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# The Bible and Work



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Why should people work? The Bible gives some remarkably comprehensive and penetrating answers that have little to do with meeting needs, finding fulfillment, becoming successful, or accumulating wealth. Work is God-ordained. It is part of His original intention for human beings. Work, however, no longer is the pure joy that God intended it to be. Because of the fall, work has become a burden, especially for employees of the unethical who exploit their underpaid or mistreated workers. Some make work an idol and drive themselves in the vain accumulation of wealth and achievements. Others pour their skills and efforts into work and anxious striving, only to wonder if all their efforts are useless and without meaning.

Work, however, has been redeemed from the curse by Jesus Christ. He has given work a new dignity, and made it a source of blessing. Work is to be done as a service to Christ. We do our jobs, not primarily to please our employers, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men. According to multiple places in Scripture, it is God we are serving, even when we work for a non-Christian employer.

Work can bring glory to God, but it also helps others and brings personal benefits as well. Stated concisely, work enables us to meet our needs. If we want to eat, most of us have to work. Regrettably, many Christians have lost the biblical perspective on work, and have accepted secular thinking about vocations.

The notion that a job should bring fulfillment is a dangerous half-truth, in that the Bible never indicates that our jobs should be “fun” or make us “happy.” Fulfillment is more correctly understood in the sense of service, taking pleasure in the contribution that our work is making to the community. This implies that whenever possible, we should choose work that benefits those in need, and this should head the list of criteria by which a Christian chooses a career.

If we view decisions about our careers through the lens of self-satisfaction or self-interest, we are not being biblical people. Disciples of Jesus Christ must view career decisions not through the lens of self-fulfillment, but through the lens of the needs of God’s people — indeed, of human needs whenever they are found.

Therefore ...

- Work is honorable; laziness is condemned.
- Work is to be interspersed with rest.
- Work is to be of high quality.
- Work is unique and for the common good.
- Work and vocational choice are guided by God.

Many Christians would agree that God calls at least some people to special ministries and places of service. There is, however, disagreement about whether or not He has one specific career calling for each of his children. We know that He directs those who acknowledge Him and seek His ways, and we can be sure that He gives wisdom to those who ask. For many, however, there remains an issue that is confusing to Christian job hunters — “What role does my effort play, and what role does God play?” Perhaps it is best to conclude that God makes that clear to each person. Each worker makes a dual assumption: “I must accept the fact that my unfolding vocational future is in God’s hands, and guided by His Holy Spirit,” but in addition, “I know that I have in my own hands the stewardship responsibility for developing my own talents, attitudes, and abilities.” 

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**COVER:** A growing number of members are participating in the Union-wide BLAST initiative to reach 10 million people with truth-filled literature in 2017. Now is the time to prepare precious souls for the coming crisis.  
**PHOTOGRAPHER:** R. Steven Norman III



Priscilla Tolera distributes GLOW tracts to crowds in downtown Atlanta, Georgia. Stadium event literature distribution is a powerful part of the Union-wide initiative, involving every member and reaching 10 million people this year.

PHOTO BY: R. STEVEN NORMAN III

## LITERATURE EVANGELISM:

# PEACE-TIME PREPARATION

*for the* **COMING CRISIS**

BY KEITH REID

*“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come,” Matthew 24:14.*

## Expanding Your Definition

When you hear the words literature evangelism, do you picture a dedicated full-time missionary going door-to-door selling *The Bible Story*, family Bibles, medical encyclopedias, and large message books? In the Southern Union and other parts of the world, this effective model continues to work well; however, we challenge you to expand your vision. Far from being a new concept, Total Member Involvement (TMI), more frequently heard than ever before, embraces literature evangelism.

More than a century ago, the Lord’s messenger to the Seventh-day Adventist Church wrote this: “Let every believer ask himself, ‘What can I do to proclaim the third angel’s message? Christ came to this world to give this message to his servant to give to the churches. It is to be proclaimed to every nation and kindred and tongue and people. How are we to give it? The distribution of our literature

is one means by which the message is to be proclaimed. **Let every believer scatter broadcast tracts and leaflets and books containing the message for this time,**” *The Review and Herald*, November 12, 1903.

The Southern Union Publishing Ministries Department is here to support you, your local church, the publishing departments, and the Adventist Book Centers in the eight conferences, in reaching souls with the everlasting Gospel. In 2016, the Lord blessed members to place 4.4 million gospel tracts, books, magazines, DVDs, and CDs throughout the southeastern United States. We praise the Lord for your sacrifice and dedication! An estimated 62 million people living in the Southern Union desperately need a new or deeper understanding of truth for this time. The new goal is to more than double the amount of gospel media already distributed, without delay!

Why the urgency? The loss of human lives increases, and as we approach the end of universal probation, it will become much more difficult to do the distinctive work assigned by God: “The work which the church has failed to do in a time of

peace and prosperity **she will have to do in a terrible crisis under most discouraging, forbidding circumstances,”** *Testimonies*, volume 5, page 463.

## Student Literature Evangelists

Throughout the 2016 school year, 590 recruits from elementary school through university level institutions knocked on tens of thousands of doors; shared books, tracts, and DVDs on health and the Gospel; and generated hundreds of Bible study interests. In the process, students deepened their spiritual experience and earned more than \$750,000 in scholarships and worthy student funds.

## Full-time Literature Evangelists

Although every Seventh-day Adventist is to distribute truth-filled literature, some feel especially called to minister full-time. “The canvassing work is more important than many have regarded it, and as much care and wisdom must be used in selecting the workers as in selecting men for the ministry... Some are better adapted than others for doing a certain work; therefore, it is not correct to think that everyone can be a canvasser,” *Col-*



Tammy Mapes, LE, sold more than 370 Children's Century Classics Bible story sets in 2016.

*porteur Ministry*, page 27.

The past year was fruitful and exciting for the currently 21 full-time and 95 part-time literature evangelists (LEs) serving in the Southern Union territory. More and more young adults are sensing the need to join experienced workers in helping to make life-changing differences in the lives of those around them. New products, designed exclusively for LEs to market, were introduced, and more titles are being developed.

After meeting the challenging requirements for sales of the new *Children's Century Classics* Bible story set, several LEs earned an incentive trip with their families to Michigan for the Adventist Heritage Tour. Tammy Mapes, LE and mother of three, and member of the Kingsport, Tennessee, Church, was blessed to sell 236 sets before the deadline — more than four times the requirement — and led the Southern Union in sales for the year 2016. How does she approach her prospective customers? With a look of expectancy in her eyes, she asks, “Have you seen the new Bible story set?”

### Total Member Involvement

Never before has it been easier to share the Seventh-day Adventist message. A huge selection of attractive sharing re-

sources, including tracts, small books, DVDs, CDs, and Bible lessons, are available at a low cost from Adventist Book Centers and publishing departments. Many members have made the distribution of this material a lifestyle, calling it “evangelizing.” We praise God for Navy Seals-type individuals who distribute literature by the hundreds and thousands. Just think: If each of the 290,016\* members in the Southern Union distributed only five pieces of literature each week — while shopping, purchasing gas, or eating out — close to 1.5 million pieces would be distributed each week, with 75 million pieces of literature distributed in one year, scattered like the leaves of autumn! Would the Lord be pleased? Would there be more people converted to Jesus? Would the sojourn here come to a speedier end? The answers are a resounding “Yes!”

“When church members realize the importance of the circulation of our literature, they will devote more time to this work. Papers, tracts, and books will be placed in the homes of the people, to preach the gospel in their several lines,” *Colporteur Ministry*, 7.2.

Will you simply dedicate a pocket or purse compartment for truth-filled literature, fill it and prayerfully commit to sharing it, piece by piece, with a hurting world? The Lord will help you, and lead you to honest, thirsty souls daily.

One excited member, Roxanne McGraw, dedicates 10 minutes a day to share at least 25 gospel tracts to people entering and exiting a local Walmart.

Hundreds of members love getting out and distributing thousands of sharing books and tracts at large sports events, concerts, city festivals, parades, walk-a-thons, conventions, state fairs, and tourist centers.

The Loganville, Georgia, Church sacrificed and raised \$26,772.90 to mail *The Great Controversy* to 23,485 Loganville homes in the 30052 zip code.

Attendees at the 2016 Publishing Ministries Department BLAST Conference learned about the full spectrum of literature ministry available in Southern Union, and were inspired to promote Total Member Involvement.



### Conclusion

What a privilege it is to serve the Lord during this time in Earth's history! Why are we here? Jesus said, “To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth,” John 18:37. Is *your* mission to be any different? Are you not weary of this world with its sin, sorrow, and suffering? Do you long to meet your Redeemer face to face, and spend eternity with Him? You can. Rededicate your life to Him, now, and begin inviting others to become a part of God's family. Sharing literature is one of the most effective ways to do this. The Holy Spirit works through the literature — informing, inspiring, comfort-



PHOTO BY: R. STEVEN NORMAN III

New member Aumri Esdaille distributes sharing books and GLOW tracts in downtown Atlanta, Georgia. He is part of a growing number of members participating in the Union-wide BLAST initiative to reach 10 million people with literature in 2017.

ing, encouraging, and matching argument with argument in the process of convicting souls of their need to understand and implement truth in their lives.

“God will soon do great things for us if we lie humble and believing at His feet... More than one thousand will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications,” *The Review and Herald*, November 10, 1885 (*Colporteur Ministry*, 151).

As God’s people work earnestly in faith, they may joyfully anticipate, now and during the crisis to come, the fulfillment of the following prophetic assurance: “The message will be carried not so much by argument as

by the deep conviction of the Spirit of God. The arguments have been presented. The seed has been sown, and now it will spring up and bear fruit. The publications distributed by missionary workers have exerted their influence, yet many whose minds were impressed have been prevented from fully comprehending the truth or from yielding obedience. Now the rays of light penetrate everywhere, the truth is seen in its clearness, and the honest children of God sever the bands which have held them. Family connections, church relations, are powerless to stay them now. Truth is more precious than all besides. Notwithstanding the agencies combined against the truth, a large number

take their stand upon the Lord’s side,” *Great Controversy*, page 612.

Simply pause now and contact your local publishing directors or go to [www.Blastofhope.com](http://www.Blastofhope.com) to learn how you can share literature in creative ways, and read more inspiring stories of others who embraced the vision of a finished work. 📖

\*290,016 was the official membership in the Southern Union at the end of the fourth quarter of 2016.

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# REACHING IN, REACHING OUT

*Hispanic Students and Church Members Join Hands*

BY MARIEL LOMBARDI



The Latin Night

The Hispanic-American Church on the campus of Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tennessee, has a growing group of involved students. The students show a great interest in the spiritual and social events of the congregation, and the church is happy to have so many talented young people.

## Part of the Family

Every year, a special adoption ceremony takes place where each family “adopts” a student; the students then become part of the family activities they are deprived of when they are away from home. This program has been a profound benefit to the students and church members. The Hispanic-American

members first reached within to their student population, and now together they are creating new activities for the church, and reaching out to the world via evangelism.

## The Latin Night

Several of the student leaders of the Latin American Club at Southern are among the active members of this church. For the club’s first event, “The Latin Night,” which takes place twice a year, the students decided that instead of hosting the customary social event, they would instead hold a service of worship with testimonies and spiritual songs. The goal was to convey the message that God is first in their lives, and the program was inspirational for the audience.

## Organic Discipleship

Currently, a school of discipleship and evangelism for the young people is being promoted ([www.discipuladoorganico.com](http://www.discipuladoorganico.com)), and will be held June 2017 on Southern’s campus. Enrollment is already open, but space is limited. The project was shared through sermons and talks that are transmitted weekly on Facebook and the Internet.

The goal of this school is for young people of different cultures to share ideas, receive instruction, and be motivated to develop a faith based on principles, in order to carry out the fulfillment of the mission in an effective way among their secular friends. Already the discipleship school has taken the interest of young people from



The Latin Night participants



Luis Caballero works with the students on the videos to raise funds for a church building project.

around the world, and many are processing their visas to attend.

### Virtual Evangelism

The students also collaborate in the virtual evangelism programs that are carried out in the church through the Internet. They take on much of the work of photography, design, and production. Eight videos on discipleship were created, then transmitted through Facebook on Friday evenings during the months of December 2016 and January 2017. These eight videos had reached 200,000 viewers by mid-February. There is a questionnaire that comes with the video which helps the audience analyze the material in the light of Scripture.

- In Spain: Several members of evangelical congregations joined to watch them. They were highly motivated by the contents of this material, and contacted Joel Barrios, pastor of the Collegedale Hispanic-American Church, to invite him to meet with them to hold conferences in Galicia in 2018. Also in Spain, Hope Media will use the videos as a means to attract secular youth.

- In Tucumán, Argentina: Members of a congregation were concerned that some of the newly baptized youth were not interested in Sabbath School, did not attend church service regularly, nor get involved in church activities. One of the elders invited them to analyze these videos in a family home and study the Bible. As a result, 14 of these young people became active and are excited

about studying God's plan for their lives.

At the end of this series, the church started an interactive seminar via Facebook, which takes place on Friday nights. It is a guide to study the Bible with people outside the church. The results of this activity can be seen in the comments people make as the seminar is in session.

### Sermon Outreach

An evangelical woman who lives in Colombia contacted Barrios to tell him that she watches the transmission of his sermons every Sabbath, and can recite them by heart. She confided that her financial position is solid, and she has contacts among the wealthiest people in the country — adding that she was willing to receive any request that would help in this ministry. At the same time, the Adventist University of Medellin, without knowing about this incident, invited Barrios to give the Week of Prayer for young people next September.

An evangelical young man who had been following church sermons on the Internet contacted the pastor in October 2016 to tell him that he was baptized in the Adventist Church, and is now working for his parents and grandparents, who are founders of evangelical churches in his country.

### Youth Revival Week

During the month of February 2017, the church's student ministry, led by Martha Calderon, organized a youth revival week with the goal of encouraging a deeper rela-

tionship with God. Preachers were students who shared poignant testimonies: The positive impact of attending Southern Adventist University and being an active part of the church has caused positive results in their lives. Subsequently, they decided to go to other congregations to promote Southern Adventist University.

Many of them have contacted the pastors of their hometown churches to share their testimonies with the local youth. The first promotion event and revival was in New Orleans in February. At the close of the weekend, the father of one of the students saw these students preach and testify. His daughter was enthusiastically engaged in this activity, and he expressed his joy at realizing how Christian education could impact the feeling of belonging to a local church. He commented on how blessed he feels about his daughter's opportunity to participate in a Hispanic church on Southern's campus, which gives her the opportunity to work in different ministries, instead of just attending a church and getting lost in the anonymity of the crowd.

He thanked God for Christian education and the Collegedale Hispanic-American Church, which opens its arms generously to embrace these young souls full of energy and dreams, and to channel them along the path of service to God. 📌

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*Adventist Health System East Florida Region Receives*

# PARTNERSHIP AWARD FROM AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

*The award recognizes the hospitals' support of colorectal cancer screenings.*

BY LINDSAY CASHIO

The Florida Hospitals in Volusia and Flagler counties compose the Adventist Health System East Florida Region, one of only 22 hospital systems in Florida to receive a Colorectal Cancer Partnership Award, and a \$7,500 grant from the American Cancer Society. Florida Hospital will use these funds to host colorectal cancer education events and symposiums throughout the year.

Radiation oncology medical physicist Trina Lynd jumped at the opportunity to champion this project at Florida Hospital Fish Memorial and Florida Hospital DeLand. Her younger brother, Shawn Caudill, recently passed away from colorectal cancer at the age of 49 years old — one year shy of the recommended age for regular screenings for colorectal cancer.

“Our family doesn’t have a history of colon cancer, so his diagnosis was definitely a shock,” Lynd said. “He probably should have seen a doctor about a year before he did, but his symptoms were so vague and he was so young; colorectal cancer just wasn’t something on our radar.”

Lind is excited to help educate the local community about the signs and symptoms of colorectal cancer, as well as the importance of regular screenings. “On a national scale, there isn’t enough education or awareness about this disease, which is far too common,” she said. “One in 20 Americans will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer in their life-



Trina Lynd, a radiation oncology medical physicist, led the program after losing her brother to the disease.

time, so it certainly is something we see often in our Cancer Centers.”

In addition to receiving the American Cancer Society’s Colorectal Cancer Partnership recognition, the East Florida Region has committed to the American Cancer Society’s “80 Percent by 2018” pledge, a national campaign that aims to ensure that by 2018, 80 percent of American adults, age 50 and older, undergo regular screenings for colorectal cancer.

“Colorectal cancer is a major public health concern. In this year alone, it is estimated that colon cancer will be the second leading cause of cancer deaths in Florida, when men and women are combined, yet it can be prevented or detected at an early stage,” said Imee Unto, East Florida Region cancer services administrator. “A regular colorectal cancer screening

is one of the most powerful weapons we have against colorectal cancer. It can take as many as 10 to 15 years for a polyp to develop into colorectal cancer. Regular screenings can prevent many cases of colorectal cancer altogether by finding and removing polyps before they have the chance to turn into cancer.”

Nationally, more than 1,000 organizations have committed to the American Cancer Society’s “80 Percent by 2018” pledge and are working toward this shared goal.

“Major strides have been made with screening rates in Florida, but we can do better,” said Megan Wessel, vice president health systems, Florida Division of the American Cancer Society. “Our partnerships across the state are helping to improve those numbers, and we are grateful for the collaboration.”

*Men's Ministries Partners with*

# BLUEPRINT FOR MEN

BY MARTY MILLER



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BluePrint for Men has partnered with Georgia-Cumberland Conference to provide opportunities for men to fellowship and grow authentic, godly individuals. Here a group of men pray together at the January 14, 2017, Fire and Ice Symposium held at Hamilton Community Church.



SUBMITTED BY: MARTY MILLER

Ben Roy from Science Zone creates an ice experience.

The Georgia-Cumberland Conference Men's Ministries Department has recently partnered with Blueprint for Men to provide opportunities for all men to grow as authentic godly men through fellowship, education, and accountability. The goal of this venture is not to just create another "ministry," but to build an unstoppable movement of godly men in these last days that will answer the well-known challenge written long ago ...

"The greatest want of the world is the want of men — men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost

souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall," *Education*, page 57.

And, in an effort to build such men of integrity, a three-pronged approach has been developed that includes large events, small groups, and leadership development. Exodus 23:14-17 provides a biblical directive that men should assemble together three times, designed to encourage men to live with integrity and develop a closer walk with God. All men are invited to attend the

following events during 2017.

- Men's Leadership Summit – June 3, Southern Adventist University
- Chainsaws and Butter Knives Rally – August 26, Collegedale Community Church
- Broken Beauty Men's Retreat – September 15-17, Cohutta Springs

Men, join with others in creating a movement of men that will provide much needed leadership in the homes, churches, and communities. To begin the journey or just discover more visit [www.blueprintformen.org](http://www.blueprintformen.org).

Here's to building men for Him! ●

# Gordon Hospital's Pete Weber Named One of "60 Rural Hospital CEOs to Know"



Pete Weber credits his team for consistently extending the healing ministry of Christ to every patient they serve at Gordon Hospital in Calhoun, Ga.

Under the leadership of Gordon Hospital's CEO, Pete Weber, the hospital team provides compassionate care on all levels — mind, body, and spirit.

Pete Weber, president and CEO of Gordon Hospital, Calhoun, Ga., was named one of the "60 Rural Hospital CEOs to Know" by Becker's Hospital Review. Gordon Hospital is known for the high-quality, personalized, and compassionate care that it provides to all that it serves.

According to Becker's Hospital Review, "The 60 CEOs on this year's list possess extensive experience in healthcare management, demonstrating their commitment to offering high-quality, accessible care to rural populations. Under the CEOs' leadership, many of their institutions have earned recognition as top-performing rural hospitals in the nation."

Weber upholds Gordon Hospital's mission of *Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ* to all that it sees, each and every day. He and his team have been committed to not only providing world class clinical care, but supporting the whole person — mind, body, and spirit.

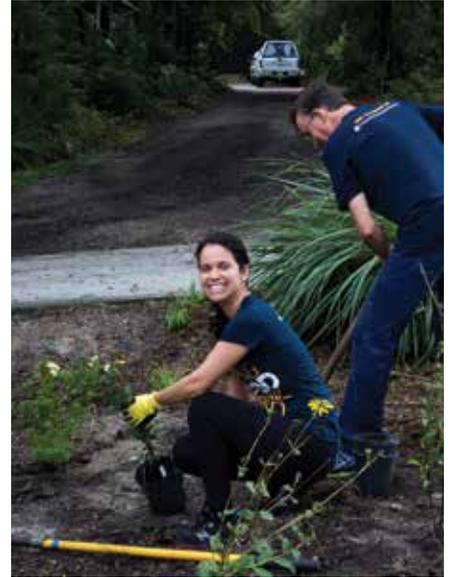
"It is a privilege to be mentioned in this group, but the real credit should be given to our team," said Weber, who has been Gordon Hospital's president and CEO since 2009, after serving as president and CEO of Texas Health Huguley in Burleson. "It is a blessing for me to get to serve side by side with such a fine group of individuals, and in a community that embraces their hospital wholeheartedly."

Weber is also the president and CEO of the Southeast Region for Adventist Health System, which includes four hospitals in three states.

In order for inclusion on the list, individuals must serve as CEOs of hospitals in "rural" areas, located outside major metropolitan areas. Becker's Hospital Review analyzed compilations by ranking and award agencies, such as The Leapfrog Group's listing of top rural hospitals, and the National Rural Health Association's list of top rural community hospitals. The editorial team also accepted nominations for the list. ●

BY KAYLEE LANDRESS

# Community Involvement Program Embodies AHS's Culture of Service



Giving back is part of AHS's culture as employees annually give their time to making a difference in their community.

Adventist Health System (AHS) recently kicked off its 2017 community involvement program, which introduced several new community partners and opportunities for the organization to make a difference. The community involvement program is offered to Adventist Health System corporate employees as a way to give back and positively impact the health and wellbeing of the surrounding community.

"It's very important to get involved in the community," said Willena McConico, who works in information technology for Adventist Health System. "The greatest gift you can give is your time, and it is even more gratifying when you are working alongside other AHS employees in making a difference."

This year's program features three new community partners — Second Harvest Food Bank, Orlando Union Rescue Mission, and The Mustard Seed. With the

addition of these new partners, AHS's community involvement program now features 10 partners with which corporate employees are able to participate in difference-making service, and donation and volunteer opportunities.

AHS employees are encouraged to be active participants in community service and volunteer initiatives, and are able to take part in a wide range of opportunities with its community partners, which can be performed during work hours. Opportunities include providing enrichment for local school children, contributing to food and blood drives, participating in park and highway cleanups, and donating to the United Way.

"Participating in activities like park cleanups and supporting our school initiatives provide tangible, hands-on experiences that allow employees to serve outside of the usual work environment," said Dilma Clements, who handles claims

at Adventist Health System. "Developing a service attitude through the community involvement program is a great way to extend God's grace, love, and mercy to others."

In 2016, Adventist Health System employees contributed more than \$210,000 through fundraising efforts, logged more than 3,000 hours of community service, and donated more than 7,600 pounds of non-perishable food items for families in need. In addition, 488 lives were saved by blood collected during blood drives held on the corporate campus in Altamonte Springs, 248 pounds of litter was collected from the roadway, and more than \$10,000 worth of hardcover books were donated to children, all through partnerships and activities that were organized and facilitated through the community involvement program. 📍

BY MARIO ROBERTS

# Third Annual Spritual Enrichment Seminar Held



PHOTO BY: REBECCA CARPENTER

Guest speaker Braulio Concepcion is president of the Panamanian Association in Chiriqui, Panama.



PHOTO BY: REBECCA CARPENTER



PHOTO BY: REBECCA CARPENTER

The Charlotte, N.C., Spanish Church was filled beyond capacity, overflowing into their side room.

All of the Hispanic congregations of the Carolina Conference were invited to participate in the third annual Spiritual Enrichment Seminar, February 11-12, 2017, held at the Charlotte, N.C., Spanish Church and the Durham, N.C., Spanish Church, involving more than 20 Spanish churches in Charlotte alone. The guest speakers were Braulio Concepcion, president, and Norberto Troetsch, treasurer, of the Panamanian Association in Chiriqui, Panama. This year's theme was "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit."

The program includes a 40-day Bible study to help develop the habit of having a daily encounter with God during the first hour of the day. Diligent adherence to this study will lead to daily baptism by the Holy Spirit. The goal is to have all members following this plan, leading to a great spiritual revival among church members.

Why implement this plan? Because Jesus' followers want to live how He lived and to do what He did. Note the admonition that is found in *Christ's Object Lessons*, page 139: "Daily He received a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit. In the early hours of the

new day the Lord awakened Him from His slumbers, and His soul and His lips were anointed with grace, that He might impart to others."

This plan can be summed up in three main points: pray, study the Bible, and bring a soul to Jesus.

More than one thousand members were in attendance at the two locations. At the end of the weekend, the members were excited and promised that they would practice what Jesus taught them. 📌

BY SAMUEL ROMERO

# Couples Enjoy “Romance at the Ranch” 2017



Guest speakers Richie and Timari Bower present the Sabbath afternoon seminar.



Mark and Terri Lockwood

PHOTO BY: REBECCA CARPENTER



Jacob and Erika Wiebe

PHOTO BY: REBECCA CARPENTER

A record number of 65 couples gathered for the annual Carolina Conference “Romance at the Ranch,” February 10-12, 2017, to hear Richie Brower, associate youth and family life director of the Upper Columbia Conference, and his wife, Timari, share, from their own vulnerable journey, practical, biblical insight to enrich any marriage. The theme was “Winter Wonderland,” but the weather at Nosoca Pines Ranch (NPR) boasted sunny skies and highs in the 70s — perfect for the afternoon boat and carriage rides.

David and Heidi Zinke of Greenville

North Church provided soothing, worshipful music before each session, with a mini-concert and hymn-sing on Sabbath afternoon. Guests were served by candlelight, and given the opportunity to offer a tribute to their spouse at the Saturday night banquet. Hearts were warmed by the various spoken and musical tributes given.

The following weekend, February 17-19, nearly 40 more couples gathered at NPR for a Spanish “Romance en el Rancho” Winter Wonderland, hosted by Issac and Beatrice Vallejo, pastor of the Winston Salem Spanish Church. Presenters Jorge and Evelyn Torres

gave five inspiring sessions on “The Song of Solomon.” Major Torres is a U.S. Army chaplain currently assigned to Fort Bragg, N.C.

For more learning and growing time with your spouse, mark your calendars for September 22-24, 2017, when Eric and Ann Marie Bates, Carolina Conference family ministries directors, will present “I (Still) Do” at The Clarion Hotel in Gatlinburg, Tenn. Space is limited. For more information, contact Jayme Rouse at the Carolina Conference office. ☎

BY ERIC BATES

# Windermere Church Celebrates Mortgage Burning, 20th Anniversary



Flames devoured the Windermere Church's 20-year-old mortgage on December 10, 2016.



PHOTO BY: RICHARD SMITH

Longtime members celebrate their church's milestones (clockwise from left): Espie Lops, Promod and Dorothy Gayen, and Anna Lee Gilliam.



PHOTO BY: RICHARD SMITH

Windermere Church's pastoral family led the children's story on mortgage-burning Sabbath: Pastor Claude and Martina Hardcastle II and their children, Benjahmin, Sabriyyah, and Joshua.

The Windermere, Fla., Church celebrated two milestones on December 9 and 10, 2016: the last mortgage payment and the 20th anniversary of the church at this location.

The Sabbath morning guest speaker, Tim Nichols, Florida Conference vice president for pastoral ministries, delivered a sermon with an emphasis on Matthew 16:13-18, which reminded the believers that “the gates of hell shall not prevail against [the church which Christ has built].”

Kathy Deering, Florida Conference property development director; and three of Windermere's long-time members, Espie Lops, Anna Lee Gilliam, and

Promod Gayen, helped set the mortgage ablaze. The prayer of dedication was given by Tim Goff, pastoral ministries field associate.

Claude Hardcastle was installed as Windermere's seventh pastor on August 20, 2016, and he immediately met with leadership in order to visualize the church's trajectory. “Windermere is a warm and friendly church with a rich history, says Hardcastle. “Achieving this milestone of burning the mortgage is one of the most significant things in recent history.”

Originally, the congregation formed a church in Winter Garden. In the 1990s members decided to relocate and found

the current property with 5.72 acres for \$453,600 in Windermere. Construction included a school which opened on January 8, 1996. On May 11 that year, the first church service was held in the new sanctuary.

Hardcastle expressed gratitude to former leadership of the church, and the faithful giving of each member and supporter. He also emphasized that it couldn't have been done without the vision of the treasurer and treasury team. “I give thanks,” says Hardcastle, “for the best is yet to come.”

BY CLAUDE HARDCASTLE II

# Brooksville Holds Vegetarian Taste Fest



This flyer advertised the Vegetarian Taste Fest held at Brooksville Church for members and the community.

Brooksville Church held its first Vegetarian Taste Fest on January 15, 2017. While promoting a healthy lifestyle, the project was designed to introduce the church to the community in a fun, social way. It was also an opportunity for church members to socialize with each other.



PHOTO BY: RUDY BECK

Brooksville Church members interact with community participants at a Vegetarian Taste Fest.

The project gained area-wide attention even though there was a fee of \$6 per person to attend. With seating only available for the first 50 who made reservations, the phone calls kept coming in far past the deadline. As many as 25 callers were placed on a waiting list in the event of cancellations.

The Vegetarian Taste Fest was a fun, tasty, and informative event for those who want to live a healthy lifestyle. Attendees could sample many of the delicious foods that were prepared.

Myriam Parham, RD, CDE, CLC, associated with Florida Hospital Zephyrhills, was the featured speaker. Her topic, “The Benefits of a Plant-based Diet,” was well

received by the attendees. Each guest who attended received a cookbook with recipes of the sampled foods and a calendar.

Attendees were asked to complete a survey on what they thought of the foods they sampled, and give their opinions on other facets of the event. The survey results showed that six individuals requested Bible study, 23 were interested in vegetarian cooking, and 17 were interested in weight loss.

A comment from guest Jan Kainbach well represents the majority of the feedback: “We were thrilled with the whole event. The food was good, and we learned so much about the benefits of a plant-based diet.”

BY RUDY BECK

# Be Filled with His Spirit at Florida Camp Meeting

**Filled with His Spirit** is the theme of Florida Conference’s 123rd annual English-language Camp Meeting, April 20-23. The featured guest speakers are Dan Jackson, North American Division president, and Dana Edmond, associate pastor at Hillcrest Church in Nashville, Tenn. Featured musicians include Gale Murphy, Charles Haugabrooks, and Vonda Beerman.

Spanish-language Campestre, with the theme **Llenos de Su Espíritu**, is April 28-30, featuring guest speaker Frank Gonzalez,

pastor of Avon Park, Fla., Church and former director of La Voz de la Esperanza.

Attendees can reserve housing and meals by visiting [floridaconference.com/campmeeting](http://floridaconference.com/campmeeting) for the English-language weekend or [floridaconference.com/campestre](http://floridaconference.com/campestre) for the Spanish-language weekend.

Both events are held at Camp Kulaqua, 23400 NW 212 Ave., High Springs. The facility offers more than 600 acres of God’s nature to enjoy. ☛



Dan Jackson, president of the North American Division, is the featured speaker at the English-language Florida Camp Meeting.



Frank Gonzalez, pastor of the Avon Park Church, is the featured speaker at the Spanish-language Camp Meeting.

# Collegedale Academy Hosts Conference Instrumental Invitational



SUBMITTED BY: ANGI HOWELL

Collegedale Academy recently hosted the Conference Instrumental Invitational, January 27-28, 2017.

Collegedale Academy (CA) welcomed more than 100 middle school musicians to participate in the 2017 Georgia-Cumberland Conference Instrumental Invitational, January 27-28, 2017. Chis Massengill, chaplain, and Brent Baldwin, principal, greeted all

with a worship thought and prayer in the auditorium.

Students attended rehearsals with Gregory Lindquist, CA's band and orchestra director. Event clinicians were Esther Aviles, CA alumna from Florida, who conducted the 42 students of the festival strings; and

Steve Martin, a Chicago-based graduate from Southern Adventist University, who served as the festival band clinician for the 70 students.

Rehearsals were Friday morning and afternoon, with breaks for fun and connecting with CA student leaders. They enjoyed recreation, snacks, lunch, and dinner. The students also received a treat from Martin, who played multiple riveting pieces on the banjo.

The event culminated with performances by both the strings and band in CA's auditorium on Friday at 7 p.m. The strings performed first, serenading the audience with Beethoven and Mozart. There was even an event highlights presentation with video and pictures from the day. The band closed the evening performance. Both musical groups also performed at the Collegedale Church Sabbath morning.

Every participant left with sore fingers and chops, new friends, and an amazing experience! 🎵

BY CALLE TURK

# Fayette Church Members Honor Seniors, Veterans

The Fayette, Ga., Church started the new year with ministerial and spiritual activities. A seniors' ministries day was held January 15, 2017, sponsored by the Family Life Department, under the leadership of Gloris Shaw and her team, Darren Thompson and Chelisia Seon. They sponsored a formal banquet for the church's seniors.

The event was not just entertainment. It honored two important groups of people, the seniors, or those over age 50, and those who served in the military, the veterans.

A cadre of youth attended the guests, escorting them to their seats, serving the meals, and cleaning up. Special music was provided by Eliana and Bronwin Feagins, and Eliana Feagins and Rio Nunnelly. The banquet featured a delicious, nutritious, vegetarian meal prepared by Lindy Smith and team.

The attendees were uplifted. Upon leaving the banquet, many of the guests attended the fifth-day service of the church's "10 Days Of Prayer" initiative, wearing their tuxedos and gowns, to end the event. 🎵



SUBMITTED BY: ANGI HOWELL

The Fayette, Ga., Church started 2017 with an event to honor both veterans and the seniors who attend their church. Many members contributed to making the honored attendees feel special.

BY MARION F. BROOKS

# GCA Students Challenged to “Take a Stand”



John Bradshaw, speaker/director for It Is Written, was the keynote speaker for the Spiritual Emphasis Week at Georgia-Cumberland Academy in Calhoun, Ga., this past February. Bradshaw encouraged the students to “Take a Stand” for Jesus.

Georgia-Cumberland Academy welcomed John Bradshaw, speaker/director of It Is Written, as the keynote speaker for the school’s Spiritual Emphasis Week, February 13-17, 2017. As Bradshaw considered presenting a series specifically for teens, he chose his topic carefully and prayerfully. He wanted to give the students a practical, honest approach to faith.

“I thought to myself, 10 years from now, what are they going to have taken with them from Week of Prayer,” said Bradshaw. “Will they have received anything that will be practical and be helpful in their daily Christian experience?”

Bradshaw said his desire is for the students to go to Heaven, and before that to see them love and serve God in their daily lives

here on Earth. He chose the theme “Taking a Stand,” and encouraged the students by sharing the stories of Daniel and his three friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, as well as others in the Bible who stood for God. Bradshaw also presented on the topics of the Second Coming and having a relationship with the Lord.

“I know a lot of kids who just don’t know how to make it [the relationship] work,” Bradshaw said. “It’s frustrating to them for a number of reasons. It either hasn’t been modeled well, or the sermons they’ve heard haven’t really helped them, or they haven’t read good spiritual books, or they’re in a bad environment. So, for a lot of kids, it’s just not working.”

The need to develop a personal relationship with the Lord was a point that reso-

nated with a number of students. Bradshaw stressed the importance of surrender to Christ, and the need to start each day by committing to follow Him. This personal relationship is where the strength to stand for Jesus is found.

“I liked what Pastor Bradshaw said about Jesus being your friend, and how He wants to be a part of your life,” said freshman Haydn Collins.

Bradshaw reminded the students that their Christian walk should be a process of continual growth. In order to grow in relationship with God, they must know God’s word and claim His promises in their own lives.

“I was encouraged to read the Bible more and take God at His word so that I can receive the promises He has for me,” said Calvin Scott, sophomore.

It is evident that the Holy Spirit used Bradshaw’s messages to reach the students at Georgia-Cumberland Academy. At the end of the week, there were four new decisions for baptism.

Academy chaplain Josh Woods shared that he heard positive feedback from students throughout the week. He said that many enjoyed Bradshaw’s sermon illustrations, and that they appreciated him coming to their Bible classes and taking the time to answer their questions.

Bradshaw is hopeful that the messages he presented during Spiritual Emphasis Week can be used to reach other teenage audiences. Several members of the It Is Written film crew were present during week to record the meetings. Bradshaw would like to see the recordings made available to schools and churches in the North American Division, and to families with academy-aged children.

The faculty and staff of Georgia-Cumberland Academy continue to pray that the truths presented during Bradshaw’s series will have a positive impact on students’ lives for years to come. ●

BY JODI HEROD STEELE

PHOTO BY: JODI HEROD STEELE

# Conference Ordains Jay Rosario

Jay Rosario was ordained into the Gospel ministry on Sabbath, March 4, 2017, at his new church assignment in Panama City, Fla.

The church was just finishing an evangelistic reaping campaign featuring Gulf States Conference evangelist, Johnny Mosquera, and he held two baptisms from the campaign right before the ordination service. What a wonderful way to begin ministry in a new church! The morning started with a rousing Sabbath School feature hosted by Louis Torres, elder, who also was the speaker for the ordination services. It was indeed a high Sabbath witnessed by many, some coming from as far away as London, England.

Neville Peter who has appeared multiple times on 3ABN was the musical guest, and his songs of “Take My Life and Let It Be,” “People Need the Lord,” and “Here Am I Lord,” reverberated throughout the sanctuary. Peter’s gift of music was offered later in the day to the church and neighborhood in a concert in the church’s sanctuary. His rich tenor voice was appreciated by all, and to see God bless him with the gift of music impressed many, as Peter is legally blind, and he plays without the aid of written musical compositions.

The Gulf States Conference president, David O. Livermore, along with members of his administrative team, were there to perform the ordination, and challenged newly ordained Rosario, along with his new church and all in attendance, to minister unto others using the method of Christ as the blueprint to really achieve any lasting efforts in soul-winning.

After his baptism in 1999, Rosario sensed a call to dedicate his life to spreading the Adventist message. In the year 2000, he started working as a literature evangelist while at school in central Florida, and continued canvassing in the



Tiphaine, Sofia, and Jay Rosario

summer in south Florida. After graduating from the Mission College of Evangelism in 2001, he served as a Bible worker in New York City and then all over the country. In 2008, he was called to serve as a pastor in the bay area for the Central California Conference. After six years of ministry there, the Lord providentially opened the door for him to join the Gulf States Conference.

Rosario's ministry would be incomplete without his wife, Tiphaine Rosario, who has travelled with him all over the

world to places such as China, Dubai, Canada, Europe, and Australia as guest speakers. They met in 2010 in Spain at a youth conference where Jay was a speaker, and a friendship blossomed between them. Originally from western Europe, Tiphaine Rosario finished her undergraduate studies in applied languages from Liverpool John Moore's University in 2010. She also holds an M.A. in translating and interpreting from the University of Westminster in central London. They were married in 2013, and last year re-

ceived their greatest blessing to date, when they welcomed their baby daughter, Sofia, into the world. After serving in ministry for several years, he finished his B.A. in theology from Cary Bible College in California. He is currently completing a M.A. in pastoral ministry from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. 

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BY PETER S. TRZINSKI

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## Conference Participates in Field School of Evangelism

What do you call an event that brings together Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn., Southern Union Conference in Norcross, Ga., Gulf States Conference in Montgomery, Ala., and six local churches along the Gulf Coast of Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida? It is the 2017 Field School of Evangelism, which seeks to give aspiring theology students the real-life experience of preaching and teaching the Word of God to live audiences, bringing about life-eternal opportunities. It is an event that is held every year by the Theology Department at Southern Adventist University in different conferences of the Southern Union, and many are fortunate to have this higher school of learning so near.

Gulf States Conference welcomes Roger Hernandez, Southern Union ministerial director, and Douglas Jacobs, D.Min., professor of ministry and homiletics at Southern Adventist University, to its territory as part of the ongoing event. Outreach kicked off while students

were on spring break in March, enabling them to travel to the local churches to help with revival and reformation. July 15-22, Hernandez will host a series of evangelism meetings in Pensacola, Fla., and the students will begin in their host churches with their own series of evangelistic meetings on July 20.

Logistically, it is a huge amount of work to coordinate all these students and three different entities, but Jacobs and Alan Parker, D.Th., professor of missions and evangelism at Southern, have been working with Gulf States Conference for more than a year. The churches involved are University and Blue Angel Parkway, both in Pensacola; Cody Road Church in Mobile, Ala.; St. Elmo in Irvington, Ala.; Pascagoula in Pascadoula, Miss.; and Fort Walton Beach Church in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. Area pastors involved are Jeff Crain, Andre Weston, Eliseo Garcia, Ted Struntz, and Dan Thompson.

In chapter 25 of *Testimonies* 5, "Christian Unity," Ellen White advises, "All who have been benefited by the labors of God's servant should, according to their

ability, unite with him in working for the salvation of souls. This is the work of all true believers, ministers, and people. They should keep the grand object ever in view, each seeking to fill his proper position in the church, and all working together in order, harmony, and love." This evangelism event will give opportunity for the church members to host some of the students in their homes, the churches to open up their doors to welcome the guests anticipated to come to the meetings, and the members to actively seek out those who God would have come.

Please pray with Gulf States Conference that God will use these young scholars, along with the pastors and church members, to once again call onto all people, "... Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water," Revelation 14:7 (NKJV). 

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BY TYLER ROBERTS

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# Madison Mission Trip Helps Meridzo Ministry

The seventh-grade class at Madison Campus Elementary, Madison, Tenn., went on a class mission trip to Lynch, Ky., February 13-16, 2017, to help a ministry called Meridzo, which means “care” in Greek. Lynch once was an affluent coal mining town that in recent years has suffered high unemployment and poverty after the mines closed.

The seventh-graders stayed at a hospital-turned-hotel called Solomon’s Porch. Their teacher, Chris Wilhelm, got the idea from a mission trip he went on in seventh grade. He reflected, “I figured that the seventh-graders that I teach may also enjoy a similar experience.” He had also gone to Meridzo two years before with another school.

The students helped the ministry by raking leaves, scraping and painting fences, sorting through donations, and mucking horse stalls at the equestrian ministry. The

people who worked at the ministry reminded the class that even if they felt they were not doing much, everything they did gave more time to the missionaries to spend on their main mission.

Many of the students who went on the trip said they liked listening to the missionaries talk to them about God calling them. Even the adults on the trip were impressed with the faith of the missionaries in Lynch. Wilhelm said, “My favorite part of the trip was how the local missionaries inspired me and our group through their stories about how God led them to Lynch, Ky., to minister to the local community.”

The students enjoyed their time there immensely. Georgette Valdispino remembered, “I didn’t wanna leave!” Matthew Taylor agreed, “I would absolutely return if given the chance. The experience drove me to feel much closer to God ... I’ll never forget my time at Lynch.”



PHOTO BY: FAITH MARTIN

Students paint fences.



PHOTO BY: FAITH MARTIN

Students muck horse stalls.

BY KYLA WETMORE, SEVENTH-GRADER

# MCE Raises \$41,000 Via 13th Annual Pine Car Derby



First-graders having fun at the races



Some of the pine cars

Celebrating 13 years of fundraising through their Pine Car Derby efforts, Madison Campus Elementary (MCE) in Madison, Tenn., raised more than \$41,000 this year. This one and only school-wide fundraising takes many volunteers, staff, teachers, and faculty to make the event possible. Taking six weeks to fundraise, the students mail letters and send emails to family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and church family asking for donations to support their goal of \$250 per student.

This year an online-fundraising site called Go Fund Me was used. It allowed donors to give online and also promoted their campaign to the public. More than \$10,000 of the \$41,000 was raised through the Go Fund Me campaign.

Race day consisted of the pine cars

racing down two tracks to see whose car was the fastest, both by class and overall. “This year, new tracks were purchased, and the kids were able to see how fast their cars were coming in — sometimes in the 200-plus m.p.h. range. It was a lot of fun, and the new tracks really added value to the races,” said Matt Roddy, race coordinator.

Booths were held by each grade, and all of the money raised will go toward their individual classrooms. A silent auction was also held where people could bid on items ranging from eateries to Holiday World and The Creation Museum.

If you are interested in learning more about the Pine Car Derby, please contact Kristin Fulton at MCE.

BY KRISTEN FULTON

# God Leads at “7up” Retreat

**R**elentless. This was the theme for the Kentucky-Tennessee Pathfinders’ annual “7up” retreat. Pathfinders in the seventh grade or up, hence 7up, went to Indian Creek Camp for an incredible weekend packed full of faith, fellowship, and fun.

The weekend started on Friday night with icebreaker games where the Pathfinders could get to know those outside their local clubs. Following the games was the worship program, which was led by Kentucky-Tennessee’s new youth director and his wife, Greg and Kimberly Taylor. Throughout the weekend’s worships, the Pathfinders learned about God’s relentless love for them, and how to have a deeper relationship with Him.

Friday night the Pathfinders were split into teams and instructed to paint a flag with their team’s name. The weekend was filled with many fun and challenging team-building activities, where the Pathfinders learned how to communicate, work together, and problem solve. Activities included challenges such as learning how to build ladders, maneuver through obstacles blindfolded, and many more.

Along with the activities, there was a trivia scavenger hunt that added excitement



One of the team building activities

to the weekend. Scattered around the camp were 24 rubber ducks and frogs which had Pathfinder trivia questions and knots on the bottom. It actually ended in a tie between two Pathfinders who found and answered all 24.

On Saturday evening, an appeal was made for the Pathfinders to make a com-

mitment to Christ. Twenty-four indicated they were interested in studying for baptism. Praise the Lord for His leading at this wonderful event, and within the incredible Pathfinder clubs in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. 🙏

BY PAIGE TUCKER

# Williamsburg Members Donate to Special Building Project

**D**orothy West passed away at the age of 90 on June 30, 2016. In her honor, Williamsburg, Ky., Church — where she was a charter member since 1968 — members, along with West’s daughters, Penny Teadue and Gayle Bell, decided to donate money to a building project for a One-day Church. The search for a building project ended after learning that more than 100,000 people were baptized in Rwanda, Africa, and churches were needed for the new congregations. They hoped to at least

partially fund a church.

West lived most of her life in Williamsburg, graduated from a local college, and for many years taught in the Whitley County school system. She was well known and loved by many in the surrounding area. Members and non-members enthusiastically gave, and soon enough was accumulated to sponsor building not a partial church, but the whole church, in memory of Dorothy West. 🙏

BY DIDRIKA COLLIER



Dorothy West

# South Atlantic Holds Job Fair



Many vendors supported and provided job opportunities for those who attended the job fair.



The team includes Patricia Campbell (left) and Sandra Reddish, elder, who are members at Maranatha Church in Atlanta, Ga., and Patrick Carter, South Atlantic Conference youth and young adult ministries director.

Jobs! Jobs! Jobs! This is the cry from so many in today's society, and the backdrop for an event that unfolded in the South Atlantic Conference. During the past two years, Patrick Carter, pastor and youth and young adult ministries director at the Conference, spoke with various individuals about how the Church can impact the community with something practical, and a means to introduce Adventism to many who have not interacted with the denomination previously.

Carter's burden was and is to see Christ imparted in ways that may have been thought of, but didn't quite happen. His prayer was, "Lord, how can we help those in our churches and surrounding communities become employed?" The answer came: conduct a job training and job fair. Why a job fair? In the churches, the plea is for more monetary support from the memberships. But, many who sit in the pews week in and week out are often unemployed or under employed.

Setting out with prayer, a team was put together consisting of Sandra Reddish, elder, and Patricia Campbell, former administrative assistant at the Southern Union, both members of the Maranatha Church in Atlanta, Ga., to formulate a plan to get people to work. The effervescent person-

ality of Reddish was noticed from the start. In her words, "I've been looking and wanting to do something like this for years!" Along with the technological talents of Campbell, who was instrumental in putting together the ad campaign, and Alton Scott, information technology director at the South Atlantic Conference, the vision came together.

The team had several meetings with Robert Porth and John Timmons of the South Carolina Department of Social Services, who assisted them with contacting many different employers who were just as excited to be a part of the job training and job fair. The event began with a job-training and resume-building seminar on July 12, 2016, with the help of Learie Luke, Ph.D., a member of the Christ is the Answer Church in Orangeburg, S.C., and a staff member of South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, who enlisted team members from South Carolina State University. In addition, Sonja Crayton, treasurer at the South Central Conference in Nashville, Tenn., conducted a financial planning seminar with 70 to 80 people in attendance.

The day of the job fair, July 14, finally arrived. The team was excited, but the excitement increased when they realized that

their prayers had been exceeded by God again. They expected some 30 employers to attend, but at final count 51 employers came with the express intentions of hiring the 427 registered candidates in their respective organizations. Not only did God provide the venue, the South Atlantic Conference campground in Orangeburg, but He also provided those who came the opportunity to meet Seventh-day Adventists, and many left with jobs! The team is still on a high from this awesome occasion to use a different form of evangelism, yes evangelism, to fulfill the Gospel message of Christ as found on page 143 in *Ministry of Healing*. Christ's methods alone gives true success!

The day ended with the team marveling at how God will do what He says He will do when hands of faith are placed in His. They also thank the South Atlantic Conference administration for their support and Victor Campbell, student at Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala., for handing out more than 100 tracts and *Steps to Christ* and *Let's Win* books to those who attended. God can do the impossible when audacious faith is expressed in Him. ☛

BY PATRICK CARTER

# Chatmon Family Starts “Dad’s Got Dementia” Ministry

In 2010, William Chatmon, longtime first elder of Berean Church in Atlanta, Ga., was diagnosed with vascular dementia. This disease progressed from bouts of forgetfulness and confusion to physical and cognitive impairment. With the support of a loving wife and devoted children, Chatmon began the difficult journey that dementia brings.

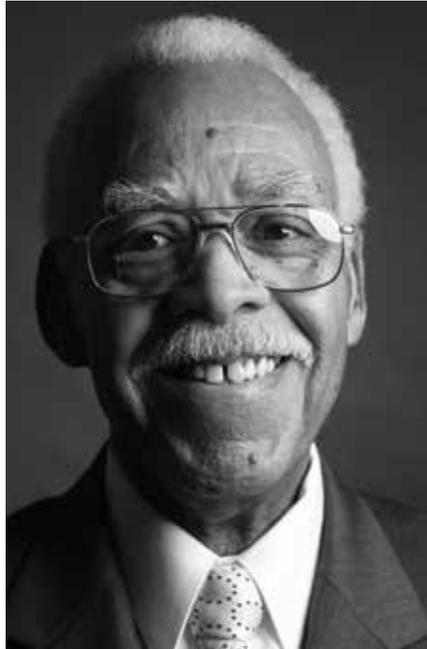
Over the course of the years, his family had to accept and learn how to deal with the disease. Not only did it affect Chatmon in significant ways, it also affected every member of his family. Taking care of him became the number one priority.

As the family soon discovered, there are many others dealing with dementia/Alzheimer’s. It appears as if everyone now knows a family member or friend who has become afflicted with the disease. And, like most caregivers of family members with dementia, there is no clearly defined blueprint to follow to navigate through the twists and turns the disease brings.

Realizing that others in similar situations were looking for help and insight into caring for their loved ones, Shelley Chatmon Hall, Chatmon’s youngest daughter, began a ministry dedicated to the disease. It is affectionately named “Dad’s Got Dementia.”

Dad’s Got Dementia, on its Facebook and Instagram pages, provides weekly short vlogs (video blogs), giving tips for caring for loved ones fighting dementia. Everything from items and tools needed for daily living to insightful tips on diet, exercise, and other ways to maintain and increase the quality of life are included.

To reach a wider audience, Hall authored a book, *Dad’s Got Dementia: Life After Diagnosis*, which gives a wealth of insight for those who are confronted with caring for loved ones with dementia/Alzheimer’s. This survival guide covers everything from the initial diagnosis, legal and medical matters to consider, and most importantly, how to live in the moment.



William Chatmon, former first elder of Berean Church in Atlanta, Ga.

Hall was a presenter during the 2016 South Atlantic Conference Camp Meeting on the topic of dementia care. Her wealth of experience learned through research and the care of her father was shared with the audience, and her practical tips were needed and greatly appreciated.

Hall is a go-to speaker on the care of dementia patients. She always stresses that her father is still William Chatmon; while the disease has made serious inroads into his life, he is still William Chatmon, deserving of the same love, attention, and care that he enjoyed before his diagnosis. She encourages everyone to take that same approach with those who are on the same journey of dementia.

For more information about this dementia ministry, please visit [www.dadsgotdementia.com](http://www.dadsgotdementia.com). 📍

BY CURTIS HALL



David Moore (left), M.D., and his wife, Mamie Moore, stand with Shelley and Curtis Hall.

# Civil Rights Activist Speaks During Community Forum at Oakwood



PHOTO BY: DAVID STEWART JR.

In his message, “How to Ride through a Storm,” Al Sharpton, D.D., reminded the congregation that “fear and faith” cannot exist at the same time.



PHOTO BY: DAVID STEWART JR.

Representative Laura Hall presents Al Sharpton, D.D., with a special acknowledgment.



PHOTO BY: DAVID STEWART JR.

Karen Benn-Marshall, Ed.D., vice president for academic administration at Oakwood University, welcomed Al Sharpton, D.D., on behalf of Oakwood.

Called by God at the age of four to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Alfred (Al) Charles Sharpton Jr., D.D., has spent his life in service as a Christian preacher and activist sacredly committed to “selfless leadership” and service. He is an American Civil Rights activist, minister, and host of *Politics Nation with Al Sharpton*. On January 29,

2017, inspired by the visionary ministry of Carlton P. Byrd, D.Min., senior pastor of the Oakwood University Church, the Huntsville community experienced this humble symbol of Christian witness in the public square with a special visit by Al Sharpton, D.D., as he offered the keynote sermonic address to commemorate the beginning of Black History Month in

a special community forum sponsored by the church.

The forum was attended by a myriad of people from the Huntsville community, including members of the Oakwood University Church, Oakwood University, area ministers and their congregations, and political leaders. Representative Laura Hall applauded Byrd for spon-



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soring socially uplifting and unifying programs for the Huntsville community. Karen Benn-Marshall, Ed.D., Oakwood University vice president of academic administration, welcomed Sharpton on behalf of the University.

Reflecting upon the “times in which we live,” Sharpton’s poignant message was grounded in Matthew 8. In his message, “How to Ride through a Storm,” he reminded the congregation that “fear and faith” cannot exist at the same time. He said, “... we’ve been through storms before.” The climax of his sermon was a soul-stirring testimony honoring the

woman whom he calls his “bedrock” — his mother. Sharpton has lived on both sides of the American economic ladder. He has known poverty. His mother modeled before him the strength needed to go through a storm. The preacher’s father abandoned the family, leaving them financially destitute. In what may have been a stormy time in their lives, Sharpton said his mother called on the Lord. She said, “... [Lord] if I never have a house again, it will be alright if You take care of my little girl and little boy ....”

Sharpton testified, “The reason she [could] jump up [in church] is she

lived to see that little girl and little boy grow up and be somebody .... The reason I know her story is true, I am her little boy.” Clearly his mother was that even-balanced hand through his life; she always pushed him.

Sharpton is the founder, along with other activists, of the National Action Network (NAN). “Dr. Alfred (AL) Charles Sharpton Jr., is clear about his life’s mission,” said former United States President Barack Hussein Obama, to be “a voice for the voiceless.” ●

BY RAMONA L. HYMAN, PH.D.

# Emmanuel Church Members Celebrate Fall Revival Blessings



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Baptized members from Emmanuel Church's fall revival.

As the years continue without the return of the Lord, Emmanuel Church in Mobile, Ala., continues the mission of sounding the cry of His return. During the month of November 2016, men and women rooted in Christ presented the “Good News for Difficult Times Fall Revival” to the local community and church family at Emmanuel.

The women led the way from October 29 to November 4. Nightly speakers included Bonnie Hawkins-Jordan, Bryana Austin, Lillie Minor, Dorothy Simms, and Debra Goodloe. On Sabbath, November 5, Sonja Crayton, treasurer at South Central Conference, was the excellent speaker that culminated the women’s contribution. The men were strengthened by seasoned speakers from November 6 to November 12, with heart-throbbing messages by Michael

Harpe, South Central Conference communication and stewardship director, and James Norman, pastor from Montgomery, Ala.

“Family and Friends Day” was Sabbath, November 19, and the grand finale of the fall revival with speaker Harold Goodloe, pastor. Special guests included United Bodies of Christ choir of south Mississippi, and local guest LaToya Bradshaw of the Nazaree Full Gospel Church in Mobile. They helped to make the day a success.

The highlight of the day was the baptism of 24 souls into the church family. They were supported by the presence of their families; church family; and Bible workers Melsadies House of Orlando, Fla., and Debra Goodloe of Mobile, who diligently helped labor for decisions during the series.

The blessings continued as five more

were baptized on November 26, and two more on December 4. The year 2016 ended with a Sabbath celebration that was seasoned with the JRBCB choir’s homecoming concert, a fellowship dinner, a Kwanza program, and Holy Communion. The church family bowed together to end the year and start a new year’s journey. Added to the blessing of the 31 new souls was the finalization and acquisition of land adjacent to the church for the anticipated gymnasium, school, and family life center.

This year will mark the 110th year of Emmanuel Church. The members look forward to a grand celebration. Satan might be busy, but God Almighty is still in charge of His Church, and His circle of love continues to shine through as the Church marches on. 🕊

BY JOYCE SAMPSON-ROBINSON

# Nursing Students Get Creative in Helping Community

Nursing is a hands-on profession often associated with needles, stethoscopes, and bandages. However, in addition to traditional training, nursing students at Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn., are finding unique and tangible ways to improve the health of their community. Through a newly restructured approach to community health training, bachelor's degree students take a required series of classes that start in the classroom and end up in the community, putting theory into practice. Groups of two to four students partner with local organizations, identify a need, and get to work. The goal is to create and implement a fully-functioning resource that the organization can continue using after the students are gone.

"We want students to get out there, representing not only Southern but also Christ to our neighbors," said Beckie Retzer, assistant professor in the School of Nursing. "We hope these class projects will have a lasting impact both on them and community members."

Mark Childress, senior nursing major, and two classmates identified a need in a local emergency department's secure room for psychiatric patients. To protect occupants from harming themselves, the room was bare and utilitarian, with nothing for them to do.

"We witnessed physical outbursts and mental breakdowns," Childress said. "One man commented that he felt like a caged animal and had nothing else to do besides act out."

Childress' group researched ideas and settled on a simple but effective solution — the team painted one wall with nontoxic chalkboard paint in a soothing blue color, and found a dustless, nontoxic chalk that wouldn't cause harm, even if it was swallowed. This provided patients with an outlet, a way to occupy themselves safely. It was a hit!

"One lady even wrote a thank-you note on the wall before she was transferred,"



Senior nursing major Mark Childress applies chalkboard paint to the wall of a local emergency department's secure room for psychiatric patients.

Childress said. Through the team's initiative, the hospital became the first in Tennessee to offer this therapy to its psych patients.

Another group of students collaborated with the Standifer Gap Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., to share better nutrition with the community. Students prepared a recipe booklet that included original recipes, shopping lists, and easy instructions. Then they worked with church members to hold a cooking school where the students demonstrated the recipes.

Other groups took on projects such as translating health pamphlets at a clinic for the underserved, providing diabetes awareness and training in local elementary schools, and working with Muslim refugees in the area to get proper nutrition in their new environment.

"This class helped me to think outside the box," said Shannon DeRogatis, senior nursing major. "I have been a registered nurse for several years, but this really put me outside of my comfort zone. Being able to share the knowledge that I have learned over the past several years was extremely rewarding." 📌

BY JANELL HULLQUIST



The team's finished efforts with the chalkboard wall provide patients with a safe way to occupy themselves.

# Mission in Action: ADU Student's Initiative Offers Footcare to Denver's Homeless Population

The service-learning experience built into Adventist University of Health Sciences' (ADU) curriculum is a key component to the educational values set by the University. In order to develop skilled professionals who *live* the healing values of Christ, ADU gives its students opportunities to practice their clinical skills and passion for serving through community engagement projects.

Although the direct reward for this experience may be a passing grade, the hope is to offer the students a chance to make a difference in the community and earn a sense of spiritual fulfillment. For one student at the ADU Denver, Co., location, this message struck a chord and launched an ambitious, humanitarian project.

Heidi Pennock, fourth-year BSN nursing student at ADU Denver, was required to complete community service as part of her community health class. She embraced the task, starting a remarkable project that addressed an urgent need in Denver's community. Pennock had attended a weekly meeting of local churches at Church in the City, co-sponsored by Christ's Body Ministries. Each week members gather with the goal of helping the homeless and underserved population of the Denver metro area. It was during a meeting that she became aware of the important issue of inadequate footcare for the people in this portion of the community.

With this realization, Pennock

started a sock drive to collect new and gently used socks from the ADU Denver campus. Now, the homeless and underserved members of Denver's community are given a foot-washing service once a week at mealtimes for Christ's Body Ministries. After their feet are washed, fresh socks are provided in exchange for their dirty ones.

When asked about her project, Pennock talked about the bond of trust established by an act as humble and intimate as foot-washing. She says, "When someone allows you to take care of their feet, they are much more likely to open up and share details of their lives." Her devotion to this incredible project is a sincere act of altruism, motivated by more than a passing grade.

Pennock described the positive response the project has received. She recently arrived to a weekly session to find eight people already lined up to have their feet washed and dressed in clean socks.

"The act of washing feet has been like a portal," Pennock says. Her project has made a meaningful impact on an impoverished portion of Denver's community. In addition, she is acting on ADU's mission to practice healthcare as a ministry. In the future, Pennock plans to work in community health using her nursing degree. The success of her sock drive has proven to be a strong start toward her goals. 📍

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BY LISA MARIE ESSER

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Heidi Pennock stands covered with socks donated to her project.

# Iglesia y 2 Filiales Comprometidas en la Tarea de Evangelizar



Filial de Lumberton

## Prueba con Jesús, Lumberton

La filial Lumberton, NC, fruto del trabajo de la iglesia de Saint Pauls, NC, cuenta con 29 miembros recién bautizados que avanzan en vía de crecimiento. Luego de comenzar este grupo, adquirieron un cómodo salón en el que se reúnen los miércoles y viernes para testificar, y presentar el mensaje de salvación a la población hispana local.

Del 17 al 24 de diciembre se llevó a

cabo una campaña de evangelismo titulada Prueba con Jesús. Marilyn Nater impartió los mensajes que se centraron en la preciosa historia del calvario, y las grandes promesas registradas en las Sagradas Escrituras. Noche a noche invitó a la congregación a ponerse en las manos de Jesús. Al finalizar la campaña, algunas visitas expresaron su deseo de entregar sus vidas a Dios.

## A la imagen de Jesús, Red Springs

La Filial Red Springs, NC, nació por el

trabajo tenaz de la hermandad de la iglesia de Raefor, NC. Red Springs es un pequeño grupo de 14 hermanos que poniendo su mirada en nuestro Salvador Jesucristo avanzan con celo y determinación en su misión de dar a conocer el evangelio de salvación a la población hispana local. Actualmente se reúnen los miércoles en el hogar de su director Prócoro Cruz.

Del 21 al 24 diciembre, organizaron la campaña de evangelismo “A la imagen de



Filial de Red Springs



Iglesia Saint Paul

Jesús.” El orador fue el laico Joel Verdugo, quien compartió con miembros y visitas las preciosas perlas de salvación.

Varias personas respondieron al llamado de entregar sus vidas a Cristo.

Los hermanos de la Filial de Red Springs continúan sembrando, regando y cultivando el terreno Evangelístico de manera que muy pronto puedan cosechar nuevas y preciosas almas para el reino eterno.

**En las Huellas de Jesús, Saint Pauls**

Desde el 24 – 31 de diciembre la Iglesia

Saint Pauls, NC, trabajó en la cruzada de evangelismo En las Huellas de Jesús que tuvo como predicador al pastor Eliasib González. Toda la membresía estuvo comprometida en el planeamiento y desarrollo de la misma, bajo el liderazgo de su director misionero Edy Ángeles.

Como fruto de este esfuerzo, 5 personas bajaron a las aguas del bautismales para sellar sus vidas con Jesús, y un gran número de visitas decidieron bautizarse en un bautismo próximo.

Fue notable el esfuerzo de los miembros de cada una de las 3 congregaciones, quienes trabajaron en forma unida y armoniosa. Los resultados de las campaña motivaron sus corazones para seguir en la siembra y riego de la Semilla, ahora en nuevos terrenos, para que pronto se cosechen más almas para el Reino de los Cielos. 🙏

**ELÍAS SANDOVAL, PASTOR DEL DISTRITO**

# Iglesia Primera Inaugura su Salón Para Eventos Sociales



Corte de la cinta por parte del pastor Cornejo, su esposa Cecilia y Antonio Quiñones, Acompañados por los pastores Ed Wright y Miguel Tirado, David Labrado, Edson González y el joven Benjamin Figueroa



Miembros de la iglesia al final de la celebración

La Iglesia Primera terminó la primera etapa de construcción de su edificio en el año 2008. Seguidamente, el país atravesó por un serio período de recesión, por lo que dejaron el salón para eventos sociales y las aulas infantiles para una segunda etapa. Se atravesaron crisis presupuestarias, y se oró durante varios años para que Dios ayudase a terminar esa parte para que los jóvenes tuvieran lugar para recrearse, las familias para socializar, y principalmente, para traer visitas, entablar amistad, e impartirles el mensaje.

Finalmente, el 21 de enero, se abrieron

las puertas de la parte posterior de la iglesia, en una celebración colmada de una atmósfera altamente espiritual. Se invitó a varios pastores que pasaron por esta iglesia durante los 44 años desde su creación. En algunos casos, vinieron sus esposas, ya que estos ministros han ya pasado al descanso. Se mostraron fotografías de los comienzos, en las que se podían ver a muchos de los presentes adultos, en brazos de sus padres. Fueron momentos emotivos.

Cabe destacar, que lo que más resaltó en esta ceremonia, fueron las historias de fe que se compartieron. En ningún momento se percibió que el edificio era el

centro de la celebración, sino el Dios que habita en el mismo, y que bendijo a esta congregación incluso durante las pruebas, para que puedan terminar este proyecto. Se recordó las veces que luego de orar, un caballero desconocido venía a la iglesia y dejaba donaciones en un sobre, sin decir su nombre, ni de dónde venía. La iglesia lo llamaba el ángel moreno. Fue un sábado glorioso, en el que la fe de la hermandad se fortaleció recordando cómo Dios los guió y ayudó, y que el objetivo de este edificio es dar gloria a su nombre. 🕊

MARIEL LOMBARDI, EDITORA

# Ofrenda de Agradecimiento



Paul y Sonia Allemant junto a sus hijitas Brianna y Bridget

Sonia Allemant, miembro de la iglesia Primera, es una terapeuta ocupacional graduada en Perú y se desempeña trabajando con niños desde su nacimiento hasta los 3 años como intervencionista. Está casada y tiene hijitas pequeñas, mellizas. Su vida se desarrollaba como la de cualquier mamá que trabaja y cuida de su familia. Su padres, que siempre la asistieron en el cuidado de las niñas, hicieron un viaje a Perú, su país de origen. Mientras se encontraban allí su madre enfermó de gravedad. Sonia hizo arreglos en su trabajo, donde le prometieron que mantendrían su posición en su ausencia, y partió para Perú a los efectos de cuidarla. La enfermedad se prolongó, y Sonia debió permanecer allí durante casi un año. Como consecuencia, perdió su trabajo. Cuando la salud de su madre mejoró, Sonia regresó. Inmediatamente se puso en campaña para conseguir otro empleo, sin suerte. La situación financiera de su familia se tornó difícil. A pesar de que su esposo se había

quedado en los Estados Unidos trabajando mientras ella cuidaba de su madre. Ellos siempre habían contado con su ingreso, y se hacía cuesta arriba mantener la infraestructura que habían armado como familia. En medio de este cuadro, la salud de su madre empeoró y ella tuvo que partir nuevamente hacia Perú.

Una vez más se encontraba en el aeropuerto de Atlanta sola, triste, desanimada y hasta enojada. Contaba con muy poco dinero esta vez, y la responsabilidad del cuidado de sus dos hijitas, para las que llevaba un cochecito. Debía hacer un trasbordo en Miami, y éste le permitiría que también cargase los bolsos de mano. Se preguntaba hasta cuándo se estiraría esta situación insostenible. Un miedo profundo a lo que le esperaba en ese viaje inundaba su mente. De pronto,

anunciaron que era hora de abordar. Cuando se disponía a entrar en el avión, trató de cerrar el cochecito una y mil veces, pero parecía estar trabado. Muy amablemente la tripulación trató de ayudarla, pero sin suerte. El avión ya estaba listo para partir, y continuaban intentando. Algunos pasajeros salieron a ayudar, en vano. Se le dijo que lamentablemente debería dejar el cochecito allí. Sonia transpiraba y pensaba en cómo se arreglaría en Miami con las niñas y el equipaje. Finalmente el piloto se compadeció y vino también a tratar de cerrar el cochecito, pero no lo logró. En ese momento, como última alternativa, Sonia dijo: “Dios, por favor, ayúdame.” Terminó de decir estas palabras y levantó el cochecito como para intentar por última vez, y antes de hacer fuerza, el cochecito se cerró. Al subir al avión, todo el pasaje y la tripulación la aplaudieron. Sonia estaba nerviosa y avergonzada. Se sumergió en su asiento, queriendo desaparecer. Al llegar a Miami y alistarse para salir del avión poniendo

nuevamente a sus niñas en el cochecito, se encontró con que otra vez estaba trabado. Esta vez, lo primero que hizo fue orar, y el cochecito inmediatamente se abrió.

Mientras volaba a Perú, Sonia meditó en el incidente, y vio claramente que a través del mismo, Dios le había querido comunicar que Él estaba a su lado en ese momento, e iba a continuar acompañándola. Lloró y pidió perdón a Dios por su falta de fe. Una paz enorme inundó su corazón, y pudo encarar las cosas de una forma diferente.

Su madre mejoró completamente, y todos volvieron a los Estados Unidos. Allí comenzó nuevamente la tarea de buscar trabajo, pero esta vez con fe y paz. Luego de un tiempo le ofrecieron un trabajo en Gainesville. Durante un mes y medio, sólo tuvo tres pacientes, y el tiempo que le tomaba manejar hasta allá parecía no valer la pena el esfuerzo. A mediados de diciembre del 2016, en la iglesia hicieron un llamado para dar una ofrenda especial para cubrir un déficit financiero de la tesorería. Se pidió que cada familia donara un mínimo de 250 dólares. El esposo de Sonia no es adventista, y ha sido muy comprensivo y generoso con la situación de sus suegros. Ella no quería pedirle dinero. No obstante, se dijo a sí misma: “Dios me ha mostrado a través de todo lo que estoy viviendo que está a mi lado. Quiero dar este dinero que no tengo, pero sé que Él proveerá.” Llenó el papel del pacto, y se fue muy tranquila a su casa. La semana siguiente, Sonia fue bendecida grandemente: la cantidad de niños que le asignaron comenzó a aumentar, y al cabo de unos días, tenía 16 pequeños para atender.

El 21 de enero, ella dio su ofrenda feliz. Ese dinero iba cargado de agradecimiento, por una experiencia que nunca olvidará.

“Pero ¿quién soy yo, y quién es mi pueblo, para que podamos darte estas ofrendas voluntarias? En verdad, tú eres el dueño de todo, y lo que te hemos dado, de ti lo hemos recibido.” 1 Crónicas 29:14 NVI



MARIEL LOMBARDI, EDITORA

# Capacitación Para Líderes y 10 Días de Oración



**Pastor García (centro) con algunos de los instructores**

El 11 y 12 de febrero se realizó la primera jornada de capacitación del 2017 para todos los líderes de iglesias hispanas de la asociación. El grupo de instructores incluía a los pastores del ministerio hispano y sus esposas: Gerson & Carol Sánchez, Roberto & Silvana Solorzano, Johnny & Marilene Castro, Michel Rodríguez, Cristofé Guzmán, Rammy Robles y Nilton & Sara García.

Los rostros de los fieles líderes que asistieron mostraban gozo, compromiso y atención. Además del entrenamiento, el Ministerio Hispano los equipó con una buena cantidad de material como manuales, sermones, videos, posters, e invitaciones, que podrán ser usadas en diferentes eventos durante el año. También se les proporcionaron materiales para campañas de evangelismo para adultos, jóvenes, y niños. Los mismos incluían todas las etapas del proyecto, desde su planificación hasta los sermones. Diferentes actividades como servicio para la comunidad, discipulado y plantación de iglesia, estaban detalladamente delineadas para facilitar los procesos de organización de las mismas. Todo esto, en el contexto de promover el crecimiento espiritual de los miembros y el cumplimiento de la misión.

### Diez Días de Oración

El 22 de febrero se comenzó el plan 10 días

de oración y 10 horas de ayuno con los líderes de las iglesias. Comenzando a las 4:30 de la mañana, el propósito fue buscar el poder del Espíritu Santo como un solo cuerpo, para ser usados por Él. Una de las metas era que juntos pudiesen involucrar a todos los miembros en la misión. De esta manera, al estar ocupados en el trabajo por otros, se buscará al Señor, se hablará y estudiará acerca de Él y esto redundará en una victoria espiritual de salvación para quienes participen.

El 26 de febrero se realizó la segunda ronda de capacitación para los líderes de la iglesia. Los pastores continúan orando y trabajando para que Dios los dirija y con la unción del Espíritu Santo, pastores, líderes y miembros puedan decir: "JESÚS DAME UNO MAS" 📌

**SARA GARCÍA, SECRETARIA DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO**

# Resultados del Trabajo del Espíritu Santo

El Ministerio Hispano fue bendecido con 500 bautismos en el 2016. Todo esto se llevó a cabo gracias al poder del Espíritu Santo que no sólo trabajó en los nuevos creyentes, sino también en los 6 pastores hispanos con que cuenta la asociación, ancianos, líderes de actividad misionera y grupos pequeños, duplas misioneras y miembros de las 25 iglesias. Un total de 2,620 miembros hispanos comprometidos en la tarea de buscar y salvar a los perdidos.

"No cabe duda que el Espíritu Santo está derramándose cada día." Dice Nilton García, director del departamento hispano. "Hemos empezado a trabajar en su búsqueda y este año esperamos tener muchas más bendiciones bajo su dirección. El año pasado en el África, con 650,000 miembros, se alcanzó un total de 110,000 bautismos (un incremento del 14.9%) en nuestro territorio, el Ministerio Hispano con 2,620 miembros trajo 500 nuevo conversos, lo que representa un incremento del 19 %. Por esto alabamos el nombre de Dios, y oramos para ser aún

mejores obreros en el 2017."

Este año la asociación tiene 3,120 miembros hispanos, y el número de distritos aumentó de 6 a 8. No dudamos que Dios está invitando a la hermandad a alcanzar mayores victorias, ya que Jesucristo siempre es victorioso. El blanco que los pastores se han propuesto para el 2017 es de 700 almas para Cristo, con el lema "JESÚS DAME UNO MAS."

"Al analizar los incidentes actuales, dijo Nilton García, vemos cuánto necesitamos el Espíritu Santo para motivar a todos los miembros a involucrarse. ¡Tres mil ciento veinte personas! No es una tarea fácil pero nos ponemos en las manos de Dios porque Él prometió que sus seguidores podrían hacer mayores cosas que las que Él hizo.

Agradecemos el trabajo del Espíritu Santo que quiso utilizarnos aún cuando no lo merecemos. También por usar a los administradores, altamente comprometidos en la tarea de evangelización, que nos brindan su apoyo incondicional. De una forma

muy especial agradecemos al pastor Dave Livermore, presidente de la asociación, quien nos inspiró para lograr lo que alcanzamos en el 2016 y lo que con la ayuda del Espíritu Santo alcanzaremos durante el 2017." 📌



**SARA GARCÍA, SECRETARIA DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO**

# Louisville Oeste, de Grupo Pequeño a Compañía

Todo comenzó con la organización de un grupo pequeño en la iglesia Hispana Central. La familia Peña Cambray ofreció su casa para llevar a cabo las reuniones. El principio no fue fácil, ya que no sabían a quién invitar, ni cómo encarar la invitación. Luego de orar y planificar, decidieron llamar a sus familiares, los esposos Quevedo Peña y sus pequeños. Les pidieron que viniesen a su hogar a fin de conversar, tomar un té y pasar momentos en familia. Los invitados aceptaron gozosos, sin imaginar que a partir de ese día sus vidas cambiarían para siempre. Durante la visita, el Espíritu del Señor les puso en el corazón el deseo de conocer más de las Sagradas Escrituras. El tema surgió en medio de la charla. Esta familia invitó a otra, y así comenzó el proceso de invitaciones, hasta que el grupo se consolidó.

El pastor Vargas, viendo el crecimiento del grupo buscó un lugar adecuado y

accesible para iniciar reuniones semanales y la Iglesia Hispana Central brindó todo el apoyo necesario. De esta forma, el sábado 28 de abril del 2013 se iniciaron las reuniones de sábado y jueves con un programa especial en el que se incluyó una hermosa ceremonia bautismal. El lema del grupo es “Un hogar para los amigos”. Los miembros continuaron trabajando, y el 8 de diciembre del 2015 fueron organizados oficialmente como grupo misionero. Este grupo siguió creciendo, y el 14 de enero pasado, quedó establecido como Compañía Hispana del Oeste de Louisville, KY.

La ceremonia de organización fue presidida por el pastor Steve Rose, Secretario Ejecutivo de la asociación. Se contó con la presencia del pastor Armando De León, director del Ministerio Hispano, su secretaria Yvis Sierra, y Sergio Monterroso, pastor del distrito. Fue un día muy especial, muchos amigos estuvieron presentes. Un total de 39 miembros bautizados firmaron

el acta, y otros que pronto sellarán su pacto con Dios por medio del bautismo.

Estos eventos han acrecentado la motivación de esta congregación para seguir esparciendo las buenas nuevas de Salvación hasta el encuentro con el gran Dios y Salvador Jesucristo. 📌



Foto de los miembros de la congregación con el pastor del distrito Sergio Monterroso, Steve Rose, secretario de la asociación, Armando de León y su esposa, director del Ministerio Hispano

EVELIN DE LA TORRE, SECRETARIA DE LA COMPAÑÍA LOUISVILLE OESTE

# Nuevo Grupo Misión de Midtown, Memphis

Con mucha alegría y bendiciones del Todopoderoso le damos muchas gracias a Dios por la iniciativa de un grupo de hermanos de la Iglesia Central de Memphis, TN, por haber abrigado en su corazón el deseo de trabajar en favor de otros que no conocen la verdad del evangelio. Todo comenzó con el sueño del grupo de ancianos, que veían cómo Dios bendecía a la iglesia con bautismos al final de cada campaña. Con esto en mente desearon formar una nueva congregación y trabajaron duro para lograrlo. Es así como el 17 de enero, sus esfuerzos se vieron coronados con la creación de una nueva congregación, el Grupo Misión de Midtown, Memphis.

No tenemos la menor duda que pronto veremos esta iglesia llena también. Alabado sea nuestro buen Dios. 📌



Miembros del flamante grupo de Midtown Memphis

ARMANDO DE LEÓN, DIRECTOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO

# Conway Termina de Pagar su Deuda



Miembros de la iglesia de Conway



Pastor Reyes y esposa junto a miembros de Conway agradeciendo a Dios por haberlos bendecido.

El sábado 14 de enero se realizó la ceremonia de quema del documento que mostraba la cancelación del pago de la hipoteca de la iglesia de Conway, SC. Estuvieron presentes los pastores David Smith, secretario de la asociación, José Reyes, pastor de la iglesia, y su esposa Claudia, y Efraín Poloche director del Ministerio Hispano, y su esposa Xiomara, quien interpretó el mensaje del día. El programa fue organizado minuciosamente por los miembros de la iglesia, y supervisado por el pastor y su esposa. La hermandad agradece a Dios por la bendición de tener un templo propio libre de deudas.

En sus inicios en el año 2000, la congregación contaba con 4 personas, quienes bajo el liderazgo de Eduardo Saavedra crecieron hasta convertirse en compañía, y luego en iglesia.

Smith entregó un cheque de 1,000 dólares de parte del presidente Winston, y pronto recibirán uno de \$ 16,600 de acuerdo a la póliza de apropiación estipulada para todas las iglesias que adquieren un templo. El costo de la propiedad fue de 166.600 dólares. Gracias Dios, esa suma quedó en el recuerdo, permitiendo que todas las energías y recursos se usen para el fortalecimiento espiritual de la iglesia y la ganancia de almas.

**EFRAÍN POLOCHE, DIRECTOR DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO**

# Escuela Radiopostal

La iglesia de Wilson, NC, organizó un seminario instructivo sobre la forma de montar una estación de radio e iniciar una escuela radiopostal de La Voz de la Esperanza. El mismo se llevó a cabo el 10 de diciembre, y estuvo a cargo del pastor Joel Medina. Contó con la participación de varias iglesias de los distritos de los pastores Poloche y Uribe. 📻

**EFRAÍN POLOCHE, DIRECTOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO**



Grupo de asistentes al seminario

# Flamante Iglesia de Goldsboro

El 4 de febrero, el presidente de la asociación, William Winston, tuvo a cargo la ceremonia de organización de la compañía de Goldsboro, NC, como iglesia. Cincuenta y cuatro personas firmaron el libro de inauguración.

La nota brillante del evento fue el bautismo de 4 personas que pasaron a ser miembros de la flamante iglesia.

A Dios sea la gloria por el crecimiento constante de las 8 congregaciones (Warsaw, Clinton, Burgaw, Smithfeild, Wilson, Washington y Goldsboro) que el Pr Ismael Uribe y su esposa Lady tienen a su cargo. 📍

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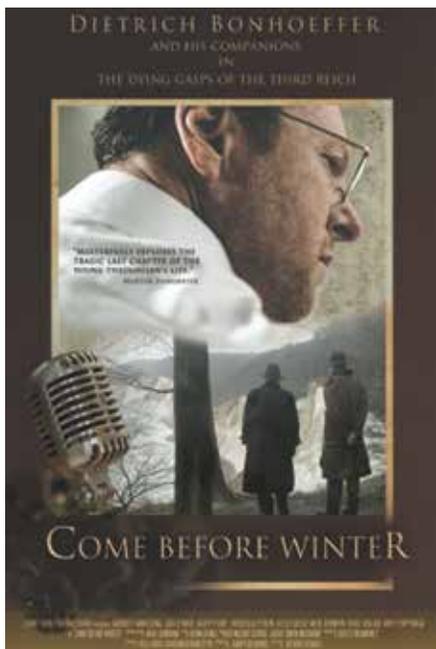


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# Ex-alumnos de Southern Estrenan Docudrama Sobre Famoso Activista Cristiano



Poster de Bonhoeffer

Un grupo de ex-alumnos de la Escuela de Artes Visuales y Diseño de la universidad Southern asumieron papeles clave en la reciente película, *Ven antes del Invierno*, basada en la vida de Dietrich Bonhoeffer. La misma fue una producción de Gary Blount, bajo la dirección de Kevin Ekvall, graduado en 2007, y se estrenó en la Universidad de Loma Linda, California, el 21 de enero.

Esta obra es una combinación de los géneros documental y entretenimiento. A través del lente de la directora de fotografía Tanya Musgrave, graduada en 2011, este docudrama destaca los últimos días de Bonhoeffer desde la perspectiva de un equipo de la estación de radio de inteligencia británica *Propaganda Negra*. Otras de las personas partes de este equipo fueron Melody George, graduada en 2006, y la subdirectora Theo Brown, graduada en 2010.

Este logro fue el resultado de un esfuerzo de tres años, en los que el equipo trabajó para escribir, filmar, y editar esta obra maestra. Con el fin de realzar la autenticidad del proyecto, muchas escenas fueron filmadas en el Reino Unido y Alemania, donde transcurrió la historia. Ekvall, explicando algunas de las tecnicidades del trabajo, comentó que debido a los diferentes lugares en los que se llevó a cabo la filmación, fue de suma importancia que las tomas estuvieran perfectamente coordinadas para que los cambios en el escenario no fueran evidentes.

La participación de Musgrave como directora de fotografía es evidente en las entrevistas en el extranjero, así como en muchas de las secuencias narrativas filmadas en Loma Linda, California.

La historia tuvo lugar durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial, por lo que muchos de los accesorios tuvieron que ser alquilados y comprados en tiendas de antigüedades. Musgrave, que también estaba involucrada en el

diseño de la escenografía, confesó que disfrutó y se divirtió escogiendo dichos accesorios. “Conseguimos el apoyo de tiendas de segunda mano, donde pudimos encontrar una gran parte de las cosas que usamos. Los medios de transporte de la época, fueron alquilados en un enorme almacén de Los Ángeles, que se especializa en accesorios antiguos,” dijo Musgrave.

A lo largo del proceso, el equipo tuvo que investigar varios escritos de Bonhoeffer, que incluyen libros prácticos sobre la espiritualidad cristiana. Según Ekvall, el aprender sobre el impacto de la obra de Bonhoeffer durante la segunda guerra mundial fue espiritualmente motivador para muchos de los miembros del equipo. “Aunque fue un proceso difícil con retos importantes,” dijo, “el hecho de que saber que alguien estuvo dispuesto a arriesgar su vida para defender la injusticia y la crueldad, me motivó a hacer mi mejor esfuerzo para contar su historia. Agradezco profundamente a David George y los otros profesores de la Escuela de Artes Visuales y Diseño de Southern. Contamos con un equipo muy pequeño, pero la preparación que recibimos en Southern nos hizo posible llevar a cabo un proyecto como éste, en el que cada uno debió asumir múltiples funciones.” 📍

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**CAROLINA**

**ADVENTURER FUN DAY** - April 7-9. NPR.  
**VOLUNTEER LAY PASTOR TRAINING** - April 21-23. Carolina Conference.  
**MPA ALUMNI WEEKEND** - April 21, 22. MPA.  
**PATHFINDER COUNCIL MEETING** - April 21, 22. NPR.  
**MPA ACADEMY DAYS** - April 28-30. MPA.  
**SEEDS** - April 28, 29. Triad Fellowship CO., Greensboro, NC.  
**HISPANIC CAMP MEETING** - May 5-7. NPR.  
**SAU GRADUATION WEEKEND** - May 5-7. Southern Adventist University Campus.  
**LAY-LEADER & FAMILY RETREAT** - May 10-21. NPR.  
**MPA GRADUATION** - May 21. MPA.  
**LAKE JUNALUSKA CAMP MEETING** - May 28-June 3. Lake Junaluska, NC.  
**ADVENTURE CAMP** - June 18-25. NPR.  
**JUNIOR CAMP** - June 25-July 2. NPR.  
**SHAREHIM BOOT CAMP TRAINING** - June 25. Carolina Conference Office.

**FLORIDA**

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**FLORIDA ADVENTIST BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE** - The old, faithful bookmobile vehicle has been retired. Until further notice, a van will make pre-ordered deliveries only on designated days. Orders must be made by phone or e-mail before noon Thursday prior to a scheduled Sunday delivery.  
 April 23. Winter Haven, Avon Park, Arcadia, Cape Coral, Ft. Myers, Lehigh Acres, Naples.  
 April 30. Cocoa, Ft. Pierce, Midport, West Palm Beach First, Boynton Beach, Margate. (Southeastern Conference: Palm Bay, Port St. Lucie, West Palm Beach Ephesus.)  
 May 7. Tampa First, Brandon, West Coast Christian Academy in Bradenton, Sarasota, North Port, Port Charlotte.  
**123RD ANNUAL FLORIDA CAMP MEETING** - April 20-23, 2017. Camp Kulaqua, 23400 NW 212 Ave., High Springs. Theme: Filled With His Spirit. Revision to this year's featured speaker: Dan Jackson, North American Division President. Cost: varies depending on meals and accommodation choice. Details: floridaconference.com/campmeeting

**CAMPESTRE HISPANO** - April 28-30, 2017. Camp Kulaqua, 23400 NW 212 Ave., High Springs. Guest speaker: Frank Gonzalez. Cost: varies depending on meals and accommodation choice. Details: floridaconference.com/campestre  
 Red Zone - May 26-28. Camp Kulaqua, 23400 NW 212 Ave., High Springs. End-of-year celebration for Pathfinder & Adventurer Ministries. Registration: \$7 per person or \$9 after May 16. Details: floridaconference.com/events/red-zone-2017  
**SUMMER CAMP AND FAMILY CAMP 2017** - Camp Kulaqua, 23400 NW 212 Ave., High Springs. Cub Camp (ages 7-9), Junior Camp (ages 10-12), Teen Camp (ages 13-17) and Horsemanship Specialty Camp (cowgirls ages 11-16). Details and registration: campkulaqua.com/kulaqua-s-summer-camp  
 June 4-11. Week 1. Summer Camp: \$496. Horsemanship Specialty Camp: \$626.  
 June 11-18. Week 2. Summer Camp: \$546. Horsemanship Specialty Camp: \$626.  
 June 18-25. Week 3. Summer Camp: \$546. Horsemanship Specialty Camp: \$626.  
 Sept. 1-4. Family Camp. Rates vary based on accommodation choice. campkulaqua.com/kulaqua-s-summer-camp/year-round-programs/family-camp  
**SINGLE PARENT RETREAT** - Aug. 4-6. Camp Kulaqua, 23400 NW 212 Ave., High Springs. Programming for parents and children. Details: floridaconference.com/events/single-parent-retreat-0

**GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND**

**ASI: SOUTHERN UNION** - April 14-16. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.  
**PERSONAL MINISTRIES RALLY** - April 15, 2:00-5:00 pm. Gainesville Church, GA.  
**PATHFINDER CAMPOREE** - April 20-23. Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.  
**COHUTTA SPRINGS FOUNDATION RETREAT** - April 21-23. Speaker: Karl Haffner, teaching pastor at Ketter Adventist Church; Sabbath School with Doug Tilstra, director of outdoor education at Southern Adventist University; and music by the Emmanuel Quartet. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.  
**PERSONAL MINISTRIES RALLY** - April 22, 2-5 p.m. Sparta Church, TN.  
**SINGLES' MINISTRIES CAMPOUT** - April 28-30. Contact Wes Tucker for details, 828-361-6155. Cades Cove, TN.  
**HEALTH RALLY** - April 29. 2-5 p.m. Ooltewah Church, TN.  
 32nd GCC Constituency Session - April 30. Clarence Brown Conference Center,

Cartersville, GA.  
**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** - May 4.  
**ADVENTURER FAMILY FUN DAY** - May 7. Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.  
**WILL CLINIC WITH LES SPEER** - May 7, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Marietta Church, GA and 3-5 p.m. at Lakeview Church, GA.  
**HEALTH RALLY** - May 13, 2-5 p.m. Chatsworth Church, GA.  
**WILL CLINIC WITH LES SPEER** - May 14. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Atlanta North Church, GA and 3-5 p.m. at Austell Grandview Church, GA.  
**KOREAN CAMP MEETING** - May 19-21. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.  
**COLLEGEDALE CAMP MEETING** - May 31-June 3. Speaker: Randy Roberts, senior pastor for the Loma Linda University Church. On Sabbath, June 3, 2:30 p.m., the men are invited to the Men's Leadership Summit: Deep Mountain. Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, TN.  
**COHUTTA SPRINGS YOUTH CAMP TRAINING** - June 1-10. Crandall, GA.  
 Some events require pre-registration; details at registration.gccsda.com.

**KENTUCKY-TENNESEE**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** - April 4. June 20. Conference Office.  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION** - April 6. Conference Office.  
**TEACHER IN-SERVICE** - April 13, 14. Conference Office.  
**HIGHLAND ACADEMY DAYS** - April 21, 22. Highland Academy.  
**YOUNG ADULT RETREAT** - April 21-23. Indian Creek Camp.  
**PRAYER SUMMIT** - Praying for Your Husband - April 23. Conference Office.  
**MOTHER/DAUGHTER 5-8 GR. ONE DAY EVENT** - April 30. Paradise Ranch.  
**HIGHLAND ACADEMY BOARD** - May 11. Highland Academy.  
**CAMP MEETING** - May 26-June 3. Highland Academy Campus.  
**HISPANIC CAMP MEETING** - June 9, 10. Highland Academy.  
**CONSTITUENCY ORGANIZING COMMITTEE** - June 25. TBA.

**SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY**

**SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT** - April 27. Southern's Symphony Orchestra presents an evening of classical music, including pieces by Johannes Brahms and Peter Tchaikovsky. Starting at 7:30 p.m., the con-

cert will be held in the Collegedale Church, and is free and open to the public. You can also view it at southern.edu/streaming.

**SUMMER CLASSES BEGIN - May 8.** Numerous online courses are available for both undergraduate and graduate curriculums. Prospective students must apply and be accepted before registering. Start the process at southern.edu/apply.

**ACADEMIC SUMMER CAMPS - June 5-7.** Southern is hosting camps for high school students in chemistry, computing, creative writing, filmmaking, physics/engineering, Civil War history, graphic design/printmaking, social work/missions, photography, and an honors institute. Registration is \$150 for commuter students (\$200 if housing is needed). For more information or to register, visit southern.edu/camps or call 423-236-2781.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**110TH JOHN NEVINS ANDREWS SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SABBATH - April 1.** Takoma Park Church and at JNA, 117 Elm Ave., Takoma Park, MD. Registration-10 a.m. Worship Service-11:15 a.m. Fellowship luncheon-2:30 p.m. Class reunions, JNA school tours, 4:30 p.m. musical concert and JNA memories, light supper, and Alumni Basketball Game. RSVP mrevollo@jna.org, 301-270-1400. Last Anniversary & Alumni Celebration before school closes and moves to the new Takoma Academy Preparatory School site. More information to come on Facebook - John Nevins Andrews School Alumni and Friends.

**UNION COLLEGE HOMECOMING - April 6-9.** Honor classes: 1947, '57, '62, '67, '77, '87, '92, '97, and '07. 125th year celebration. For more information, contact the alumni office at 401-486-2503, 3800 S. 48th Street, Lincoln, NE 68506, or alumni@ucollege.edu.

**OKLAHOMA ACADEMY "ACADEMY DAYS" - March 31-April 2.** If you are a student who is serious about your walk with the Lord and His mission for your life, Oklahoma Academy may be just the place for you. Come for our Academy Days weekend and find out. Call 405-454-6211 to make your reservations today! Visit www.oklahomacademy.org.

**LAURELBROOK ACADEMY ALUMNI RE-UNION - April 7-9.** Laurelbrook Campus, Dayton, TN. Honor classes: 1957, '62, '67, '72, '77, '82, '87, '92, '97, '02, '07, '12. Please update your mailing address and contact information: 423-775-9448 or jean081246@gmail.com.

**MARANATHA VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL EVENT - April 8.** Everyone is invited to "Go

Maranatha!" a missions Sabbath in Chattanooga, TN, featuring Adventist leaders from around the world, and stories from the mission field. Special music will be presented by the Aeolians from Oakwood University. ICCM Theatre & Event Center, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free admission. Details: 916-774-7700 or www.maranatha.org/gomaranatha.

**ENTERPRISE/GREAT PLAINS ACADEMY ALUMNI WEEKEND - April 14, 15.** Enterprise Church, Enterprise, KS. Come renew your friendships. Honor classes: Graduating years ending with 2's and 7's. Details: Email ea.gpa.alumni@hotmail.com or call 620-640-5740.

**ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE AEOLIANS RE-UNION - April 20-22.** An Aeolian reunion is being planned for Alumni Weekend. Please contact Terry Koch at terrko2@charter.net.

**COLLEGE PRESS CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY - April 21, at 1 p.m.** Customers, employees (present and past), vendors, and friends - please join us in celebrating 100 years of supporting God's mission. We will have a plant tour, a presentation of future plans, a meal, and a special Vespers by John Bradshaw, Speaker/Director for It Is Written. Please plan to come and RSVP by emailing rob@cplitho.com or by calling 800-277-7377. www.cplitho.com

**LA SIERRA 95TH ACADEMY ALUMNI RE-UNION - April 28, 29.** 4900 Golden Ave., Riverside CA. Honor classes: 2's and 7's. Welcome reception: 7 p.m., Friday, April 28, LSA Library. Honor class services registration: April 29, at 9 a.m. Services at 10 a.m. Potluck luncheon. Alumni/Varsity Basketball at 8:30 p.m., on Saturday evening. Please update your contact info. JNelson@lsak12.com; 951 351-1445 x244; www.lsak12.com

**"YE OLDE" CEDAR LAKE ACADEMY RE-UNION - June 9-11.** For alumni and classmates at Great Lakes Adventist Academy, Cedar Lake, Michigan. Honor classes: 1937, 1947, 1957, 1967. Details will be forthcoming by postal service. For further information, you may contact GLAA Alumni Office at 989-427-5181 or visit http://www.glaa.net.

**100TH ANNIVERSARY FOR COVINGTON, KENTUCKY, CHURCH SCHOOL/TAYLOR MILL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY - Oct. 28.** If you or someone you know attended our school, please contact us at 859-905-0077, alumni.tmca@gmail.com, or our website at tmcacademy.net, and like us on Facebook at Taylor Mill Christian Academy. We are trying to reconnect with alumni and are soliciting prayers, stories, and volunteers. Your input is crucial to making this event meaningful and memorable.

# SUNSET

	APR. 7	APR. 14	APR. 21	APR. 28	MAY. 5	MAY. 12
ATLANTA, GA	8:03	8:08	8:13	8:19	8:24	8:30
CHARLESTON, SC	7:44	7:49	7:54	8:00	8:05	8:10
CHARLOTTE, NC	7:50	7:56	8:01	8:07	8:13	8:18
COLLEGEDALE, TN	8:08	8:13	8:19	8:25	8:30	8:36
HUNTSVILLE, AL	7:12	7:18	7:24	7:29	7:35	7:40
JACKSON, MS	7:25	7:30	7:35	7:40	7:45	7:50
LOUISVILLE, KY	8:12	8:19	8:25	8:32	8:38	8:45
MEMPHIS, TN	7:27	7:32	7:38	7:44	7:49	7:55
MIAMI, FL	7:40	7:44	7:47	7:51	7:54	7:58
MONTGOMERY, AL	7:09	7:14	7:19	7:24	7:29	7:34
NASHVILLE, TN	7:14	7:20	7:26	7:32	7:38	7:44
ORLANDO, FL	7:47	7:51	7:55	7:59	8:03	8:08
TAMPA, FL	7:51	7:54	7:58	8:02	8:06	8:10
WILMINGTON, NC	7:37	7:43	7:48	7:54	7:59	8:05

## SOUTHERN UNION CAMP MEETING 2017 SCHEDULE

### CAROLINA

Portions of Camp Meeting will be viewable at [www.carolinasda.org/camp-meeting](http://www.carolinasda.org/camp-meeting)  
 English.....May 28-June 3.....Theme: *Sharing Him*.....Lake Junaluska, NC  
 Sunday-Wednesday Speaker: Don Livesay  
 Thursday-Sabbath Speaker: Mike Tucker  
 Hispanic.....September 8, 9.....Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, SC  
 Low Country.....October 28.....Summerville Community Church, Summerville, SC  
 Speaker: Jonathan Paulien

### FLORIDA

Please note: Florida Camp Meeting is held in the spring.  
 English.....April 20-23.....Theme: *Filled with His Spirit*  
 Speaker: Dan Jackson.....Camp Kulaqua, FL  
 Accommodation/Meal Registration and archived sermon video: [floridaconference.com/campmeeting](http://floridaconference.com/campmeeting)  
 Spanish.....April 28-30.....Theme: *Llenos de Su Espiritu*  
 Speaker: Frank Gonzalez.....Camp Kulaqua, FL  
 Accommodation/Meal Registration: [floridaconference.com/campestr](http://floridaconference.com/campestr)

### GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Details: [www.gccsda.com](http://www.gccsda.com)  
 Korean.....May 19-21.....Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA  
 English.....May 31-June 3  
 Theme: *More Like Him*.....Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, TN  
 Speaker: Randy Roberts  
 Olde Time.....June 8-10  
 Theme: *More Like Him*.....Meister Memorial Church, Deer Lodge, TN  
 Southern Deaf.....August 9-13.....Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA  
 Speaker: Douglas Silva  
 Northeast Tennessee.....September 22, 23  
 Theme: *More Like Him*.....The Oaks, Greeneville, TN  
 Sabbath in the Smokies.....September 29, 30  
 Cades Cove (Great Smoky.....Mountains National Park), TN  
 Hispanic.....October 27-29.....Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA  
 South Georgia Blitz.....November 11  
 Theme: *More Like Him*  
 Speakers: Various Conference directors at churches throughout South Georgia.

### GULF STATES

Theme: *Will Your Anchor Hold?*  
 Speaker: Mike Tucker.....April 7, 8.....Camp Alamisco  
 May 24-27.....Bass Memorial Academy  
 Wednesday and Thursday Speaker: Elder Jim Gilley  
 Friday and Sabbath Speaker: Dr. Joe Kidder

### KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

English.....May 26-June 3  
 Theme: *Hidden in Christ*.....Highland Academy, Portland, TN  
 Speakers: Dan Jackson, Clifford Goldstein, Richie Halversen, Philip Samaan, and Ken Wetmore  
 Hispanic.....June 9, 10.....Highland Academy, Portland, TN

### SOUTH ATLANTIC

June 8-17.....River Oaks Campground, Orangeburg, SC

### SOUTH CENTRAL

Theme: *We Would See Jesus*

June 2-10  
 Latino.....Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL  
 English.....Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL  
 Korean & Haitian.....Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL

### SOUTHEASTERN

English-Adult/Main Pavilion.....June 15-24  
 Theme: *Sharing Hope, Restoring Wholeness*.....Hawthorne, FL  
 Speaker 1st Sabbath: Pastor Gene Donaldson  
 Speaker 2nd Sabbath: Pastor Paula Olivier  
 Youth Pavilion.....June 15-24.....Hawthorne, FL  
 Haitian-Adult/Main Pavilion.....June 28-July 1.....Hawthorne, FL

## SUMMER CAMP 2017 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 18-25  
 Junior Camp (ages 10-13).....June 25-July 2  
 Teen (ages 13-16).....July 2-9

#### Specialty Camps

Horse Camp Trip to Virginia (ages 14-17).....May 28-June 2  
 Lifeguard Camp.....June 4-June 9  
 SIT Camp (ages 16-17).....June 11-23  
 Water Sports Camp (ages 13-16).....June 18-25  
 Horsemanship I Camp (ages 12-16).....June 18-25  
 Horsemanship II Camp (ages 13-16).....June 25-July 2  
 Basketball Camp.....June 25 - July 2  
 Horsemanship Camp III.....July 3 - July 9  
 Family Camp (all ages).....July 10-14

### FLORIDA

Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, FL  
 [Details: [www.campkulaqua.com](http://www.campkulaqua.com)]

Cub Camp (ages 7-9).....June 4-11  
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12).....June 4-11  
 Teen Camp (ages 13-17).....June 4-11  
**Horsemanship Specialty Camp**  
 (Cowgirls ages 11-16).....June 4-11  
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9).....June 11-18  
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12).....June 11-18  
 Teen Camp (ages 13-17).....June 11-18  
**Horsemanship Specialty Camp**  
 (Cowgirls ages 11-16).....June 11-18  
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9).....June 18-25  
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12).....June 18-25  
 Teen Camp (ages 13-17).....June 18-25  
 Horsemanship Specialty Camp  
 (Cowgirls ages 11-16).....June 18-25  
 Family Camp.....September 1-4

### GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Cohutta Springs Youth Camps - Online registration  
 and details at [www.cs-yc.com](http://www.cs-yc.com)

Camp Staff Training.....June 1-June 10

#### Regular Camps

Junior I.....June 11-18  
 Junior II.....June 18-25  
 Adventure.....June 25-30  
 Teen I.....July 2-9  
 Rock Solid Teen I.....July 2-9  
 Teen II.....July 9-16  
 Rock Solid Teen II.....July 9-16  
 Family Camp.....July 18-23

#### Rad Camps

Paintball Camp I.....June 11-18  
 Fit for Life I.....June 11-25  
 Ultimate RAD Camp/Paintball Camp II.....June 18-25  
 SIT Camp.....June 18-25  
 RAD Horse Trip/Wakeboard Camp I/  
 Paintball Camp III.....June 25-July 2  
 CIT Camp.....June 25-July 2  
 Fit for Life II.....June 25-July 16  
 Basketball Camp/Whitewater & Kayak Camp/  
 Gym-Masters Camp.....July 2-9  
 Gym-Masters DAY Camp.....July 3-7  
 Golf Camp/Wakeboard Camp II.....July 9-16  
 Surf Camp.....July 16-23  
 WIT Camp  
 (every week except June 25-July 2).....June 11-July 16

### GULF STATES

Camp Alamisco, Dadeville, AL  
 Details: [www.Alamisco.org](http://www.Alamisco.org)  
 Adventure Camp (ages 7-10).....June 4-11  
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12).....June 11-18  
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16).....June 18-25  
 Family Camp 1 (all ages).....July 3-9  
 Family Camp 2 (all ages).....July 6-9

### KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Indian Creek Camp, Liberty, TN  
 Staff-in-Training (ages 15½, 17).....June 4-9  
 Junior Camp I (ages 8-12).....June 11-18  
 Junior Camp II (8-12).....June 18-25  
 Teen Camp (ages 13-17).....June 25-July 2  
 Family Camp I (all ages).....July 4-9  
 Middle Family Camp (all ages).....July 9-16  
 Family Camp II (all ages).....July 16-23  
 Teen Adventure Camp (ages 13-17).....July 23-28  
 Basketball Camp (ages 13-17).....July 23-28  
 Gymnastics Camp (ages 13-17).....July 23-28  
 Lifeguarding Camp (ages 15-17).....July 23-28

### SOUTH ATLANTIC

River Oaks Campground, Orangeburg, SC  
 Junior Bible/Summer Camp (ages 8-17).....June 25-July 2

### SOUTH CENTRAL

Camp Thunderbird, Chattanooga, TN  
 Orientation.....June 11-15  
 Cub Camp (ages 6-12).....June 18-24  
 Friendship Camp (ages 6-14).....June 25-July 1  
 Teen Camp (ages 13-17).....July 2-8  
 Sports Camp (ages 9-15).....July 9-15

### SOUTHEASTERN

Southeastern Conference Campground, Hawthorne, FL  
 Youth Summer Camp.....July 9-23

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