing to be a part of a family that does ministry together.

—BY RICHIE HALVERSEN

## Piedmont Members Sponsor CREATION Health Seminar



LINDA FREEMAN

Attendees were impressed with the scientific studies presented by Mike Troxell.

The CREATION Health Seminar was a blessing to Piedmont Church members and community on Sabbath, March 1, 2014. The members are very

thankful to Mike Troxell for all the time, work, and enthusiasm that he put into the presentation. They learned so many health principles to be able to “Live Life to the Fullest.” Choices, rest, environment, activity, trust, interpersonal relationships, and nutrition all have a high impact on their health. In addition,

the scientific studies presented were well received. They look forward to another presentation to reach out to more people with God’s message of hope and healthy living.

The attendees learned many health principles to “Live Life to the Fullest.”  
—BY LINDA FREEMAN

## Meridian Maranatha Holds First Couples Retreat

“It was a heavenly moment,” were the words expressed by some of the participants in the first couples retreat held March 1-2, 2014, at Hilton Hotel in Jackson, Miss., organized by Meridian Maranatha Hispanic district, which is ministered by the pastoral family Huascar and Ana Rodriguez. By unanimous decision, the 80 participants decided to devote more time to their homes, have a responsible marriage, and devote time to listen to their spouses and children. Likewise, the



NILTON GARCIA

Eighty participants decided to devote more time to their homes, have a responsible marriage, and make time to listen to their spouses and children.

couples decided to have a planned financial life, and put God first in their marriage. The seminars were given by Raymer Arturo, Ph.D., and his wife, Adamaris. The topics were “Recognizing My Partner,” “My Love Language,” “What

I Ask From You Is,” and “Couples Basic Needs.” The whole program was based on I Peter 4:8-10, which says, “And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to an-

other without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” The program continued with a solemn renewal of vows led by Nilton Garcia, Hispanic ministries and communications director for the Gulf States Conference. Garcia was assisted by his wife, Sara Garcia. The leaders thank God and the Holy Spirit for helping the families to make decisions for Jesus. Adamari Tiburcio  
—BY HUASCAR RODRIGUEZ

## New Believer Baptized to Start New Life with Christ

Piedmont Church members praised God as Patricia Surrett started a new life with Christ on March 1, 2014. The members and lots of Surrett’s family witnessed her baptism by immersion. Pastor Rick Blythe’s wife, Ginger, gave Surrett Bible studies in preparation for member-

ship. Piedmont member and Surrett’s daughter, Marcia Patty, said she had prayed a long time for her mother. Mike Troxell presented the baptismal doctrines, and his wife, Melanie, gave special music.

—BY LINDA FREEMAN



LINDA FREEMAN

Rick Blythe, pastor, baptizes Patricia Surrett.

## The “SON” Did Shine Over Opelika

Thursday evening, January 30, 2014, was an extremely icy, cold evening at the Prophecy Center in the Auburn-Opelika Metro area. Johnny Mosquera, evangelist, warmed the hearts of the attendees during the opening presentation of the HOPE seminar.

The attendees discovered how Bible prophecy unlocks the future, brings HOPE to everyone, and that Jesus is the HOPE in the last days. Using the latest in multimedia technology, Mosquera used illustrations to help the audience have a better understanding of how Revelation reveals yesterday, today, and tomorrow; and that the Word of God is life-transforming, life-giving, and melts hard hearts.

Music was a pivotal part of each evening under the leadership of Olivia McGhee. At the close of each evening, the song “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus,” was sung. The prayer warriors were led by Dorothy Freedman, and they met daily to pray that the Holy Spirit would be present each evening to plead with every heart, and let them know how much everyone needs Jesus to carry them



NILTON GARCIA

*Pictured are new members added to Auburn-Opelika Metro Church. Front row: Malick McGhee, Emily Ray, Kayla Ingles, Noah Ray, Nathaniel Churches Jr., and Ross Churches. Second row: Yurixcy Moran, Patricia Hillyer, Breiana Sherrer, Tammy Churches, Dynasty Heller, and Cathy Murray. Third row: Eric Cotney, James Cotney, and Robert Sherrer. Other attendees were Mel Eisele, Gulf States president; Pavel Kulakov, pastor; Johnny Mosquera, pastor; Jannette Rowe; Vicky Gardner; Brooksie Holliday; and Nathaniel Churches Sr.*

through until He comes.

While the parents attended their program, youth from ages 10 to 14 were presented with a complete multimedia evangelistic series entitled “Truth 4 Youth,” developed by Mosquera. This program is designed to mold little lambs’ hearts for Jesus. A craft went along with each meeting, stressing the theme of each program.

The youth expressed they desired to have Jesus as a part of their lives. Eight decided to follow Jesus and be baptized. One of their favorite songs was “Countdown”: Somewhere

in outer space, “God has prepared a place for those who trust Him and obey. Jesus will come again, and though we don’t know when, the countdown’s getting closer every day. Let us all be ready!”

Mosquera spent time with the members in building relationships for the Kingdom. Jesus met the people daily in His Work. He ministered to their needs, winning their confidence, and then asked them to follow Him.

With the new members who have been converted, it is the church’s responsibility to pay watchful atten-

tion, and give them help and encouragement. Jesus asks us to “feed My sheep.” Thus, the mission is given in Matthew 28:19, 20: “Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations.” With dedication and God’s help, this mission can be fulfilled, and soon all will see Him coming for those who have been waiting for Him.

—BY SAUNDRA KROMMINGA

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## Churches Hold Successful “10 Days of Prayer” Program

The Springfield, Madison, and Lebanon Hispanic churches in Tennessee, started the year with the “10 Days of Prayer” program. The three churches had very good attendance each night. One evening, two of the churches began the program at 7 p.m. and ended at 7 a.m. the next day. Members say that learning to pray and



*Nathan Delima, pastor, led the ordination ceremony for the elders of all three churches.*

taking time to pray each night was a huge blessing. Revival was seen in each of these congregations.

These prayer meetings were not conducted ordinarily, with a full sermon, song service, and prayer. These meetings were mostly prayer with a short study of the Lord’s Prayer, but with no sermon and very little singing. The prayer was divided into several segments: praise, confession, intercession, and gratitude. This format

changed the atmosphere that provided a much deeper experience.

To close the meetings, all three congregations met at the Springfield Hispanic Church. Armando De Leon, Conference Hispanic coordinator, was invited for this special event. The service ended with an ordination for elders, deacons, and deaconesses.

The meeting was concluded with a social where everyone had a great time enjoying Mexican food and games.

—BY NATHAN DELIMA

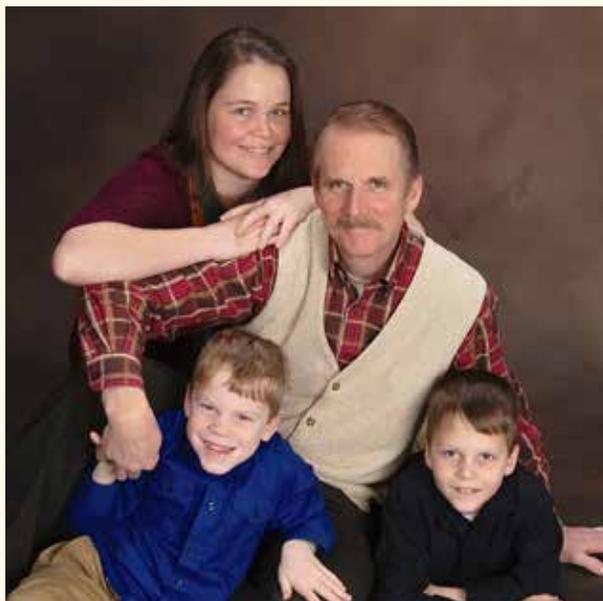
## Conference Hires New Publishing Director

The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference is pleased to announce that Rocky Davis has accepted the position of Conference publishing director. Davis grew up in West Virginia, the son of a career literature evangelist, and is a graduate of Mt. Vernon Academy. Davis began serving in publishing as a teenager, and after high school completed a business certification program at Andrews University. For 30 years, he has served as a literature evangelist in Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, and Tennessee. In his responsibilities as youth publishing outreach coordinator, he has provided leadership in every state within the Southern Union.

It was while Davis was

canvassing in Bristol, Tenn., that the Lord blessed him with not only success in sales, but an opportunity to become a district leader in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, and since then, half of his 30 years of publishing experience have been invested in leadership positions.

After serving in Georgia-Cumberland, the



*Rachel, Rocky, Rodrick, and Rodney Davis*

Southern Union invited Davis to the position of youth outreach coordinator, where he invested his talents in recruitment and support of the year-round

Youth Ministry Literature Evangelist Program. He was in this position of leadership for eight years until, after desiring to stay a little closer to home and travel less, he elected to make a change. Most recently he has been serving as a sales consultant with the College Press in Collegedale, Tenn.

Davis is married to a wonderful partner, Rachel, and they are blessed with two young sons, Rodney, 9, and Rodrick, 7. Welcome to the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, Davis family.

—BY STEVE HALEY

## Dean Flint Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

Dean Flint, a member of Nashville, Tenn., First Church, was honored Saturday evening, February 8, 2014, when he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from H.U.G.G.S., Inc. This organization is a Nashville non-profit community service organization which helps ex-offenders become productive citizens. This is the highest award given by the organization, and was given to a very surprised Dean Flint during their Awards Benefit Banquet. Many of Flint's friends from Nashville First Church and the Adventist Community Service Center were present to see him honored. His daughter, Deanna Berrier, came from Florida to celebrate the evening with him.

Josef Poole, another Nashville First member, presented the award to



*Dean Flint with members of the Nashville First Church and volunteers from the ACS Center.*

Flint after the following tribute:

“Community service may often be viewed as an event, or for others perhaps a series of choreographed events. But, for a small few, it is a way of life. Even smaller still, are those who for decades have given freely and unselfishly of their time and energy for the assistance of disadvantaged groups in the community. One such

person, and for whom is presented this Lifetime Achievement Award, is Dean Flint of Madison, Tennessee. Flint is a retired elementary school teacher and has positively impacted the greater Nashville area for over 30 years with improving the lives of others through outreach programs, such as directing the Seventh-day Adventist Community Service Center, providing rooms for rent

for men with unfortunate circumstances, and contributing to organizations like H.U.G.G.S., while actively engaged in his church on a weekly basis — all with a friendly zeal toward making a positive difference in our community. Recently, Flint suffered through a serious cancer diagnosis, but after months of agonizing medical attention and prayerful supplications, he has been medically cleared and the disease is officially in remission. Despite requests from family and friends for a sabbatical, he has returned to his mission and passion of making our world a better place to live — at least here in greater Nashville, one person at a time. Thank you, Dean, for helping us witness a better way of life by improving the lives around you.”

—BY MARJIE JOHNS

## Retired Pastor Continues Community Involvement

Retired pastor Bob Korzyniowski of Springfield, Tenn., continues to witness in the community where he lives. A member of the Lions Club for more than 20 years, he began his participation when pastoring in the Owensboro/Henderson district in Kentucky. There he was the club's secretary for a number of years until transferring to the Ridgetop/Cross Plains district in Tennessee. He immediately joined the Springfield Lions Club, where he served in various offices, including one year

as president.

An important aspect of the Lions Service Clubs is supporting eye research and aiding the visually handicapped. According to Korzyniowski, the Springfield Club has made donations to the Lions Eye Clinic at Vanderbilt Hospital, and regularly assists Robertson County individuals with eye exams and glasses. Each



*Bob Korzyniowski*

year Sonny Wilmot, a representative of the denomination's Christian Record Services (CRS), visits the Springfield Club, inviting their support for the blind campers at Indian Creek Camp, and the annual tandem bike ride on Natchez Trace Parkway. The Springfield Club has supported CRS projects for several years, increasing the annual donation to \$3,000 for the last three years.

—BY HELEN KELLY

## Orangeburg Members Host Prison Ministries Federation

South Carolina Prison Ministries Federation was held on October 26, 2013, at Christ is the Answer Church in Orangeburg, S.C. Members from several cities in South Carolina were in attendance. The theme was “Breaking the Chains Behind Prison Walls.” The program was a celebration of guidance, wisdom, and success in South Carolina prison ministries.

The message for the day was bought by Steve Cox of Atlanta, Ga. He shared a powerful message about making room for spiritual gifts. Alvin Freeman, South Atlantic personal and prison ministries director, delighted the Federation by bringing greetings from the Conference and ministering with a song.

Nathel Moody, South Carolina prison ministries president, along with the



*Michael Miller, pastor of Christ is the Answer Church in Orangeburg, S.C., stands with honoree Dorothy Hanna.*



*Alvin Freeman (left), South Atlantic personal and prison ministries director, awarded Russell and Georgia Fields with commemorative plaques.*

prison ministries team, recognized five outstanding seniors who blazed the way and left a legacy for members to follow in prison ministries. Those recognized were Robert Scott, Russell Fields, Georgia Fields, Viola Hill, and Dorothy Hanna.

Former prisoner Larry Barkley gave his testimony of how someone from the Seventh-day Adventist church prison ministries team came into the prison and ministered to him. Upon his release from

prison, he joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church and started a ministry in his church. He quoted Luke 10:2, “The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few,” and charged the attendees to take action in their local prisons.

Those interested in working with prison ministries, please contact the local prison ministries leader in your church to get involved.

—BY JEANETTE GREEN AND  
ROSA MCELVEEN

## Decatur Church Celebrates 30th Anniversary

Thirty years and counting! In December 2013, members of Decatur, Ga., Church celebrated 30 years as a congregation. The celebration began with a candlelight communion service on Friday night, December 6. On Sabbath, December 7, Decatur members recognized the 119 charter members who answered the call in April 1983 from the South Atlantic Conference to start a Seventh-day Adventist church on the east side of Atlanta, Ga.

The seven visionary pastors who led the church during the 30-year period were also recognized. Under the leadership of Ralph B. Hairston, then president of South Atlantic Conference, Decatur Seventh-day Adventist Church was organized in December 1983, and Earl W. Moore was asked to serve as pastor of the new flock (1983-1990). Under his leadership and vision, Decatur grew tremendously and, in 1988, conducted an evangelistic crusade in the nearby Lithonia area in collaboration with the late Oliver J.



*Charter members Gregory and Roetta Harris (left) enjoy the Gala with current Decatur Church members Alvis and Connie Luckey.*

McKinney as evangelist. Decatur's goal was to start a new church in the neighboring area. As a result of the crusade, First Lithonia Seventh-day Adventist Church was established. Decatur continued to grow and expand under the leadership of Ernest Young (1990-1993), and Melvin Preston (1994-1997).

Under the leadership of Preston, Decatur members planned for and built an elementary school in the Stone Mountain, Ga., area. Decatur Adventist Ju-

nior Academy (DAJA) was built to meet the needs of the growing congregation, and to serve as a ministry to the surrounding communities. DAJA's doors opened in the fall of 1996 with grades K-8 and 66 students.

Decatur continued to grow and prosper under the leadership of William Winston (1998-1999), Godwin Mitchell (2000-2008), and C. Wesley Knight (2009-2012). Under the leadership of Winston, current president of South Atlantic Conference, Decatur gave birth to a new church. The new congregation was organized in 1999, and Mountain-side Seventh-day Adventist Church, Decatur, Ga., was established. Decatur members understand God's commission to be fruitful and multiply!

Notwithstanding losing members to charter two new churches, God has greatly blessed the small congregation for years through baptisms, membership transfers, marriages,

and births. Decatur currently has more than 700 members, and is experiencing growth spurts under the leadership of the current pastor, John S. Nixon II, D.Min. During the Sabbath celebration on December 7, charter members and the church's first pastor were especially recognized for setting the pace for the accomplishments during the



*Earl W. Moore (left), first pastor of Decatur, Ga., Church, stands with current pastor, John S. Nixon II, D.Min.*

past 30 years. The members completed the celebration on Sunday, December 8, with a "Black and Gold" Anniversary Gala at the Ritz Carlton in Atlanta.

—BY KAREN WOOTEN



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## First Church Dedicates Youth Center



*First Church Youth Center*

First Church in Huntsville, Ala., completed the final phase of renovations at its new location. Just five months after occupying their new 54,000-square-foot worship complex at 1303 Evangel Drive, the members celebrated the grand opening of the Youth Center on December 7, 2013. Located on the lower level, the Center is designed to provide a safe environment for socializing, and offers a creative learning atmosphere to grow the faith of young people.

The well-attended dedication service held during the ministerial meetings at Oakwood University featured key speakers, music, and talent. Dana Edmond, South Central Conference president, praised First Church for its vision and ministry to young people. Damon Hendrickson, pastor from the Midland Heights Church in Bermuda, gave a thought-provoking charge.

The fully renovated 5,500-square-foot hub is a state-of-the-art facility that contains male and female restrooms; the latest audio/visual and wireless Internet capabilities; an 80-seat chapel area with fireplace; a game area furnished with hockey, foosball, and a Ping-Pong table; a multi-functional retractable wall; and a kitchen with brand new appliances. According to Debleaire Snell, senior pastor, the center is a high-tech safe facility where young people in First Church and the community can come not only to receive spiritual nurture, but also to enjoy many positive recreational opportunities in a stylish, comfortable space they can be proud of. For youth ministries who wish to hold meetings in the Center, it also has a conference room that seats 20 people.

The Center, made possible through financial gifts from a host of partners and

friends, is for the ever-expanding group of young people between the ages of 13 and 19. Church member Stanley McCall, CEO and Founder of MEDS, provided funds to cover the cost for architectural design and renovations. Furnishings were provided by First Church Investment Department under the leadership of Marlow Frances.

According to Lamont Dupree, First Church youth ministries director, the Center allows the youth to use their free time constructively as they interact positively with their peers, and connect with caring adults who listen. The youth will also participate in fun group activities that teach positive decision-making skills, and acceptance of consequences for their actions. "First of all, it's not about the Center itself," said Dupree. "It's about the ministry that goes on between those walls. I see this space as an evangelistic tool for young

people in the community who may not be familiar with a formal church setting. It affords the opportunity to build stronger relationships with young people that may be on the fringes of spiritual things. It will also serve as a means to motivate active youth who seek a stronger connection with the church."

The Youth Center is for the exclusive use and service of young people, and will provide a way to creatively minister to them spiritually. First Church anticipates its youth will also use the space to plan, strategize, and take ownership of various activities of the church, using it as a training center to build skills for spiritual success and meaningful service.

—BY DAWNA BAKER

## Bethany Hosts Phone-Faith Ministry for the Blind

The community services team at Bethany Church in Montgomery, Ala., was happy to host the Phone-Faith Ministry for the Blind on Sunday, December 1, 2013. Jeffrey Watson, pastor, gave a warm welcome from Bethany. Nettie Henderson, South Central Conference disabilities coordinator, joined with Rose Claibon, Bethany community services director, in extending the usual Bethany hospitality. Serving as hostesses were Jeraldine Bowie, Everlene Hayes, and Bettye Ward. Deacons J.D. Chaffin and James Shipman were on hand to see that the fellowship hall was ready to host the event.

Dexter Thomas, D.Min., Barbara Manuel, and other ministry leaders



Jeffrey Watson (left), pastor; Barbara Manuel; Dexter Thomas, D.Min.; and Nettie Henderson

led out in the afternoon activities with songs, awards, gifts, and games. It was

offers the opportunity for fellowship and spiritual

very inspiring to see those who were blind and visually impaired rejoicing over the hope and joy that had come into their lives by being able to join with others on the telephone across the country to pray, praise, and witness God's goodness.

The prayer line was organized by Thomas, and is opened especially to all who are blind. Each day the line

growth. Once a year they meet together for a banquet and celebration. This year, upon learning that they were seeking a location in Montgomery for the event, Bethany volunteered to serve as host. There were 20 to 25 participants in the fellowship hall from the area. The banquet was well organized, from 10:30 a.m. until 4 p.m., and filled with chatting, laughing, and fun. It ended with prayer, and everyone went back home encouraged and glad to have met with their friends from the Phone-Faith Ministry for the Blind. Bethany's community services team was happy and blessed to host this event.

—BY ROSE M. CLAIBON

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## Springfield Visitors Tour Breath of Life Church

The Breath of Life Church in Jacksonville, Fla., was recently showcased in an annual tour of homes event that was held in Springfield, a suburb of Jacksonville. At the invitation of the Springfield Historic Improvement Association



& Archives, the Breath of Life Church opened its doors to the

community of Springfield.

“Participating in this event

provided us with an incredible opportunity to expose the members of Springfield to the Seventh-day Adventist faith,” said Mark Brown, pastor of Breath of Life Church.

More than 200 visitors toured the church during the two-night

area and surrounding neighborhoods, commented that this was the first time they had actually “seen” the church. In the 27-year history of the event, Breath of Life is the first church in Springfield to be a part of the historic tour.

Since its inception in the mid-1800s, the mission of the Springfield Historic Improvement Association & Archives is to preserve and to share the extensive and unparalleled development of Springfield, the oldest suburb of Jacksonville.

—BY BARBARA SMOOT

event. Many of the visitors, though part of the Springfield

## Student Organization Wins Soul to Christ

The Grace Fellowship Church, Valdosta, Ga., has celebrated another spiritual victory on the Valdosta State University (VSU) campus through the baptism of Lenisa Farmer, a sophomore engineering student.

Farmer was introduced to the Lord through a student organization called Unity Necessitates Individual Triumph (UNIT), which is sponsored by Grace Fellowship. Farmer participated in one of UNIT’s events — Prayer and a Snack, a 15-minute prayer service. Farmer first heard of this event through LaDarius Dennison, a student of VSU and a member of Grace Fellowship.

Prayer and a Snack essentially calls students together to pause for a moment of prayer during their busy schedules one afternoon every week. As a result of participating in Prayer and a Snack, she began attending Grace Fellowship.

During the Christmas break, Farmer returned to her home in Atlanta, Ga., and, on her own, was impressed to study the Amazing Facts study guides. This, in conjunction with what she gained from her attendance at church and the spiritual encouragement she gained by attending the UNIT’s weekly meetings, bolstered her decision to become a member of the Adventist Church.

“Lenisa’s experience demonstrates the power of



*Winston Taylor, pastor of Grace Fellowship Church in Valdosta, Ga., baptizes Lenisa Farmer on January 18, 2014, as a result of her participation in the Valdosta State University campus ministry — UNIT.*

friendship evangelism,” said Winston Taylor, pastor of Grace Fellowship.

On January 18, 2014, Lenisa Farmer became a baptized member of Grace Fellowship

Church. Her aunt traveled from Atlanta to witness her baptism, and has indicated her intention to take her stand for the Lord as her niece has done. Farmer also invited two of her friends, VSU students who, despite being self-proclaimed Baptists, shared that they had enjoyed the worship experience and would be

returning to worship at Grace Fellowship. Farmer continues to be a faithful attendee of Prayer and a Snack.

—BY KAMALA GLENN-TAYLOR

## Tabernacle Members Hold Transforming Revival

“We Still Have Hope!” was the theme of a life-transforming revival that was recently conducted at Tabernacle Church in Miami, Fla. Sherwin Jack, pastor of the Maranatha Church in Atlanta, Ga., was the featured speaker and conduit God used to bring His Word of hope.

To prepare the way for the revival, members of Tabernacle hit the streets of the surrounding communities, and partici-



*Baptismal candidates prepare to be baptized.*

pated in events that paved the way for the revival.

From the very first night of the revival, it was evident that there was going to be an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The first sermon was based

upon Jesus’ encounter with the woman with the issue of blood and Jairus.

The crowd increased nightly as similar powerful messages were presented, and the overall atmosphere focused more on

Jesus. Members of Tabernacle and guests were encouraged by the sermons.

“God was performing spiritual CPR in the lives of those attending. His Word was the divine defibrillator used to resuscitate and quicken the lives of His people through the Holy Spirit,” said one church member.

As the revival drew to a close, it was bittersweet because people were left wanting more.

“It was gratifying to see 15 individuals give their lives to Christ,” said Olinto Groce, pastor of Tabernacle.

—BY MAXWOOD ANNULUS

## Mt. Olive Celebrates Black History Month at Orange County Event

In celebration of Black History Month, the members of Mt. Olive Worship and Education Center in Apopka, Fla., set new strides in central Florida by performing at the Orange County Regional History Center, and organizing a Black History Celebration divine worship program where members of the community were invited.

On Thursday, February 20, 2014, the Orange County Regional History Center in Orlando, Fla., hosted a night of music and praise at its first ever Black History Praise Day celebration event. The Mt. Olive Praise Team, captivated audiences with three musical selections: “Ain’t Got Time To Die,” “Every Time I Feel The Spirit,” and a solo performance of “Were You There When They Crucified My Lord,” by praise team member,



*Mt. Olive Praise Team prepares to sing three Negro spirituals at the Black History Praise Day hosted by Orange County Regional History Center in Orlando, Fla.*

Caron Drake.

Guest speakers Nelson W. Pinder, Carl Maultsby, and Deana Kalakay rounded out the evening’s program with inspiring words of wisdom. “I had an incredible cultural learning experience that pushed my awareness of gospel music and com-

munity to new heights,” said Kalakay, principle of LeadUp Coaching and Consulting.

On Sabbath, February 22, 2014, the community celebration of Black History continued as Mt. Olive presented a special divine worship program that featured a presentation of

Negro spirituals by Mt. Olive Mass Choir; a reenactment of Sojourner Truth’s speech, “Ain’t I a Woman,” by Jennifer Tomlinson; and a special solo performance by Joshua Porter of the First Baptist Church of Orlando. Tony A. Taylor, pastor of North Orlando Church, was the guest speaker. He gave a dynamic sermon on the residual lingering influences of slavery, and how African-Americans can move past the negative influences of their past.

The members accomplished their goal of community outreach and Black History education. Carl E. Ware, pastor of Mt. Olive, hopes that next year the members can be just as influential in spreading God’s Word.

—BY JENNIFER TOMLINSON

## Jean Manuel Reaves 1930 - 2013

Jean Manuel Reaves opened her eyes on this world August 4, 1930, in Tulsa, Okla., to Bruce and Lucille Manuel. She closed her eyes on this world December 17, 2013, in Altamonte Springs, Fla., awaiting the call of the Life Giver.

Embracing the Third Angel's Message in her teenage years, she remained a faithful, life-long member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and at her passing had been a member of the Patmos Chapel Church



in Winter Park, Fla., for 13 years.

Reaves was born with a tenacious, determined spirit. While attending Oakwood College (now

Oakwood University) she met her life-time love, Benjamin Reaves. After marriage, while raising three children, she attended classes at Malcolm X College and Chicago State University. Continuing her educational pursuits, she graduated with a B.A. from Andrews University, and an M.A. from Alabama A&M. These achievements were followed by doctoral studies at Ohio State University. With this rigorous preparation, she taught for many years in Adventist schools, including Chicago, Ill., and Huntsville, Ala., and then at Oakwood for 21 years. There her passion to make a difference in the lives of her students continually

challenged them to press for excellence.

She was a talented musician, gifted artist, and accomplished seamstress. She will forever be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, friend, and colleague. She is survived by her devoted husband of 58 years, Dr. Benjamin Reaves Sr., of Apopka, Fla.; one son, Benjamin Reaves Jr., of Huntsville; two daughters, Terrilyn (Thaddeus) Jackson, of Orlando, Fla., and Pamela Reaves, of Orlando; three grandchildren; a host of family; and friends. She was preceded in death by her infant sister, Patricia, and her brother, Bruce Manuel.

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## Professors Contribute Articles for The Ellen G. White Encyclopedia

The Ellen G. White Encyclopedia, a 1,500-page reference book released recently by Review and Herald Publishing, thoroughly documents the people and events in the life of this most famous Seventh-day Adventist figure. The collection has entries by authorities in several disciplines, including chapters researched and written by scholars from Southern Adventist University.

According to Jud Lake, article contributor for the book and professor of Adventist studies at Southern, the publication of two separate encyclopedias related to C.S. Lewis was a primary catalyst for the project. In the book's preface, editors elaborate further on its origins and intentions:

"Despite thousands of pages published by and about her [Ellen White], there was no comprehensive source to which a new reader could turn for easy access to specific information. The purpose of this book is to provide an easy-to-use standard reference that is readily comprehensible to a person without previous knowledge of the subject, yet informa-

tive enough to be useful to a specialist."

Southern's contributions toward the encyclopedia's publishing are significant. The book contains 26 articles by eight different current or former Southern professors; and Michael Campbell, a 2001 theology

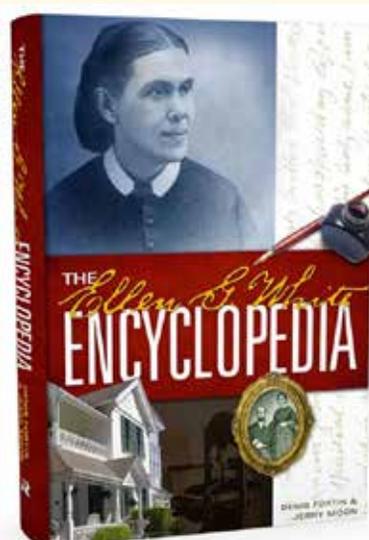
major, was the assistant editor. School of Religion faculty members Stephen Bauer, Norman Gulley,

Michael Hasel, Jud Lake, and Edwin Reynolds were joined by retired religion professor Jack Blanco in writing for the collection. Ben McArthur and Dennis Pettibone, faculty members of the History and Political Studies Department, also had articles included in the work.

"The Ellen G. White Encyclopedia rises above the partisan views you sometimes see within Adventism," Lake said. "In places where there is debate over the interpretation of her writings, articles highlight the nature of the debate so that the reader can make an informed decision."

The Ellen G. White Encyclopedia can be purchased at [www.Adventist-BookCenter.com](http://www.Adventist-BookCenter.com).

—BY ASHLEY RICH



## Students Participate in Energy Conservation Competition

A new campaign created by Southern Adventist University's environmental sustainability committee will help students learn how to conserve energy. "Southern Unplugged" is a competition between the men's and women's residence halls to see which group reduces electricity usage most effectively between February 1 and Earth Day, April 22.

During the 2012-2013 fiscal year, Southern spent more than two million dollars on electricity alone, with the residence halls ac-

counting for roughly half of that figure. The sustainability committee wanted to do a conservation competition for the past two years, but needed to install individual meters on each building to measure the energy used. Now that this has been completed, the contest has begun.

Dave Allemand, associate director of Plant Services, said students are saving energy by turning off lights and heaters when not needed, and by unplugging anything that isn't being

used, such as chargers for cellphones, computers, and other digital devices.

"Everyone doing a little can affect the campus in a huge way," Allemand said.

Part of the campaign includes short videos shown during convocations that raise awareness of the campaign and remind students to save energy. But, the message being shared is not limited just to students living on campus, or even students in general.

"We also hope to reach faculty and staff," said

Crystal Stitzer, chair of the environmental sustainability committee.

In fact, the competition is well positioned to go campus-wide as it is squarely in line with the green initiative goals of Southern's Vision 20/20 Strategic Plan that advocates for improved sustainability and increased awareness of God's abundant natural resources.

For more information, visit [facebook.com/southernunplugged](http://facebook.com/southernunplugged).

—BY DEBBIE HALL

## Impacto 2014. La Idea

La iglesia adventista del siglo XXI necesita reflexionar sobre la realidad de que vivimos en un mundo en el que más de la mitad de la población reside en zonas urbanas.

Aproximadamente 200,000 personas a nivel mundial abandonan diariamente las zonas rurales para establecerse en grandes ciudades. Esto implica que anualmente, 70 millones se mudan buscando mejor vida en grandes centros urbanos.

Por muchos años la iglesia ha tratado de definir la misión que debe desarrollarse en las grandes ciudades. A pesar de que estas zonas de alta concentración de población han sido consideradas como campo misionero, en muchos casos la iglesia no ha dado la debida importancia al llamado de Dios a impactar estas comunidades de millones de personas. Jesús estaba donde estaba la gente. La Palabra nos dice que: “Jesús recorría todas las ciudades y aldeas, enseñando en las sinagogas, y predicando el evangelio del reino, y sanando toda enfermedad y toda dolencia en el pueblo. Y al ver las multitudes, tuvo compasión de ellas; porque

estaban desamparadas y dispersas como ovejas que no tienen pastor” (Mat. 9:35, 36).

La estrategia de Jesús era sencilla. Elena de White la describe de la siguiente forma: “El Salvador trataba con los hombres como quien deseaba hacerles bien. Les mostraba simpatía, atendía a sus necesidades y se ganaba su confianza. Entonces les decía: Seguidme” (MC 102.3). Estas palabras definen la manera en la que la iglesia puede impactar a la gente en cualquier lugar. El Espíritu Santo repetidamente reveló a Elena de White la apremiante necesidad de desarrollar planes visionarios para alcanzar las grandes multitudes que viven en las ciudades. Ella expresó: “Hay que llevar a

confió al pueblo adventista.

Más de un 80% de la población de la Florida vive en grandes ciudades. Con esto en mente, los pastores del sur de este estado pertenecientes a las dos asociaciones que componen este territorio,

se unieron para llevar a cabo un proyecto de gran envergadura. El objetivo fue impactar Miami. Del 1 al 8 de febrero, esta ciudad fue sede de un evento que tuvo como propósito glorificar el nombre del Señor y presentar su glorioso plan de salvación en una forma integral, abarcando la salud del cuerpo y del alma, en los condados Dade y Broward. El Centro de Convenciones del Aeropuerto Internacional de Miami sirvió de escenario



del comienzo de esta semana.

El sábado primero de febrero a las 9:00 a.m., comenzó el servicio musical de alabanza que culminó con el mensaje del evangelista internacional Alejandro Bullón. Luego de un receso, las reuniones se reanudaron a las 3:00 p.m., con seminarios sobre temas variados que respondieron a preguntas concernientes a temas como la familia, juventud, salud y finanzas, entre otros. Seguidamente se presentó un concierto a cargo de Steve Green,

conocido cantante cristiano, y se cerró la programación con el mensaje final de Alejandro Bullón.

El domingo 2 de febrero, se llevó a cabo la Feria de la Salud Expo Miami 2014, auspiciada por la asociación de la Florida y el departamento Creation Health (Creación y Salud) del Florida Hospital. La actividad tuvo lugar entre las 10:00 de la mañana y las 4:00 de la tarde. Más de 80 entidades de Miami y del estado de la Florida colaboraron con este emprendimiento. Entre

ellas, Baptist Hospital South Florida, Hialeah Hospital, Palmetto Hospital, Heart Institute, etc. Se ofrecieron más de 1,000 exámenes de salud, a cargo de instituciones sanitarias del Sur de la Florida. El número de personas que asistieron al evento durante los días sábado y domingo sobrepasó los 10,000.

Durante la semana, más de 30 predicadores de todo el país vinieron a Miami para presentar mensajes de fe y confianza en Dios para este tiempo especial. Todas las noches, comenzando

el domingo, estos evangelistas predicaron en casi treinta lugares en los condados Dade y Broward, levantando a Jesucristo y confirmando nuestra fe en Él. El Señor bendijo el esfuerzo, y se ha podido ver los resultados inmediatos. El departamento hispano de la asociación está expectante, sabiendo que seguirán surgiendo nuevos intereses y oportunidades en esta comunidad.

—ALLAN MACHADO, DIRECTOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO

## Georgia-Cumberland Noticias

### Evangelismo de Otoño

Durante los meses de octubre y diciembre, el distrito hispano de Marietta se embarcó en un proyecto de evangelismo público para cosechar los resultados del trabajo misionero de los miembros en su vida de testificación. Las congregaciones del distrito predicaron la Palabra a un buen número de visitas. Como resultado de este trabajo conjunto de líderes, miembros y predicadores laicos, el nombre de Dios fue glorificado con 8 preciosas almas entregadas a Cristo por medio del santo



bautismo. Estos nuevos integrantes de la familia de Dios, ya iniciaron su vida de discipulado.

¡Gloria a Dios!

El evangelismo y la testificación nunca serán un fracaso; “Echa tu pan sobre las aguas; porque después de muchos días lo hallaras” (Eclesiastés 11:1)

—RICHARD URDANETA,  
PASTOR DEL DISTRITO

## Evangelismo Integrado

Evangelismo Integrado es la denominación del enfoque de trabajo para el 2014 en la asociación de los estados del Golfo. Luego de meses de planificación y trabajo, el equipo de pastores llevó a cabo un evento de capacitación para los comprometidos líderes de las congregaciones de Mississippi, Alabama y parte de la Florida. El mismo tuvo lugar en la iglesia de Montgomery, AL, el 25 de enero.

Los más de 350 participantes llegaron con el entusiasmo que caracteriza a los líderes de Dios, felices de tener la oportunidad de adorar, escuchar el mensaje, y ser capacitados para cumplir con la gran comisión. Las



sesiones incluyeron: historia de la iglesia, administración, grupos pequeños, evangelismo, y testificación. Por la tarde, los líderes de los diferentes departamentos recibieron seminarios orientados a sus respectivas posiciones en la iglesia. Los mismos fueron presentados por los pastores locales, sus esposas, y departamentales de la asociación. El templo estaba lleno. Se agregaron sillas en los pasillos a medida que más personas

llegaban para participar de esta fiesta espiritual. Los mensajes tuvieron un profundo impacto entre los asistentes.

Cabe destacar la hospitalidad de la iglesia de Montgomery, que brindó una excelente recepción a los pastores y líderes presentes.

“Nuestra meta es servir al Señor juntos, y con urgencia y compromiso cumplir la maravillosa responsabilidad de reflejar

al Salvador en todo lo que hacemos. Que Dios nos acompañe en esta hermosa jornada de Evangelismo Integrado 2014 en el que unidos, niños, jóvenes y adultos, toquemos vidas para Jesús y apresuremos su venida.”

—NILTON GARCÍA, DIRECTOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO

## Kentucky Tennessee Noticias

### Una Familia en Cristo

Dos matrimonios jóvenes entregaron sus vidas al Señor en el programa de cierre de la Semana de Vida Familiar que tuvo lugar entre el 14 y el 22 de febrero. En esta oportunidad también se llevó a cabo una ceremonia de dedicación de niños. El orador invitado fue el

Pastor Juan Suárez. Sus exposiciones fueron de gran bendición para todo el distrito de la ciudad de Louisville, KY.

—SERGIO MONTERROSO,  
PASTOR DEL DISTRITO



## Wilson Inaugura Templo

El pastor Ralph Peay, representante del presidente de la asociación, junto a Efraín Poloche, director del departamento hispano, condujo la ceremonia de inauguración del templo de la iglesia hispana de Wilson.

En el evento se hizo un recuento de la historia de la congregación desde sus inicios. Se proyectó un video y fotografías de los lugares de reunión previos a la compra de este edificio. Durante estos

momentos se pudo ver claramente la mano de Dios en el proceso de crecimiento de Wilson.

La iglesia, liderada por el pastor Ismael Uribe, adquirió el edificio y realizó una excelente obra de remodelación que lo convirtió en uno de los templos más hermosos y equipados de la zona.



Pastores Uribe, Poloche y Peay junto a los ancianos de la iglesia.

La asociación colaboró con un subsidio de 30,000\$ que fueron entregados

al tesorero de la iglesia, Dr. Abraham Chaparro.

A Dios sea la gloria por este lugar, que pronto estará lleno de almas que la hermandad de Wilson invitará a prepararse para la segunda venida de Cristo.

—LADY URIBE,  
SECRETARIA DEL  
DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO

## Reconocimiento a un Servicio Dedicado

El Pastor Charles Vento, quien fundara la obra hispana de la asociación del Sureste de la Florida, fue reconocido por los líderes de la División Norteamericana por sus años de servicio y dedicación, durante el Festival del Centinela.



Jorge Mayer, Charles Vento y esposa, junto a líderes de la División Norteamericana

—ROGER ÁLVAREZ, DIRECTOR  
DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO

## Doble Celebración en Frostproof

Los miembros de Frostproof, FL, celebraron gozosos la culminación del trabajo de remodelación en su edificio con la visita del pastor Alejandro Bullón, y el bautismo de 5 almas que forman ahora parte de quienes esperan y trabajan para apresurar la segunda

venida de Cristo. Un buen número de personas pasó al frente luego de la ceremonia bautismal, expresando su deseo de bautizarse pronto.

—HÉCTOR GARCÍA, PASTOR LOCAL



Vista parcial de la asistencia



Llamado.

## Impacto 2014. Los Resultados

Sin lugar a dudas “esta es la hora adventista de la historia. Somos el pueblo del destino”. El primer fin de semana de febrero demostró una vez más que hay razones contundentes para creer estas aseveraciones, ya que marcó un hito histórico en la experiencia social y religiosa del sur de la Florida. Por primera vez en años, las asociaciones de la Florida y del Sureste, hermanas en una misma unión, unieron sus esfuerzos para decirle a los residentes de Miami “aquí estamos para servirles, y comunicarles las buenas nuevas de salvación”. El objetivo se llevó a cabo en el evento denominado



Vice Cónsul de Israel con grupo de líderes

Impacto 2014. Se volcaron en el mismo todos los recursos e ideas para impactar la ciudad de Miami. El Espíritu Santo trabajó en las miles de personas que se llegaron al lugar, y alrededor de 2000 dieron sus nombres para que se los visite y se les muestre el camino de salvación.

Más de 100 instituciones de la salud del sur de la Florida, incluyendo algunos de los hospitales más conocidos de Miami, colaboraron de alguna



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manera en el evento. Se contó con la presencia de celebridades y líderes comunitarios, entre ellos Carlos Hernández, alcalde de la ciudad de Hialeah, Revital Malca, Vice Cónsul General del Estado de Israel, los cuales quedaron sumamente impresionados con la organización, el profesionalismo, y sobre todo el servicio de amor planeado y ejecutado por la Iglesia Adventista. “Alabo el nombre de Dios por habernos ayudado a dar el salto de fe, y por el premio

de ver tantas almas interesadas en el mensaje de salvación. Deseo expresar mi gratitud a los líderes de nuestras respectivas asociaciones, y a los pastores y miembros

que apoyaron y colaboraron en este divino emprendimiento. Una vez más Dios mostró lo que el Espíritu Santo es capaz de hacer cuando nos unimos como un solo pueblo, con una misma voz, con un mismo propósito. Con toda seguridad mi voz se levanta para proclamar: Esta es la hora Adventista de la historia, somos el pueblo del destino.”

—ROGER ÁLVAREZ, DIRECTOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO

## Grupo La Misión Organizado Como Compañía

El grupo La Misión ubicado en Kissimmee, FL, fue organizado como compañía el sábado 8 de febrero. La ceremonia fue emotiva, y se vio el compromiso de la hermandad de hacer que esta congregación crezca y pronto pueda convertirse en iglesia.

— ABEL MORROBEL,  
PASTOR LOCAL



## Belleza Verdadera

El 20 de enero, cerca de mil estudiantes, docentes y empleados, viajaron fuera del campus universitario para trabajar con organizaciones locales sin fines de lucro en el día de servicio comunitario de la universidad, que se ha llevado a cabo anualmente. En esta ocasión, el evento fue organizado por la Asociación de Estudiantes (SA) y el Programa de Servicio Cristiano de Southern.

Líderes estudiantiles escogieron “Belleza Verdadera” como tema del día. Simon Ionashku, estudiante de matemáticas de último año y director de servicio comunitario de SA, fue inspirado por la campaña de Dove titulada “Belleza Real” y decidió usar un concepto similar para reunir voluntarios. “Belleza Verdadera” no se enfocó en la apariencia externa sino en la interior que se construye sobre verdades bíblicas demostradas a través de la compasión y el servicio,” dijo Simon, e ilustró este concepto para motivar voluntarios con las palabras de 1 Samuel 16: 7:

“Pero el Señor le dijo a Samuel, ‘No juzgues por su apariencia o por su estatura, porque yo lo he rechazado. El Señor no ve las cosas de la manera en que tú las ves. La gente



*Estudiante de gestión financiera Josef Myers trabaja como voluntario en la biblioteca de Central High School's en Harrison, Tennessee como parte del Día de Servicio Comunitario.*

juzga por las apariencias, pero el Señor mira el corazón” (NTV).

Todos los estudiantes de Southern participan en servicios comunitarios y proyectos de aprendizaje de servicio como un requisito para la graduación, pero los organizadores oran para que los estudiantes reconozcan beneficios más profundos y eternos que el mero hecho de cumplir con un requisito académico. “Espero que vean el voluntariado no como una obligación, sino como el honor más alto,” dijo Simon.

Se llevaron a cabo campañas intensivas de reclutamiento de estudiantes voluntarios que incluían un video que

se mostraba durante las convocatorias. No obstante, no todos los estudiantes necesitan de incentivos mediáticos. Brooke Firestone, estudiante de enfermería del último año, ha participado en cada uno de estos eventos durante su paso por Southern, y testifica acerca de la alegría que trae el ayudar a otros. Este año colaboró en el zoológico de Chattanooga junto a muchos estudiantes. “No hay mejor recompensa que la satisfacción de haber trabajado duro sirviendo a la comunidad” dijo. Garrett Skipper, pedagogo del zoológico, se mostró altamente agradecido por la ayuda, y expresó: “Gracias al gran número de estudiantes que vinieron a ayudar, se pudo en pocas

horas hacer un trabajo que usualmente nos toma muchas semanas.”

El Programa de Servicio Cristiano empezó en el año 2010 y es apoyado por las contribuciones de los ex alumnos Greg Vital y Russell Friberg, que generan \$1,000,000 al año. Vital y Friberg invitan a otros a unirse en esta colaboración financiera, y de esta manera aseguran los recursos necesarios para que el programa tenga los fondos suficientes cada año. Para más información llame al 1.800.SOUTHERN o visite [www.southern.edu/give](http://www.southern.edu/give).

—LUCAS PATERSON, EDITOR,  
SOUTHERN ADVENTIST  
UNIVERSITY

# Obituaries

**CHENEY, Owen**, 79, born July 21, 1934 in Silverwood, MI, died Nov. 18, 2013 in Grove Creek Springs, FL. He was a member of the Interlachen, FL, Church. He served the Church as a lay pastor for the past four and a half years. He was a man who was loved and admired by his members for his people-skills and for his desire to see his Savior's return. He is survived by his son, Blake; daughters, Diantha and Susan; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

**COLVIN, Gerald Franklin**, 74, born June 9, 1939 near Jefferson, TX, died Oct. 2, 2013 in Tennessee. He completed grades 1-7 in the Olla-Standard Elementary School and grade 8 at LaSalle Parish High School, where his classmates chose him class favorite and president. After his baptism into the Seventh-day Adventist Church following tent meetings, he completed four years of secondary studies at Ozark Academy, where he graduated valedictorian and class president. He then received a scholarship to Southwestern Junior College, where he graduated student body president and valedictorian. Later at Union College, he was voted senior class president and awarded High Distinction with triple majors in English, history, and religion. Gerald's initial teaching posts were at Ozark Academy (1961-1966), Union College (1967-1970), La Sierra College (1970-1972), and Southern Adventist University, commencing in 1972 as chair of behavioral sciences. He later served as dean of graduate studies and research at Walla Walla College, as well as assistant dean of graduate education at Ashland University, vice-president for academic affairs at Southwestern Adventist University, and as director of counseling services at several two-year institutions. He also completed doctorates at the University of Arkansas in administration and the University of Georgia in psychology as a Regent's Scholar. A career high was his stint as superintendent of the Etowah K-8 Public School District. From an early age, he showed an interest in writing, starting with a VFW contest for fourth graders on "Why I'm glad to be an American." The principal tempered his thrill at winning by reminding everyone his was the only entry. Nevertheless, he continued as the 4H-Club reporter, later devoting a semester paper on Longfellow's Evangeline. After considering a copy-editing post at the Pacific Press, he thought it more exciting to stick with teaching. However, he continued perfecting his craft by serving as faculty sponsor of the school paper, contributing editor to the Journal of Adventist Education, and as a member of the editorial board for American Secondary Education. His poem books include Days of Lilacs and Now Will I Sing, as well as a 34-chapter unpublished religious manuscript hiding somewhere inside his Toshiba computer. Finally, during select moments of exalted bliss, whether painting or writing poetry or digesting literary masterpieces or blending gospel chords on an antiquated tube-type Hammond organ with rotating Leslie speakers, he claimed to have sensed the transcendent rush of angel wings. He is survived by his wife, Vivian; children, Guy and Gaye; step-children, Pamela Parker, Gary Howe, Don Howe, and Ross Howe; and grandchildren, Jason Parker, Amanda Bartlett, Nicolas Howe, Victoria Howe, Jacqueline Howe,

Miranda Howe, Garrett Howe, and Paul Howe. The funeral service was held on Oct. 12, 2013, at Collegedale Church in Collegedale, TN.

**COPSEY, Donald**, 85, born June 24, 1928 in Omaha, NE, died Nov. 25, 2013 in North Conway, NH. He was a member of Avon Park, FL, Church. He served 40 years in denominational work as a minister in South Dakota, Washington, Michigan, and Brazil. He is survived by his wife, Lenora; sons, Terry of Conway, NH, and Tim of Sequim, WA; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. The memorial service was held at Avon Park Church.

**HANN, Naomi K.**, 90, born Nov. 26, 1923 in Frederick, MD, died Jan. 4, 2014 in Apopka, FL. She was a member of the Forest Lake Church, Apopka, FL. She is survived by her son, Gary of Tacoma, WA; daughter, Julie Poole, Apopka; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. The memorial service was conducted by Pastor Ron Torkelsen at the Markham Woods Church, Longwood, FL.

**HANSON, Lois LaVonne Anderson**, 96, born Feb. 24, 1917 in Shelby County, IA, died Dec. 20, 2013 in LaFollette, TN. She spent her childhood on a farm outside Elk Horn, IA, except for brief times in Hutchinson, MN, and Nevada, IA, where her father served as farm manager. After graduating from Elk Horn High School, she attended Union College in Lincoln, NE. She was a member of the LaFollette Church. Her life centered on God, family, and the farming community where she lived. She married her childhood sweetheart Harrison Hanson on July 26, 1941, and they settled on a farm near Exira, IA, living there until they retired in 1973 when they moved to Kimballton, a small town nearby. She delighted in her role as farm wife and mother of three. She had a lifelong love of music, and playing the piano and organ in her local church. Her other love was china painting, teaching classes, and becoming a member of International Porcelain Artists and Teachers. Her work was displayed in their museum in Grapevine, TX. She was also featured in an article written by her appreciative students in the May 1985 issue of The China Decorator magazine. Her husband Harrison preceded her in death in 2006. She is survived by her three children: Judith Tate of LaFollette; Janice Anderson of Oak Harbor, WA; and Gaylord Hanson of Toddville, IA; five grandchildren: Christina Magboo of Rossville, GA; Jonathan Tate of Atlanta, GA; Katherine Anderson of Seattle, WA; Gaylen Hanson and Jody Hanson of Toddville, IA; and two great-grandchildren: Kathryn and Christian Magboo of Rossville, GA.

**HARRISON, Christopher Michael**, 40, born Nov. 29, 1972 in Webb, MS, died Nov. 2, 2013. He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church on Robinson Road in Jackson, MS. He later joined New Heights SDA Church and requested to be re-baptized, by Pastor Richard Bell and Pastor Oscar Lane. He participated in the Pathfinders Club and basketball team at New Heights. As a licensed barber, he began his career cutting hair of all the pre-teen boys in Webb at a very young age. He later saw the need to advance his education and chose to attend Moore Career College for barber/cosmetology, and graduated with high honors. At the age of four, his desire was to follow in his father's footsteps, and pursue his goal and talent in art. On September 24,

2011, he received an Associate of Applied Science degree in Graphic Design from Antonelli College. In his part-time business Fantastic Graphics, he designed many client's business cards, brochures, and flyers. For more than 15 years, he cut hair at Head Turner Barber Shop, where he developed not only a large number of clients, but a large number of friends. He later moved next door to VIP Barber Shop, where he cut hair until his death. He is survived by his mother, Deborah H. Gant of Terry, MS, two sisters: Tasha L. Gant of Waycross, GA, and Macoia H. (Todd) Young of Texas, one niece; one nephew; three uncles: Willie (Mariah) Fletcher of Wichita, KS, Roosevelt (Emma) Harrison of Warner Robbins, GA, and T. L. (Bertha) Webster of Alabama; three aunts: Joysan H. (Lewis) Coleman and Essie R. Willis both of Memphis, TN, and Mary M. Logan of Webb; five cousins who were like sisters: Barbara Harrison, Maxine Jakes, Rosie Miller, Kesi Harrison all of Webb, MS, and Lawenzie Harrison of Memphis, TN, a host of other cousins; many other relatives; co-workers; and friends.

**HOWELL, Doris Sproule Shoemaker**, 90, born June 10, 1923, in Knox County, TN, died Dec. 31, 2013, at a nursing care facility. She was the daughter of George D. and Hallie R. Sproule. She graduated from McMinn High and attended Tennessee Wesleyan College in Athens. During World War II years, she taught grades one through eight in Citico, TN. Upon returning to Athens, she was employed as cafeteria manager at City Park School followed by employment with the McMinn County Welfare Department. After moving to Collegedale in 1959, she worked for McKee Bakery as production manager, and later in accounts payable until her retirement. For more than 40 years, she was an active member of Collegedale Church. She was preceded in death by her parents; second husband, Walter Howell; first husband, J. Lincoln Shoemaker; sister, Evelyn Self; and brothers, George D. Sproule Jr. and William (Bud) Sproule. She is survived by one son, Ron (Carol) Shoemaker of Ringgold, GA; grandsons: Bryan Shoemaker of Ooltewah, TN, Matthew (Tammie) Shoemaker of Ringgold, GA, and Paul Shoemaker of Atlanta, GA; great-grandson, Hunter Shoemaker; great-granddaughter, Emma Kate Shoemaker; nieces; and nephews. The funeral service was held Jan. 2, 2014, in the Valley View Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home, Crematory and Florist. Interment followed in Collegedale Memorial Park.

**LESCAY, Monica**, 79, born May 4, 1934 in Dominican Republic, died Dec. 2, 2013 in Muskegon, MI. She was a member of the Avon Park, FL, Church. She began denominational work as a secretary in the Dominican Conference for two years. Her work then included two years at Antillian College in Cuba as the girls' dean, two years at Dominican College as a teacher, one year in East Puerto Rico Conference as a teacher, one year in Honduras as a teacher, and then worked at Florida Hospital when it was called Walker Memorial in Avon Park, for 15 years. She is survived by one son, Herman; and two grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Abner Gomez at Avon Park Spanish Church. Interment was at the Bongainvilla Cemetery in Avon Park.

**KING, Minna Louise Linderman Strickland**, 88, born June 25, 1925 in Birmingham, AL, died

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Oct. 8, 2013 in Springfield, TN. She received her nursing degree in Fletcher, NC, and later received her certification as a registered nurse anesthetist from what is now the Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia. She worked many years at the former Jesse Holman Jones Hospital in Springfield, TN, and later at Ardmore Memorial Hospital in Ardmore, OK. She returned to Ridgeway, TN, in 1973. She was a longstanding member of Ridgeway Church, and served in various church offices. She loved 3ABN, and cherished the day she was able to visit their facility. She was well known for her beautiful spirit and willingness to always help others. She is survived by two sons: Robert (Teresa) and Richard Strickland; one daughter, Rolinda Rosvall; one sister, Joyce Knight; seven grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren. A celebration of her life was held at Ridgeway Church with family and friends participating. Burial was in Ardmore, OK.

**MARTINEZ-JIMENEZ, Arlene Enid**, 47, born Jan. 21, 1966 in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, died Nov. 5, 2013 in Orlando, FL. She was a member of the Forest Lake Church, Apopka, FL. She was employed at Florida Hospital Orlando, FL. She is survived by her sons, John-Henry Alexander Martinez of Orlando, and Gian Marco Martinez of Orlando; daughter, Natalia Enid Pena, Orlando. The service was conducted by Pastors Jorge Figueroa and Rolando de los Rios at Forest City Spanish Church, Altamonte Springs, FL. Interment was in Highland Gardens in Apopka.

**MEYER, Aloysius Louis "A.L.", Jr.**, 94, of McDonald, TN, died Oct. 18, 2013. He was the son of the late A.L. Meyer Sr. and Nettie Mae Philpott Meyer. He was a member of the McDonald Road Church and a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during W.W.II. in India. He graduated from the Arthur R. Moore School of Engineering, receiving a certificate for auto mechanics and also served as a Christian book sales representative. Survivors include his devoted and loving wife of 68 years, Mertice Alma Mitchell Meyer; children, Anita Moore, Mertice Marie Spencer, David Louis Meyer, Ronald Wayne Meyer, Dale Kent Meyer, Randall Cary Meyer, and Mearle Edwin Meyer; 11 grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; nieces; and nephews. A graveside service was held Oct. 21, 2013, at Collegedale Memorial Park.

**MORFORD, Alvin M.**, 82, of Collegedale, TN, died Oct. 26, 2013. He graduated from Valley City High School in Valley City, ND. He served four years in the U.S. Navy, spending time in Korea. Upon his return, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science from Union College, Lincoln, NE. Later, he earned a master's from Notre Dame University. He used his education to teach science and math from 1960-1996 at Plainview Academy, Oak Park Academy, Madison Academy, and the last 19 years at Collegedale Academy. His students remember him as patient and kind, a devoted Christian with a twinkle in his eye, a big smile, and—almost always—a bowtie. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and one sister. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Mary Jane Morford; daughters, Lori Harr of Conroe, TX, and Vonda (Dan) Kittle of Mount Vernon, OH; and son, Randy (Julie) Harr of Collegedale, TN; grandchildren, Whitney Kittle, and Camille and Danielle Harr; sisters, Dorothy Morford of Sturgis, SD, and Kay (Les) Hanson of Waterloo, IL; and brother, Don Morford of Rapid City, SD. His burial

service was held at the National Cemetery on Nov. 8, 2013. A memorial service was held Nov. 9, 2013, at Collegedale Church.

**OWENS, Bobby Gene**, 80, born Aug. 21, 1933 in Alabama, died Sept. 7, 2013 in Ooltewah, TN. He was a resident of Alabama until 1971. He was a devout Seventh-day Adventist, and served as deacon at Ooltewah Church for many years. He was employed with Bishop Baking Company in Cleveland, TN, for more than 40 years. His sales position required him to travel approximately 8,000 miles per month, covering many states. He was a loyal and dedicated employee. He retired in 2001, and then to his great enjoyment, he took an after-retirement job with Rave Theater, and made many new friends. Declining health prevented him from continual work, but he made many great memories during his eight years with Rave. His life was richly blessed by the love and devotion shown to him by his wonderful children, their spouses, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Christina Brooke Farrow Stone. He is survived by his devoted wife of 60 years, Sue Veazey Owens; daughter, Bobbie Sue Owens (Chris) Farrow; son, Randy Martin (Sue) Owens; grandsons, Brandon (Katherine) Farrow and Cole Owens; and great-grandchildren: Caden and Ali Farrow. The funeral service was held Sept. 11, in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Mike Pettengill officiating. A sunset burial was held in Collegedale Memorial Park Cemetery. Pallbearers were Gene Veazey, John Veazey, Doug Veazey, Brandon Farrow, Chris Farrow, and Larry Owens.

**PORTER, Beatrice Marie**, 80, born March 18, 1933 in Jamestown, WV, died Oct. 28, 2013 in Gallatin, TN. She was a member of Madison Campus Church, Madison, TN. At 26, she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, and she struggled with poor health the rest of her life. In spite of her disability, her courage was always strong, never letting it interfere with her faith in God and her church. She was the devoted wife of Charles, whom she married when she was 18 years old. Her love didn't stop with Charles; she showered a lot of love on her two children, Virginia (Medanich) and Kenneth, and then the grandchildren and the great-grandchildren, as well as other family and friends. She is survived by her husband, who was always so faithful in caring for her; two children whom she adored; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one sister; and three sisters-in-law. Many relatives and friends attended her memorial which was held in the church on Nov. 4, 2013.

**RONAY, Margaret R.**, 96, born April 25, 1917, died Oct. 9, 2013 at Apopka, FL. She was a member of the Florida Living Church, Apopka, for 11 years. She was employed at Kettering Memorial Hospital, Dayton, OH, from 1964-1969. She is survived by one daughter, Carol (David) Anderson of Fishersville, VA; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Interment was in Cleveland, OH.

**STEINER, Eugene Francis**, 102, born Aug. 10, 1911 in Bluffton, OH, died Nov. 6, 2013 in Sun City Center, FL. He was a member of Florida Living Church, Apopka, FL, for two years. He is survived by his daughter, Sharon, of Sun City Center; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. His wife Blanche preceded him in death. Interment was in Brandon, FL.

**STEVENS, Kathryn**, 91, of Ooltewah, born

Dec. 12, 1921, in Shinglehouse, PA, to John and Dorothy Perry Buckhout, died Oct. 14, 2013. She is survived by two daughters: Star Stevens of Ooltewah, and Jewel Tillotson of Grantham, NH; two grandchildren: Mandy and Jesse Tillotson; and one great-grandson, Wolf Tillotson. Her husband, George Sheldon Stevens, preceded her in death. A private graveside service was held at Cumberland Heights Memorial Gardens in Coalmont, TN.

**STREET, Carolyn Nixon**, 62, of Morganton, NC, born Aug. 7, 1951, died Dec. 17, 2013. She was a member of Morganton Church. She was a co-owner of James C. Street Construction Company. She is survived by her husband, James Claude Street of Morganton; her children: James Lamar Howell, Shelia Denise Street, James Dale Street, Crystal Street Merritt, Kristy Lynn Cook, and Misty Lane Teague; one brother, Donald Nixon; five sisters: Tammy Sports, Jeanie Nixon, Teresa Nixon, Tina Nixon, and Wilma Dean Bare; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; her stepmother, Agnes Nixon. She was preceded in death by her first husband, William Pulliam; two children: Ronal Dean (Deano) Pulliam and Kenneth Coyt Pulliam; and one grandchild, Robert Shaw. The funeral service was held Dec. 20, 2013 at Heritage Funeral Home.

**SWANSON, Betty G.**, 91, born Oct. 13, 1922 in Cudahy, WI, died Jan. 18, 2014 in Altamonte Springs, FL. She was a member of the Forest Lake Church, Apopka, FL. She is survived by her sons, Bob (Verbelee), Altamonte Springs, and Bill (Lynda), Apopka; daughter, Vickie (Wendell) Hahn, Grand Rapids, MI; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. The service and interment were conducted by Pastor O. E. Gordon at Palm Cemetery, Winter Park, FL.

**WHISLER, Lona**, 84, of Morganton, NC, died Dec. 2, 2013 after a short illness. She was born near Mansfield, OH, and grew up on a farm. She later ventured to Florida to work, and then moved to North Carolina. She worked in cost accounting or payroll much of her life, and worked up until a few months of her death. She loved those around her, and especially her God. She was an active member of Morganton Church. Interment was in Ohio.

**WICKS, Ken**, 74, born May 26, 1939 in Benton, IL, died Nov. 29, 2013 in Portland, TN. He was a member of Highland, TN, Church. He is survived by his wife, Sue Wicks; one son, Stan Wicks; one daughter, Lori Simmons; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

**WILLIAMS, Oweata Lynn**, 62, born Oct. 18, 1951 in Flint, MI, died Jan. 8, 2014 in Louisville, KY. She was a member of Paducah, KY, Church. She is survived by two sons: Eric (Kelly), and Elijah; two granddaughters; sisters; brothers; nieces; nephews; great-nieces; and great-nephews.

**WILLIAMS, William Rufus**, 91, born May 14, 1922, died Dec. 19, 2013. He was the father of Ruth Williams-Morris, Mervin (Naula) Williams, Lena (Lael) Caesar, and David (Opal) Williams. He had 18 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Services were held Jan. 1, 2014 at Collegedale Church.

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# Events Calendar

## Carolina

**Carolina Conference Elementary Music Festival** – April. 3, 4. MPA.  
**Adventurer Fun Day** – April 4-6. NPR.  
**Women's Spring Retreat** – April 11-13. Gatlinburg, TN.  
**Education Face to Face** – April 16-21. Carolina Conference Office.  
**Mt. Pisgah Academy Days** – April 25-27. MPA.  
**Elders' Certification** – May 2, 3. Arden, NC, Church. The focus for this training session will be Unit #1 "Elders' Duties."  
**Parenting Seminar** – May 9, 10. Spartanburg, SC, Church.  
**Mt. Pisgah Academy Graduation Weekend** – May 16-18. MPA.

## Florida

**Complete calendar online** – <http://www.floridaconference.com/calendar/>  
**Florida Pathfinder events** – <http://www.floridaconference.com/iym/pathfinders/events/> or call 407-644-5000 x127.  
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**Planned Giving and Trust Services Clinics**  
 April 26. West Palm Beach.  
 May 3. Lauderhill.  
 May 3. Miami Central Spanish.  
 May 31. Kissimmee Spanish.  
**Impact Miami 2014** – June 22-29. Week-long mission trip to Miami. Ages 14+. Training an army of young people poised and ready to make an impact in the major urban centers of Florida through the Mission To the Cities initiative. Cost: \$289/person. Registration deadline: June 1. Save \$40/person if registered by May 1. <http://www.floridaconference.com/reservations/?ee=63>

## Georgia-Cumberland

**Michael Card Easter Concert** – April 17. 7-9 pm. NW Georgia Trade and Convention Center, Dalton, GA.  
**Health Rallies**  
 April 19. Benton, TN.  
 April 26. LaFollette, TN.

May 17. Auburn, GA.  
**Relationship, Family, and Home Seminars** – March 29-April 19. Duluth, GA.  
**Pathfinder Camporee** – April 25-27. Pre-registration required.  
**Master Guides Leadership Camporee** – May 2-4. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.  
**Prayer Ministries Day** – May 3. Stone Mountain, GA.  
**LEAD Evangelism Training** – May 3. 4-7 p.m. Roane Community Church, Harriman, TN.  
**Georgia-Cumberland Academy Gymnastics Homeshow** – May 4. 8-10 p.m. Calhoun, GA.  
**Personal Ministries Rally** – May 10. Jellico, TN.  
**Graduations**  
**Georgia-Cumberland Academy** – May 16, 17. Calhoun, GA.  
**Atlanta Adventist Academy** – May 17. Atlanta, GA.  
**Collegedale Academy** – May 18. Collegedale, TN.  
**Online registration for events** available at [www.registration.gccsda.com](http://www.registration.gccsda.com).

## Kentucky-Tennessee

**Discipleship Conference** – April 11-13. Indian Creek Camp.  
**Board of Education** – April 24. Conference Office.  
**Pastors'/Elders' Retreat** – April 25-27. Indian Creek Camp.  
**Conference Executive Committee** – May 6. Conference Office.  
**Highland Academy Board** – May 8. Highland Academy.  
**Madison Academy Board** – May 8. Madison Academy.  
**Pathfinder Fair** – May 25. Highland Academy.

## Southern Adventist University

**PreviewSouthern** – April 10, 11. Students are invited to take a campus tour, discuss majors with professors, sit in on financial aid workshops, and enjoy a fun activity in Chattanooga. Details: 1-800-SOUTHERN.  
**Dusk 'til Dawn Adventure Race** – April 12. The nighttime challenge course offers participants fun activities such as zip lining, rock climbing, and more. Registration is open until the race begins at 8:45 p.m. Visit [www.facebook.com/dusktildawn](http://www.facebook.com/dusktildawn) for more details.  
**Symphony Orchestra Concert**

– April 24. Student musicians perform a broad range of classical and sacred music at 7:30 p.m. at Collegedale Church. The concert is free and open to the public. Watch live online at [www.southern.edu/streaming](http://www.southern.edu/streaming).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DALTON CHURCH 75TH ANNIVERSARY** – April 18, 19. The members will commemorate their 75th Anniversary with a special weekend program featuring previous pastors and guest speaker Pastor Mark Finley. All former members are invited to attend! For more details: 706-226-2166 or visit the website at [www.daltonadventist.org](http://www.daltonadventist.org).

**EASTER CONCERT** – April 17. The Dalton, GA, Church will be sponsoring an Easter concert with Michael Card at 7 p.m., at the NW Georgia Trade and Convention Center. The concert will be preceded at 6 p.m. with a lecture by Dr. Michael Hasel entitled, "Jesus in History and Archeology." When they become available, all ticketing will be done through the Trade Center box office or online.

**OAKWOOD ADVENTIST ACADEMY CLASS OF 1974 40TH REUNION** – April 18-20. Huntsville, AL. Several activities are planned for Alumni Weekend. Please join us! Details: [ocaclass1974@gmail.com](mailto:ocaclass1974@gmail.com) or call 678-637-6034. You can also visit the website: <http://ocaclassof1974.yolasite.com/>.

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**BROADVIEW ACADEMY ALUMNI WEEKEND** – April 25, 26. All alumni are encouraged to attend. Mark your calendars, call your classmates, and start planning for this weekend now. Honor classes: 1944, '54, '64, '74, '84, '89, '94, and '04. North Aurora SDA Church, North Aurora, IL. Friday night Vespers, Sabbath School, and Church. For communication purposes, we need your email addresses; postage is too expensive. Send emails to: [Ed.Gutierrez.edjulie1@att.net](mailto:Ed.Gutierrez.edjulie1@att.net); or call: 630-232-9034. More information to come. Don't miss it!

**RAMAH SDA JUNIOR ACADEMY REUNION** (formerly Ramah Parochial School) Celebrating 100 years of Christian Education – April 30-May 4. Savannah, GA. Students (present/former), teachers, principals, pastors, and staff are invited to the celebration. Join us on Facebook for updates and news regarding the reunion: [facebook.com/ramahacademyalumniassociation](https://facebook.com/ramahacademyalumniassociation); email: [ramah100years@hotmail.com](mailto:ramah100years@hotmail.com).

**LA SIERRA ACADEMY ALUMNI WEEKEND** – May 2, 3. Honor classes: 1954, '64, '74, '84, '89, '94, and '04. Friday evening reception, LSA Library; Sabbath morning alumni services; afternoon potluck; campus tours; and class reunions. Details: 951 351-1445 x 244; [JNelson@lsak12.com](mailto:JNelson@lsak12.com); LSA web site: [www.lsak12.com](http://www.lsak12.com).

## Sunset

	Apr. 4	Apr. 11	Apr. 18	Apr. 25	May 2	May 9
Atlanta, GA	7:59	8:05	8:10	8:15	8:21	8:26
Charleston, SC	7:41	7:46	7:51	7:56	8:01	8:06
Charlotte, NC	7:46	7:52	7:57	8:03	8:09	8:14
Collegedale, TN	8:03	8:08	8:14	8:20	8:25	8:31
Huntsville, AL	7:09	7:14	7:20	7:25	7:30	7:36
Jackson, MS	7:22	7:27	7:31	7:36	7:41	7:46
Louisville, KY	8:07	8:14	8:21	8:27	8:34	8:40
Memphis, TN	7:22	7:28	7:34	7:39	7:45	7:51
Miami, FL	7:33	7:42	7:45	7:48	7:52	7:55
Montgomery, AL	7:06	7:11	7:16	7:21	7:26	7:31
Nashville, TN	7:10	7:16	7:22	7:28	7:34	7:40
Orlando, FL	7:44	7:48	7:52	7:56	8:00	8:05
Wilmington, NC	7:34	7:39	7:44	7:50	7:55	8:01

## Camp Meetings 2014 Schedule

### CAROLINA

Portions of Camp Meeting will be viewable at [www.carolinasda.org/camp-meeting](http://www.carolinasda.org/camp-meeting)  
 Hispanic.....May 16-18.....Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, SC  
 English.....May 25-31.....Theme: *FEARLESS/The Battle is the Lord's*..... Lake Junaluska, NC  
 Speaker/ Sunday-Wednesday: *Dan Jackson*  
 Speaker/ Thursday-Sabbath: *Eli Rojas*  
 Low Country Camp Meeting.....Oct. 18.....Summerville, SC, Community Church  
 Speaker/Seminar Presenter: *Derek Morris*  
 Eastern Carolina.....Oct. 25.....Greenville, NC, North Church  
 Speaker: *Jim Nix*  
 Musical Guest: *Charles Haugabrooks*

### FLORIDA

Florida Camp Meeting is held in the Spring. Archived sermon video is posted to [floridaconference.com/campmeeting](http://floridaconference.com/campmeeting)  
 English.....April 10-13.....Theme: *A Mighty Movement—Returning to the Cities*.....Camp Kulaqua, FL  
 Spanish.....April 18-20.....Theme: *Un gran movimiento—Evangelizad las ciudades*..Camp Kulaqua, FL

### GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

South Georgia.....April 4, 5.....Savannah First Church, Pooler, GA  
 Theme: *The Legacy: Ellen White as a Person and a Prophet*  
 Speaker: *Jud Lake*  
 Korean.....May 16, 17.....Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA  
 Collegedale.....May 21-24. Theme: *kNOW Fishing* ...Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, TN  
 Wednesday/Thursday Speaker: *Elizabeth Talbot*  
 Friday night/Sabbath morning Speaker: *Roger Hernandez*  
 Olde Time.....June 5-7.....Deer Lodge, TN  
 Speaker: *John Earnhardt*  
 Hispanic.....Aug. 22-24.....Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, GA  
 Southern Deaf Fellowship.....Aug. 6-10.....Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA  
 Speaker: *Alan Meis*  
 Northeast Tennessee.....Oct. 3, 4.....The Oaks, Greenville, TN  
 Speaker:

### GULF STATES

May 23-31.....Theme: *Jesus, the Master Evangelist*  
 Bass Memorial Academy, Lumberton, MS  
 Speaker 1st Sabbath: *Dan Jackson*  
 Evenings/ Monday-Friday: *Joe Cirigliano*  
 Speaker 2nd Sabbath: *Lonnie Melashenko*

### KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

English.....May 23-31.....Theme: *Look Up and Live*.....Highland Academy, Portland, TN  
 Speakers/Seminar Presenters: *Ed Dickerson, Pavel Goia, Lonnie Melashenko, Dwight Nelson, and Philip Samaan*  
 Hispanic.....June 6, 7.....Theme: *¡Mira hacia arriba y vive!*.....Highland Academy, Portland, TN  
 Speaker: *Jose Rojas*

### SOUTH ATLANTIC

June 5-14.....Theme: *Praying People in Praying Times*.....River Oaks Campground, Orangeburg, SC  
 Speakers: *Michael B. Kelly and Henry Wright*

### SOUTH CENTRAL

Latino.....May 22-25.....Theme: *Pentcostes*.....Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL  
 English.....June 13-27.....Theme: *We're Blessed*.....Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL  
 Speakers:

### SOUTHEASTERN

English.....June 19-28.....Theme: TBA.....Hawthorne, FL  
 Adult/Main Pavilion  
 Speaker:  
 Youth Pavilion.....June 19-28.....Theme: TBA.....Hawthorne, FL  
 Speaker:  
 Haitian.....Dates: TBA.....Theme: TBA.....Hawthorne, FL  
 Speaker:

## Summer Camps 2014 Schedule

### CAROLINA

Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, SC  
 [Register online at [www.nosoca.org](http://www.nosoca.org)]  
 Traditional Camps  
 Adventure (ages 7-11)..... June 9-16  
 Junior Camp (ages 10-13)..... June 15-22  
 Teen (ages 13-16)..... June 22-29  
 Specialty Camps  
 Lifeguard Camp (ages 16 & up)..... May 20-23  
 SIT Camp (ages 16-17)..... June 1-13  
 Horsemanship I Camp (ages 12-16)..... June 8-15  
 Horsemanship II Camp (ages 12-16)..... June 15-22  
 Family Camp..... July 1-6  
 Extreme Week (ages 12-16)..... July 6-13  
 Horse Camp Trip (ages 14-17)..... July 13-20

### FLORIDA

Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, FL  
 [Details: <http://summercamp.campkulaqua.com/>]  
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9)..... June 1-8  
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12)..... June 1-8  
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16)..... June 1-8  
 Horsemanship Specialty Camp (ages 10-14)..... June 1-8  
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9)..... June 8-15  
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12)..... June 8-15  
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16)..... June 8-15  
 Horsemanship Specialty Camp (ages 10-14)..... June 8-15  
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9)..... June 15-22  
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12)..... June 15-22  
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16)..... June 15-22  
 Horsemanship Specialty Camp (ages 10-14)..... June 15-22  
 Staff in Training (ages 15-17).....(two-week track)..... June 8-22  
 Teen Mountain Adventure (ages 13-17)..... July 27-Aug. 3  
 Family Camp..... Aug. 29-Sept. 1

### GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Cohutta Springs Adventist Center, Crandall, GA  
 [Details: [www.cs-yc.com](http://www.cs-yc.com)]  
 Camp Staff Training..... May 22-May 31  
 Junior I (ages 10-12)..... June 1-8  
 Golf Camp I (ages 13-17)..... June 1-8  
 Paintball Camp I (ages 13-17)..... June 1-8  
 Rock Climbing Camp (ages 13-17)..... June 1-8  
 Fit for Life I (ages 10-13)..... June 1-20  
 Junior II (ages 10-12)..... June 8-15  
 Mountain Bike Trip (ages 13-17)..... June 8-15  
 Paintball Camp II (ages 13-17)..... June 8-15  
 S.I.T. Camp (ages 15+)..... June 8-15  
 Adventure Camp (ages 7-9)..... June 15-20  
 Paintball Camp III (ages 13-17)..... June 15-20  
 RAD Horse Trip (ages 13-17)..... June 15-20  
 Wakeboard Camp 1 (ages 13-17)..... June 15-20  
 C.I.T. Camp (ages 15+)..... June 15-20  
 Tween (ages 12-13)..... June 22-29  
 Ultimate RAD Camp (ages 13-17)..... June 22-29  
 Fit for Life II (ages 13-17)..... June 22-July 13  
 Teen I (ages 13-17)..... June 29-July 6  
 Rock Solid I (ages 16-18)..... June 29-July 6  
 Basketball Camp (ages 13-17)..... June 29-July 6  
 Rock Solid Basketball Camp (ages 16-18)..... June 29-July 6  
 Whitewater/Kayak Camp (ages 13-17)..... June 29-July 6  
 Gym-Masters Camp (ages 13-17)..... June 29-July 6  
 Gym-Masters Day Camp (ages 7-17)..... June 30-July 4  
 Teen II (ages 13-17)..... July 6-13  
 Rock Solid II (ages 16-18)..... July 6-13  
 Golf Camp II (ages 13-17)..... July 6-13  
 Soccer Camp (ages 13-17)..... July 6-13  
 Wakeboard Camp II (ages 13-17)..... July 6-13  
 Surf Camp (ages 13-17)..... July 13-20  
 Family Camp (all ages)..... July 15-20  
 W.I.T. Camp (ages 15+)..... Every week, June 1-July 13

### GULF STATES

Camp Alamisco, Dadeville, AL  
 [Details: [www.Alamisco.org](http://www.Alamisco.org)]  
 Camp Alamisco Staff Week..... May 25-31  
 Adventure Camp (ages 7-10)..... June 1-8  
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12)..... June 8-15  
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16)..... June 15-22  
 Native American Camp..... June 22-27  
 Family Camp (all ages)..... June 30-July 5

### KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Indian Creek Camp, Liberty, TN  
 Staff-in-Training (ages 16, 17)..... June 1-8  
 Junior Camp 1 (ages 9-13)..... June 8-15  
 Junior Camp 2 (9-13)..... June 15-22  
 Teen Camp (ages 13-17)..... June 22-29  
 Family Camp I (all ages)..... July 1-6  
 Cub-Adventurer Camp (ages 7-9)..... July 6-13  
 Lifeguarding Camp (ages 15-18)..... July 6-11  
 Family Camp II (all ages)..... July 13-20  
 Blind Camp (all ages)..... July 20-27

### SOUTH ATLANTIC

River Oaks Campground, Orangeburg, SC  
 Junior Bible/Summer Camp (ages 8-17)..... June 22-29

### SOUTH CENTRAL

Camp Thunderbird, Chattanooga, TN  
 Camp "Kids Rock" (ages 6-12)..... June 29-July 6  
 Ultimate Sports Camp (ages 8-17)..... July 6-13  
 Extreme Team Camp (ages 13-17)..... July 6-13

### SOUTHEASTERN

Southeastern Conference Campground, Hawthorne, FL  
 Junior/Summer Camp..... July 13-20

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attending for at least  
two years



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